

# Church of Corpus Christi

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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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.

## TAKING ANOTHER LOOK

### Leaving Them Rich

*While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?"* – Acts of the Apostles



This weekend, we recall a moment of clear delineation of time. What we might label "our time" had begun, following the "before Christ" and "during Christ" eras. The disciples present to the ascension of Jesus stood looking upward as their friend and Lord departed to the heavens. The seeming angels asked them why they were

gazing at what had been. Clearly, the point was that they were now to shift their focus to what was now beginning ... the calling of the present time. The baton of Christ's mission had been passed on to Christ's friends, and through them to the generations to follow, right to our own generation.

Last Sunday afternoon, a few of us gathered here at Corpus Christi to welcome a few of our youngsters to the Table of the Lord for the first time. We were few, but on behalf of all of us witnessed a great moment in the passing on of our faith to those of another generation. It was beautiful!

Next weekend, we will live it again with another few sons and daughters who were originally scheduled for their 1<sup>st</sup> Communion last year. And again, it will be beautiful and joyous. And yet, even in the midst of the celebration last Sunday, a regret sat in my gut. I so wished there had been more children with us to take this next big step of faith.

Before coming here to be with you at Corpus Christi, I spent 20 years traveling our country each weekend, preaching at parishes from coast to coast. The years offered me many great experiences and introduced me to many wonderful people. And yet, as a whole I often felt like I was watching the Church dying as the numbers of people in the pews kept growing smaller and smaller and smaller each year. Some weekends, I could count the number of people under the age of 30 on just two hands at any one Mass. In some places, there were zero children present all weekend. That was brutal to see, especially because the parishioners seemed not to notice or perhaps were simply resigned.

*"...and what I have failed to do."* – the Confiteor

What has been my part in the picture I here describe to you? As a man? As a priest? As a friend?

At the post-presentation snack time during a parish mission experience, a friendly young couple invited me to sit down with them at their table. After our introductions, they told me, "Our daughter just told us that she doesn't think you are a real priest." Of course, I asked why not. The father answered, "She said that you laugh, and real priests don't laugh."

Wow! What a gut punch! How sad. No, tragic actually. Fortunately, I knew that a lack of smiling and laughing is not one of my faults as a priest or person. Yet, the question remains: what has been my part? How have I not attracted the next generations to get to know Christ with us?

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## TAKING ANOTHER LOOK *continued*

Passing on faith to the next generations is perhaps our most important imperative, surely the greatest legacy we can leave as friends and disciples of Christ.

I hope we will continue placing it at the forefront of our minds and actions as a parish community. What could be more important, no matter our age individually?

This would be worthy of some great conversations among us. Don't you think?

—Father Michael Goodavish

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power! ©LPi

### MOTHER'S DAY CORSAGES

Thank you to all who supported the Mother's Day corsage sale. Very grateful for the amount of \$100 to support Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life. Praying for respect for Life from the moment of conception to the moment of death.

—Mary Ellen Brown

## 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.



### 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).

### STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

As Minnesotans hit the lakes for Minnesota fishing, change out your tackle and get rid of the lead. According to the MPCA, "Ingestion of lead tackle is one of the leading causes of death in loons and other wildlife, including eagles and trumpeter swans. These deaths can easily be prevented by using lead-free fishing tackle. Ask for alternatives to lead at retailers and shops, and explore our list of companies producing lead-free fishing tackle."



## PARISH NEWS *continued*

### CORPUS CHRISTI FORUM TO EXAMINE LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS

"Stable Housing: The Foundation of Community" is the theme for the next Zoom Forum by the Church of Corpus Christi in Roseville. The forum, co-sponsored by Corpus Christi's Social Justice Committee and Building Action Team, will take place **Monday, June 7 at 7pm.**

Featured speaker will be Alan Arthur, President and Chief Executive Officer of Aeon, a Twin Cities-based developer and manager of affordable homes.



He will be joined by CJ Simmons-Faye Jones, an Aeon resident who will speak to the impact of secure housing on her life. Anyone with an interest in affordable housing's role in community stability is invited to join the forum.

To register, go to [ccmn.org/housingforum](http://ccmn.org/housingforum).

### VETERANS IN NEED

Every Third Saturday is a Veterans support organization located in Minneapolis. The organization fosters hope and supports post traumatic growth for Veterans. Veterans are in desperate need of Summer items for Women and Men. Some items needed for men are: used blue jeans (above size 38 for men), shirts, colored T-shirts, sweat clothes XL 2XL, shoes, tennis shoes, Summer jackets, toilet paper, boxer underwear 2XL 3XL, white T shirts XL, 2XL, 3XL AND NEW FOR WOMEN: briefs M (6), L(7) XL (8). The pandemic has made the shortage even greater. There are boxes in the entryway to the parish offices door #1 labeled for Veterans collection. We will be collecting through May 31. For cash donations, please visit: [www.everythirdsaturday.com](http://www.everythirdsaturday.com) Questions contact Maureen at [office@ccmn.org](mailto:office@ccmn.org)



## 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 April.

	April Actual	YTD	Budget YTD
Donations Sunday and Holy Day	\$34,013	\$381,513	\$412,500
All other Revenue	\$ - 982	\$ 38,062	\$ 68,450
Total Revenue	\$33,031	\$ 419,575	\$480,950
Salaries & Benefits	\$39,754	\$ 316,323	\$ 307,151
Other Expenses	\$10,260	\$ 154,924	\$ 190,808
Expense	\$50,014	\$ 471,247	\$ 497,959
Net	\$-16,983	\$ - 51,672	\$ -17,009

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



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**WEEKEND MASSES—CHURCH RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

Saturday.....5:00 pm      Sunday.....10:00 am

**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**

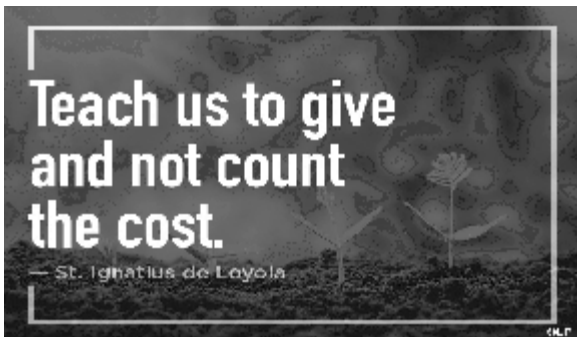
Congratulations! Please contact the pastor one year prior to scheduling a wedding date.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Monday at 9:00 am

**MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thursday at 9:00 am



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### MONDAY, MAY 17

7:30 am—Mass—Church

### TUESDAY, MAY 18

7:30 am—Mass—Church

8:00 am—St. Paul Farmers' Market—Parking Lot

9:30 am—Bible Study—Room 4

10:00 am—Bible Study—Room 5

6:00 pm—Finance Meeting—Zoom

7:00 pm—Parish Council Meeting—Zoom

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 pm—Mom's in Prayer—Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm—Bible Study—Skype Meeting

### THURSDAY, MAY 20

7:30 am—Mass—Church

10:30 am—John Ackerman Funeral—Church

### FRIDAY, MAY 21

11:00 am—Ginny James Funeral—Church

### SATURDAY, MAY 22

9:30 am—First Eucharist Retreat—Church, Gathering Area

5:00 pm—Mass—Church

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

Walk-ins based on available space.

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:45 am—9:30am—Walk-Up Communion—

Enter School Door #1 by the Parish Offices

10:00 am—Mass—Church

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

Walk-ins based on available space.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/

Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab  
[33a]/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/  
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a,  
35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5,  
7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7  
[7b]/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34  
[cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or  
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27;  
16:12-15

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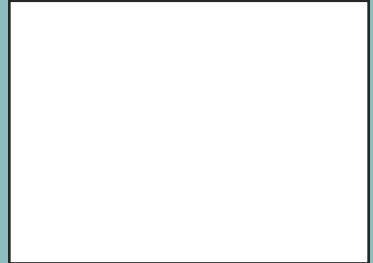


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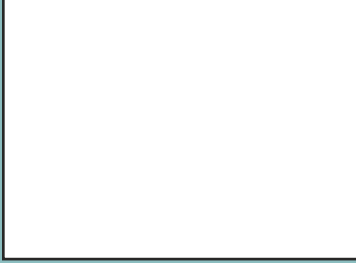
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