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ASCENSION

OF THE LORD



MAY 16, 2021

Fr. Jerry's FORUM



Reciting "Happy Birthday" - Music and Singing at Mass

Imagine this: You're at a baseball game and after the players are introduced, the announcer asks all to stand and join in reciting the national anthem. Or the next time you have a birthday party, suggest that instead of singing "Happy Birthday" that all present say it. Does it work?

Probably not. Certain moments in life need song. Reciting either of the above would seem to weaken the celebration and lessen the love that the simple song conveys. Singing the simple melody -- and singing it together is what's important. Singing doesn't just dress up the words, it gives it meaning.

Traditionally, humanity has turned to song at the high points and low points of our lives. Somehow song makes both joy and sorrow bearable. Most cultures have traditional songs to sing at the happiest and saddest occasions. In our culture, we turn to song at these important times, but we rarely sing. Instead we turn on our device and push play so we can listen. We have different playlists for the various activities of our lives from parties, to cleaning house, to times we are sad or times we are trying to figure it all out.

Listening to music is good. The problem is that we are so accustomed to listening that we don't sing. So when we come to church, some come to listen and not to sing. Yet the Mass is meant to be sung, and the community is meant to sing together. And when the congregation does not sing or is only wanting to listen, it is weakened similar to reciting "Happy Birthday".

The role of the music at Mass is not to entertain or to even bring us to reflect deeper as that presumes we are listening and not singing. The purpose of liturgical music is to encourage the singing of everyone present as a way to give glory to God. This is why the last three popes have all written about how inappropriate it is for anyone to applaud after music is sung in Church -- it should never be perceived as a performance but a prayer.

The music at Mass must be appropriate as well. It should be rooted in scripture with a focus on God and our praise and thanks to Him, and not our own needs. The music should be tied to the readings and theme of the season and that liturgy. Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, our opening hymn is Hail the Day that sees him Rise, which obviously is centered around the Ascension. The Responsorial Psalm is specific for the day and relates to the scriptures of the day: "God mounts His throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord". The Lord's ascension should bring our shouts of joy like a blare of trumpets.



It is important that everyone sing at Mass as singing is more joyful than reciting. While there are parts of the Mass that certain individuals sing -- the priests chants the preface of the Eucharistic Prayer or the dialogues between he and the people, or when the cantor or the choir sings the verses of the responsorial psalm -- the majority of the sung parts belong to all of us. We sing the acclamations: "Alleluia!" "Holy, holy, holy Lord!" "Amen!" We sing hymns, spirituals, canticles and carols, whose focus should always be on God and not on us.

And when this happens, when all of the voices - good and not so good - come together something wonderful happens. Many voices blend and become one. A communion of singing occurs. Have you ever been outside of a room or a building when people are signing? As you listen, can you tell how many people are there? You may be able to tell if it is a lot of people or a small group, but you can't judge for sure it is 10 or a hundred. You can't tell because no matter how many there are, in song they become one.

St. Augustine said that one of the things that convinced him to convert to Christ was the strong singing of the Alleluia that he heard coming from the liturgical assembly. That singing lured him in and changed his life forever. Can the same be said of our pariah's congregational singing? Maybe not while we are still wearing masks, but hopefully if we all resolve to sing louder and with more spirit, the Spirit can work through our voices to do the same.

God bless,
Fr. Jerry

Covid Restrictions Loosened

As things open up in our community, we have implemented some changes in our procedures at Corpus Christi. Our main goal is to keep every one of our parishioners safe, so we will still continue to wear masks and keep every other pew vacant. Fr. Jerry stated at last weekend liturgies, parishioners will now be able to seat themselves. Please be mindful that you will still need to social distance yourselves and ask that you listen to the ushers if they ask you to move to the center of pews so that others can be seated. Our changes are listed in the timeline below.

May 1/2

- Parishioners will be able to seat themselves.
 - Please be mindful that you must continue to social distance yourself from those in your pew.
 - You must be aware that you may need to move to the center of the pews so that others can be seated.
- The special needs entrance will be unlocked and parishioners will be able to enter and exit through that door.
- Parishioners will no longer have to wait to be dismissed from the conclusion of the liturgy, but you still need to social distance yourselves from other people leaving.
- You still need to remain in the church until after the liturgy has concluded (no leaving after communion).

May 29/30

- Last weekend for Outside Communion
- Last weekend for Listen in the Lot.

June 5/6

- Archbishop Naumann has chosen the Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, the weekend of June 5-6, 2021, as the occasion on which the dispensation from the obligation by the faithful to attend Mass shall be lifted. Beginning with Masses for that weekend, all the Catholic faithful residing within the Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas must return to observing the precept of the Church to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Of course, those who suffer from underlying health concerns or compromised immunity, or who have genuinely serious concerns about the risk of contracting the coronavirus are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass.
- Additionally, and as has always been the case, whether one is obligated to attend Mass or not, we are nonetheless obliged to observe the Third Commandment of our Lord to keep holy the Sabbath. The faithful who are unable to attend Mass should celebrate a liturgy of the Word in their home, using the Sunday readings; like all the faithful, they should refrain from unnecessary work and avoid unnecessary shopping, and should spend time in leisure, rest, and prayer with their families and loved ones.
- If you are sick, you are not to come to church and are not bound by the obligation to attend Mass.
- Daily masses starting June 7th will no longer be live-streamed.

June 12/13

- The only liturgy being live-streamed will be the 8:30 am liturgy from this date on.



Celebrating the past. Embracing the future
1981-2021

We in the Corpus Christi Community are part of the Christian heritage that is a love story between God and the people He calls His own.

Forty years of history is not much time when we consider the length and the breath of the Christian faith. Yet we do not exist alongside this history, but rather, we are part of the continuum of the family tree whose roots exist deep within the heart of God. Our lives are intertwined not only with our sisters and brothers that make up the Catholic church of Lawrence, but more clearly and most completely with the all people whose faith in God, and later, whose faith in Jesus, have brought us to this day.

Together we hope to place before all people of Lawrence an example of the humility and the benevolence of our God as it was lived out in the life of Jesus Christ. We will celebrate the astounding gifts God has given to us over the past forty years from our ancestors. Our Heritage of Faith, planted many years ago in this city, has brought us to this historic moment of celebration. We stand on the rich foundation of those who have gone before us, committed to the work and prayer of Corpus Christi. We are a people of unmatched courage, as we commit ourselves to our community. God's love has been given to us lavishly in our sharing the Body and Blood of His Son among ourselves and with the world.

Sharing in the immense history of our community, both past and present, is without a doubt, a cause for immense gratitude in God's love for us. The labor of love by community members and lay and religious leaders have helped build a lasting community set on a hill in these past forty years. May our future always be blessed by the work and love of all members of this Corpus Christi Community.



celebrating the past, embracing the future



Order your family t-shirts to commemorate 40 years of Corpus Christi! Cost is \$10 per shirt, and you can order here: cccparish.org/40th-anniversary-celebration.html. Help us celebrate our 40th Anniversary by wearing your shirt the weekend of June 4-6. Order deadline is May 22nd, and your order will be ready for pickup on Sunday, May 30.



We will commemorate our past and pray for our future as we reflect on our history as a parish. This evening will include prayer, music and reflection. Please join us as we celebrate the past and embrace our future. A wine and cheese reception in the commons and courtyard will follow.



Archbishop Naumann will celebrate our 40th Anniversary mass at 4:00 pm honoring our past priests, Fr. Jim Shaughnessy, Fr. Mick Mulvany and Msgr. Krische. After the liturgy festivities will continue on the whole campus. Come and join in the fun!

- Enjoy Pulled Pork and sides
- Beer Garden
- Music
- Dancing
- Bingo
- Cake Walk
- Inflatables
- Chalk & Bubbles



We will celebrate our community with a continental breakfast following both masses.

We would like to pay tribute to our past pastors, Fr. Jim, Fr. Mick and honor Msgr. Vince who is retiring. If you would like to contribute to a gift honoring these three wonderful priests please go to cccparish.org/priests-gift.

If you would like to volunteer to help with one of these events please email Lauri Pilakowski at lauripilakowski@gmail.com.

Mental Health Awareness Month



#notalone nami.org/mentalhealthmonth

Mental Health Awareness Month

It is fairly easy to spot when someone is struggling physically and needs help. When a small child cannot quite reach the top shelf, we step in and hand them the item they are reaching for or lift them up so they can grab what they want. When someone in the community mentions a lack of resources for food, we make them a meal or buy them groceries. When a friend falls down in soccer practice, we assist in cleaning and bandaging the wound. Some wounds and struggles are harder to spot, however. Mental health struggles often times are overlooked because people do not know how to ask for help or their loved ones are not sure what signs to look for. If we do notice something is off, do we know what to say or how to help? Read the short stories below for examples of how to help loved ones in need.

Paula has been your neighbor for many years and used to be very active and sociable in the neighborhood. She loves to garden, sit outside with her dog, and chat with all the neighbors. Since the pandemic, however, you have noticed she rarely comes outside or leaves her house, her garden is overgrown with weeds, and she lets her dog out by itself. You are not sure if Paula is social distancing and perhaps concerned with the virus or if something else might be going on. Practical steps you can take:

- Call Paula and check in: “Hi Paula, I haven’t seen you around in a while. I miss seeing you out with your dog. The pandemic has many of us worried. How can I support you during this time?” Often times, people just need someone to know they care and want someone to talk to so they feel less alone. Focus on asking open ended questions to give Paula the space and permission to express what is on her mind. Yes or no questions leave little room for individuals to expand and often shut a conversation down before it begins.
- Offer to help Paula with her garden or ask her for help with yours. Folks like to feel useful and allowing Paula to engage in a previously enjoyed activity or use her expertise to help you will give her a sense of purpose and confidence.
- Invite Paula to the dog park to play and chat.

You and your good friend Jenny have been close for a long time. You love to get together to hang out, joke with each other, and laugh. Jenny has always had a “dark sense of humor”, so when she says something a little off-color you tend to ignore it. Lately, Jenny has been telling you how stressful work and her personal life is and jokes about “just sleeping forever” or “wanting it all to end”. Typically, you chalk these types of comments up to Jenny’s unique sense of humor, but the words themselves make you uncomfortable. Practical steps you can take:

- Be direct and ask Jenny what she means by her comments.
- Be loving and present, but do not make light of Jenny’s comments by matching her humor. By not joking with Jenny, you show her that you are fully capable of having the conversation and it does not make you uncomfortable to sit with her feelings. Letting someone know you care about them and the comments concern you gives them permission to be honest with you about their feelings.

Supporting someone through a mental health struggle or crisis can feel scary and confusing. That’s normal! Be present, non-judgmental, and listen, but remember not to take their burdens on for yourself. Always refer to a mental health professional and remind your loved ones there is no shame in asking for help!

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Mission Statement: "With Christ as our teacher, the Corpus Christi Catholic Community will prepare students academically, socially, and spiritually to be lifelong learners in a faith-filled environment."

CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH SCHOOL ✘ EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS ✘ DISTINCTION IN DISCIPLINE

Thank You Breakfast Optimists

On Friday, May 7th, the Lawrence Breakfast Optimist Club presented our 4th grade Saints with wonderful dictionaries! The dictionaries were personalized for each student with their names inside the front cover. Mrs. Dahlstrand and Mrs. Shultz, 4th grade teachers, recited the Breakfast Optimist Creed as they passed out the dictionaries to the students. This is a wonderful tradition and our 4th grade Saints are very thankful!



New Hours for the School Office and Building

Corpus Christi Parish School will be closed for the months of June and July. Emails and voicemails to the school office will be monitored remotely and answered promptly. The school office will reopen on August 2nd.

Thanks for 'Swabbing the Deck'

Recently our parish Knights of Columbus Council agreed with the help of the RGM (Retired Guys Ministry) to power wash and re-stain the large deck for Monsignor Krische and Fr. Jerry. A great example of Stewardship! Special thanks to Ken Clouse, Larry Labeer and Ken Baldwin.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be June 13, 2021 at 2:00pm at the Church of the Nativity in Leawood. If you are celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary in the year 2021 and would like to take part in the celebration please email church@cccparish.org or call the parish office at 843-6386 and give us your name, address, phone number and wedding date to receive your invitation.



Chat n Stitch

The Chat n Stitch group will meet at in Holy Family Hall on Tuesday, May 18th from 1:00-2:00 pm. All are welcome to attend!

REWARDS

- Dillons Grocery's Community Rewards Program gives back a percentage of your overall food purchases to the Corpus Christi Community! Register your Plus Shopper's Card and designate Corpus Christi #84824 at dillons.com/communityrewards.
- Please consider selecting Corpus Christi Church and School as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile by using the following link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/48-0925367>.
- Place HyVee receipts in the weekly collection or drop them off at the school. We can earn up to \$2,000 for our school.
- Place your Box Tops in the weekly collection or drop them off at the school office. We can earn up \$20,000 for our school! We earn 10 cents for each Box Top.



Gospel Mediation

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.



If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by

virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

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Family Formation Cancelled

There will be no Family Formation for the month of May. Thank you to all who participated. Keep an eye out for more Family Formation nights this fall.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The next in-person Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experiences, will be July 16-18, 2021, at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas. For more information, visit our website at www.wwme4youandme.org, and follow us on Facebook. To apply for the weekend call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net.

Honoring Graduates

We will celebrate all of our graduates who have worked very hard and who are beginning a new phase in their life on the weekend of May 15/16 with a special blessing at all liturgies. Graduation is a time for students to give thanks for the presence of God throughout their years. It is a time as well to ask for God's blessing and presence in their lives to come.

*Heavenly Father,
Surround those who are graduating with your grace.
Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.
Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights
gained through their education to use for the good of all humankind.
Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life
even when faced with challenges and difficulties.
As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.
All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son. Amen.*

Stewardship: *Returning God's Gifts*

Regular Collection

Collections May 9, 2021..... \$69,639.44
 '20-'21 Income to Date \$1,654,980.54

Collection Income Compared to Budget

March Actual Collection Income \$166,490.23
 March Budgeted Collection Income..... \$177,688.49

*Debt Reduction Collection

Collections May 9, 2021 \$5,711.00
 '20-'21 Debt Reduction to Date \$449,216.81

Loan Balances Owed as of 4/30/2021

Sealed as the Body of Christ Loan..... \$774,026.25
 Forged in Faith Loan \$819,380.04
 Total Debt Amount Due by 2028 \$1,593,406.29



If you are new to Corpus Christi, you can adopt a pledge by someone who has moved out of the parish or has been called home to heaven. Contact accounting@cccparish.org with questions.

Pledge	Balance	Reason	Adopted
\$5,000	\$5,000	In Heaven	Adopted
\$4,000	\$4,000	In Heaven	Adopted
\$3,200	\$2,965	Moved	Adopted
\$3,200	\$679.89	Moved	Adopted
\$4,800	\$2,075	In Heaven	Adopted
\$2,400	\$2,400	Moved	
\$5,424	\$1,356	In Heaven	Adopted
\$4,800	\$2,300	Moved	
\$4,300	\$1,900	Moved	
\$5,821.75	\$5,821.75	In Heaven	
\$3,500	\$3,500	Moved	
\$5,000	\$5,000	Moved	
\$500	\$500	Moved	
\$2,000	\$2,000	Moved	
\$4,000	\$4,000	Moved	
\$2,500	\$2,500	Moved	
\$15,000	\$238	Moved	
\$6,000	\$1,025	Moved	Adopted
			29 Adopted
TOTAL	\$119,347.80		\$89,157.89

Liturgy Intentions

For the Week of May 16, 2021

- Monday, 5/17, Easter Weekday**
 8:15 am † Betty Erickson
- Tuesday, 5/18, Easter Weekday**
 8:15 am † Dan Menke
- Wednesday, 5/19, Easter Weekday**
 8:15 am † Azariah Walthall
- Thursday, 5/20, Easter Weekday**
 8:15 am † KJ Lee
- Friday, 5/21, Easter Weekday**
 8:15 am † Linda Gill
- Saturday, 5/22, Solemnity of Pentecost**
 4:00 pm † Bernice Hornick
- Sunday, 5/23, Solemnity of Pentecost**
 8:30 am People of the Parish
 10:00 am † Ed Volz



May 16, 2021 The Ascension of the Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." - 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

Together We Grow as a Community!

Prayers for healing...

George Kemper, Jim Bachand, Cindy Peterson, Vada Devine, Deloris Tharp, Marlin Locke, Anna Donnelly, Colleen Joyner, Bud Felichio, Victoria Thuro, Margie Henderson, Gabe Wurdeman, Joan Cook, Shannon McKinney, Cindy Schreiner, Jim McNally, Mary Kay Frohock, George Martin, Alice Howe, Wilma Lutz, Nick Parscale, Jeff Glaser, Mary Potter, Connor Martin, Owen Martin, David Lutz, Scott Ward, Connie Mullen, Debbie Lemmons Snell, Mike Swalm, Brynn Elizabeth McCreery, Florine Creek, Terry Haak, Irene Carson, Frank Almanza, Grit Henderson, Mary Lee Sullivan, Tiffany Meyer, Katie Rabe, Dave Spears, Jane Steuver, Jerry Brunet, Alexandra Vasquez, Layla Michelson, Susan Guenther Brown, Brian Glaser, Chad Kennedy, Lana Stamper, Laynie Whisler, Gary Underwood, Tracy Offutt, Joan Kohl, Margaret Swift, Janice Craven, Tom Wooten, Pete McMillan, Darlene Katzfey, Owen Snyder, Bernard Judge, Eric Eichholz, Chuck Protasio, Deudora Blummer, Monica Gutierrez, Aurora Chavez, Steve Burghart, Monica Berryman, Shiloh Thiemer, Jake Heck Lisa Stuart, Johnny Galvan, Mary Kennedy, Susan Walker, Nancy Kocour and Connie Jacques.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Krische, aunt of Msgr. Krische. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Welcome to Corpus Christi Community, we are pleased to have you join us in worship. If you regularly worship at Corpus Christi, we ask that you please register with us by visiting our website www.cccparish.org/join. If you are unable to register online please call the church office.

Sacramental Guidelines

BAPTISM: Baptism preparation classes for the parent/s are offered the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am with Fr. Jerry. Parents are encouraged to take the class early in the pregnancy. Register at cccparish.org/baptism.

1st RECONCILIATION & 1st EUCHARIST: Preparation is a 2 year program that begins with 1st Graders who are enrolled in Religious Education or Catholic School. During the 2nd year of preparation, the 2nd grade students will complete First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Any questions can be addressed to re@cccparish.org.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation is a 2 year process that begins for 7th Graders who have been enrolled in the RE or Catholic School. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the Fall of their 9th Grade Year. Contact re@cccparish.org.

MATRIMONY: The Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas requires couples to make arrangements at least six months in advance of the date of marriage. Please call the parish office for an appt. and arrange for marriage prep. classes. Marriages are not celebrated during Lent.



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Bulletin Deadline

Monday by Noon. Please email announcements to bulletin@cccparish.org or call the parish office.

Liturgy Schedule

Weekdays

Monday-Friday at 8:15 am

Weekends

Saturday at 4:00 pm, Sunday at 8:30 & 10:00 am

Streaming

[@cccparish.org](http://cccparish.org) or Corpus Church Stream YouTube Channel

Reconciliation Saturday, 3:00-3:45 pm, or by appointment with Fr. Jerry

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesdays 9:00 am-12:00 noon, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm, First Friday of month, 7:00-9:00 pm.

First Friday Holy Hour... 6:00-7:00 pm followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm.

Anointing of the Sick..... call the parish office.

Brandon Woods: 10:00 amno liturgy until further notice.

Meadowlark: 10:45 amno liturgy until further notice.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-Noon & 1:00 pm-4:00 pm
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