

# Church of Corpus Christi

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Sunday, April 18, 2021



3<sup>rd</sup>

## SUNDAY OF EASTER

Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day." - Lk 24:45-46

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### Mission Statement

The Church of Corpus Christi, a welcoming parish community, making Christ present through sharing his message, celebrating the liturgy and challenging members to practice justice, peace and charity.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News. ©LPi

## PLEASE REMEMBER

### SYMPATHY

In your prayers, please remember those who have recently died, especially, **Regina Kruger**. Sincere sympathy is extended to her family.



## PARISH NEWS

### WORSHIP AT HOME MATERIALS

The video can be found on the main page of our website, and is sent out via email as well. Recorded Mass will be available on Saturdays. We continue to update the Worship At Home materials, if you prefer to create your own Sunday worship experience. [www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home](http://www.ccmn.org/worship-at-home). Contact Sue at [sue@ccmn.org](mailto:sue@ccmn.org) for the link for the 10:30 Zoom.



### PROJECT HOME

Families experiencing homelessness began moving into Interfaith Action's Project Home at the Provincial House on March 15, 2021, following the City of Saint Paul's Planning Commission's unanimous approval of a conditional use permit for the emergency shelter.

Interfaith Action is leasing the Provincial House, located at 1880 Randolph Avenue, from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. The building served as offices and a residence for the Sisters for nearly 100 years and has been underutilized since 2010. The shelter will house approximately 20 families with minor children, almost all under the age of 12. Ramsey County is providing funding for the shelter.

"We are so grateful to Ramsey County for funding and to the Sisters for their partnership and commitment to helping families in our community," said Randi Ilyse Roth, executive director of Interfaith Action. "The Sisters are living out their faith in a very important way for families experiencing homelessness."

Sara Liegl, director of Project Home, said the neighborhood has embraced the new shelter. "Dozens of people wrote letters of support for this project, and so many have sent donations or offered to volunteer," she said. "We are fortunate to have neighbors who have said 'yes' so loudly and clearly."

Interfaith Action's rapid exit support team is on site at the Provincial House to help families find permanent, affordable housing and connect them to employment and educational opportunities.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School participant registration is now open on the Corpus Christi Preschool and Elementary Formation web pages. [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org). Preschool - Fifth grade students are invited to join us for a week of fun and faith building **June 21st - 25th, 2021 from 9:00am - 12:00pm!** This year's theme of "Treasured" will take us on an adventure through the jungle and we will discover how we are treasured by God! Please **register on the website by May 24th** to allow for planning.



Students going into sixth grade - twelfth grade are encouraged to volunteer as youth leaders for the week of Vacation Bible School. Come spend time with and lead the elementary aged children through games, music, activities, all the while sharing your faith and love for Jesus! Please **register to be a youth volunteer on the Corpus Christi Middle School or High School web pages by May 24th**. Thank you for your willingness to help and contribute to a wonderful week at Vacation Bible School!

Questions? Email Laura at [laura@ccmn.org](mailto:laura@ccmn.org).

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### CONFESSION & FIRST COMMUNION

*Question:*

Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

*Answer:*

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church. ©LPi

## PARISH NEWS

### APRIL LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We invite you to join us this month to pray the **Liturgy of the Hours** with the universal Church. By marking the hours of the day and sanctifying our day with prayer, we are creating space for the Holy Spirit to work through us. Many of our sisters and brothers are feeling fear, loneliness and disconnected from one another.

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### Financial Stewardship

In an effort to be more transparent and accurate with reporting of your financial stewardship, we are reporting monthly so that all contributions can be included in the bulletin. Below you will see the totals of all funds deposited in the month of March.

	March Actual	YTD	Budget YTD
Donations Sunday and Holy Day	\$41,389	\$347,500	\$371,250
All other Revenue	<u>\$ 4,396</u>	<u>\$ 39,043</u>	<u>\$ 61,825</u>
Total Revenue	\$45,785	\$ 386,543	\$433,075
Salaries & Benefits	\$29,717	\$ 276,569	\$ 276,435
Other Expenses	<u>\$21,560</u>	<u>\$ 144,664</u>	<u>\$ 19,813</u>
Expense	\$51,277	\$ 421,233	\$ 452,888
Net	\$- 5,491	\$ - 34,690	\$ -19,813

Any questions may be directed to Toni Leach 651-846-9212. **Thank you for your continued generosity during this difficult time.**

## PARISH NEWS *continued*

As we enter into the Easter season, let us unite in prayer with the Church, so that we may believe and come to know that we are never alone. We have risen into new life with Christ and He is always with us. Alleluia!

Visit our website [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org), scroll down to "Blog Posts."

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

### GROWING THROUGH LOSS

The next six-week series for adults is being held on Tuesdays at St. John the Baptist 835—2nd Avenue NW, New Brighton, MN 55112, through May 11, 6:45 to 9 pm. The Topic for April 20 is *Coping with Grief: A Personal Story*. Stuart Walker, Speaker, Writer and Bereaved Parent. There is no charge.

Due to COVID-19, please wear a mask.

Questions? Call Nancy Jahnke at 763-755-5335.





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**WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Sunday.....10:00 am VISIT WWW.CCMN.ORG

**DAILY MASS—CHURCH**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.....7:30am

**BAPTISM**

Congratulations! Catechetical class required. Please contact the Parish Center for more details and registration at 651-639-8888.

**MARRIAGE**

Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday at 9:00 am

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday at 9:00 am



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, APRIL 19

7:30 am—Mass—Church

### TUESDAY, APRIL 20

7:30 am—Mass—Church † *Gloria Woehrer*

9:30 am—Bible Study—Room 4

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 5

6:00 pm—Finance Meeting—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting—Zoom Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

7:30 am—Mass—Church



### SUNDAY, APRIL 25

8:45 am—9:30am—Walk-Up Communion—

Enter School Door #1 by the Parish Offices

10:00 am—Mass—Church

Reservations Required visit [www.ccmn.org](http://www.ccmn.org)

† = *Mass Intention*



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Readings for the week of April 18, 2021

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/  
1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30  
[1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and  
8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/  
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/  
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/  
Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
[12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29  
[22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

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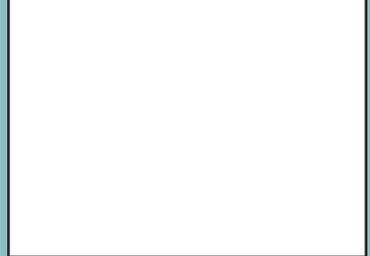


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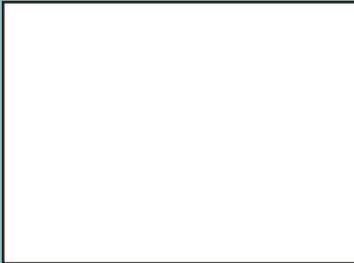
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