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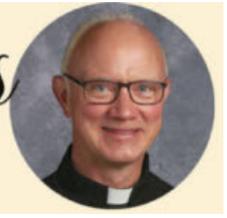


# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 21, 2021



# Fr. Jerry's FORUM



## Why Fewer Catholics Are Choosing a Catholic Funeral

A troubling new trend has only grown since the pandemic in the U.S. church: the decline in Catholic funerals. It will affect Catholic life in the future if a basic tradition dies out. It also affects pastoral life now if people deprive themselves of closure after the death of a loved one.

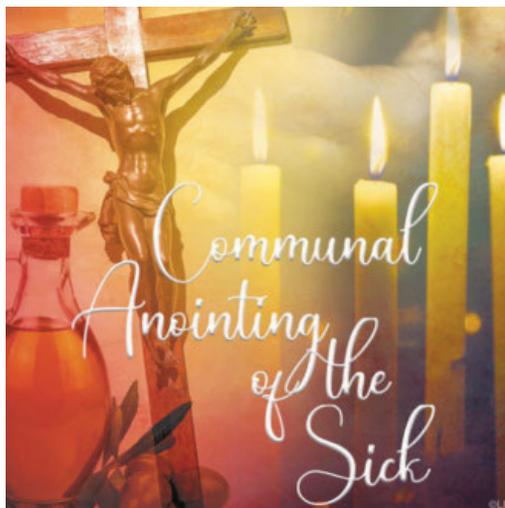
Those for whom funeral rites are not celebrated today have often been lifelong Catholics who presume their children will arrange a traditional funeral for them when they die. More and more this isn't happening as children have left the church and don't want the 'trouble' of a Catholic funeral, and much of this decision also has to do with a growing disrespect for the human body and its remains.

The funeral Mass provides pastoral care and comfort for those who mourn so they can express their grief in light of their faith and find consolation in Jesus. The rite of burial puts the death of a Christian in the context of the life of Jesus, which ultimately gives us hope. It also reminds us of what we believe as Christians and state in our Creed, that we believe in the "Resurrection of the body". This is also why the Catholic Church does not allow, but only permits cremation. As Pope Francis reiterated in 2016, the Catholic Church allows cremation, but only if the remains are buried. The scattering or the keeping of remains is not permitted. The burial of the body or its remains, immediately or as soon as possible after death is an important part of closure and also is a peaceful letting go. Laying the body to rest until it can be reunited with its soul allows our respect to continue for the person and the body to which the soul possessed. Humans are not bodies that contain a soul, but rather souls that reside in a body.

The now late Bishop Michael Saltarelli of Wilmington, Del., highlighted reasons in a letter to the diocese. "The celebration of Catholic funeral rites promotes a healthy grieving process that can lead to deep levels of personal conversion and spiritual growth," he wrote to his diocese. He said that "the avoidance of these funeral rites may short-circuit grief and healing."

We cannot forget that how we honor and love our dead doesn't end with their burial. It goes on, every day of our life, until, God willing we see them again.

God Bless,  
Fr. Jerry



## Communal Anointing of the Sick

*THE CHURCH BELIEVES AND CONFESSES THAT AMONG THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS THERE IS ONE ESPECIALLY INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN THOSE WHO ARE BEING TRIED BY ILLNESS, THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK.*

- Catechism of the Catholic Church

Who can receive this Sacrament? Any person who is seriously ill, in danger of death, weakened by old age (even if no serious illness is present), or preparing for serious surgery due to illness may receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. One should not necessarily wait until they are on their deathbed to receive this sacrament.

We will celebrate a communal anointing of the sick at the conclusion of the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, December 5th.

# First Reconciliation

*Reid Charles Robert Abel*  
*Ximena Alfaro-Zuniga*  
*Finn Edward Ayala*  
*Daphne Grace Bateman*  
*Madeline Jane Bennett*  
*Preston Rusli Bodine*  
*Bridgett Noelle Brown*  
*Genevieve Lane Coffey*  
*William Christopher Countess*  
*Leanna Brooklyn Deitrich*  
*Owen Patrick Doll*  
*Ayden James Dye*  
*Emery Harper Engelken*  
*August Glenn Falleaf*  
*Alexander Li Gaus*  
*Grace Elaine Gregory*  
*Eden Marie Heinen*

*Nolan Vaughn Hinton*  
*Charlotte Reese Huston*  
*Peyton Sophia Ingersoll*  
*Catherine Jo Lane*  
*Julian Francis Leal*  
*Aspen Marie Lewis*  
*Rosalyn May Lewis*  
*Elizabeth Jane Lock*  
*Matthew Joseph Marchetti*  
*Michael John Marchetti*  
*Diesel Thomas McElroy*  
*Collin Patrick McGinnis*  
*Sofia Magdalena Mendez*  
*Dante Santiago Mize*  
*Amaya Kathleen Moreaux*  
*Joseph Michael Perryman*  
*Lincoln Michael Pine*

*Isaac Thomas Rule*  
*Adelaide Marie Rusche*  
*Lena Marie Sanders*  
*Tyler Jay Scarlett*  
*Richard Oliver Seigrist*  
*Aidan David Spoula*  
*Eriv Bernadette Thiessen*  
*Mia May Travis*  
*Grace Marian Trytten*  
*Samuel Cornell Viets*  
*Addison Marie Wallace*  
*Adelynn Victoria Weathermax*  
*Brooke Estelle Whister*  
*Katelyn Rose White*  
*Jack Thomas Williamson*  
*Ella Grace Williamson*  
*Rya Claire Zarlengo*

## Welcome Weekend is December 5th

Our Welcoming Ministry began meeting back in mid-October, and has outlined and refined processes and procedures by which people join our parish! This is a critical hospitality ministry of the parish and hopefully as we continue to modify processes new parishioners find it easier to engage with their faith institution. Many thanks to the Welcoming Liaisons who are being paired with new families to help them through the process and try and plug them into any ministries that they might find appealing.



As part of this process, each first Sunday of the Month we will have a Welcome Weekend. So on December 5th, immediately following both the 8:30 and 10:00 am Mass, our families new to the parish will be in Fr. Jim Shaughnessy Hall at a designated table at Coffee and Donuts, along with members of the Welcoming Ministry. Please stop by and say hello and welcome!

If hospitality is your gift, and you want to be a part of the Welcoming Ministry and assist plugging people into our faith community, send an email to ministry leader Debbie Smith at [dlouises1960@gmail.com](mailto:dlouises1960@gmail.com).



## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root cause of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

# A Gift From the Heart

Benefiting

**ECKAN  
Juvenile Detention Center  
Kaw Valley Center  
Lawrence Homeless Shelter**

**Jayhawk Area Agency on Aging  
Dept. of Children and Families  
The Children's Shelter  
DARE**

A Gift from the Heart ministry has been a part of Corpus Christi since 1997 and has developed into a wonderful tradition for many of our parishioners. Each year we receive wish lists from approximately 250 families which range from clothing items to toys to a simple request for food for a holiday meal.

As we approach the holidays we turn our hearts not only on the goodness of God in our lives, but our call to give that goodness away to others. This community has in the past been most generous in responding to needs placed before us.

Paper hearts will be located in the Narthex of the church for you to take and help assure that Christmas will be special for these individuals beginning November 13-14. We realize that it may be difficult for some of us to shop, but know that if you would like to participate, donations are appreciated for this outreach ministry.

The deadline for returning your gift will be December 5th. We realize this is early, but the organizations need additional time for delivery prior to Christmas. Donations of boxes and grosgrain ribbon will also be appreciated. Thank you for past donations of wrapping paper- we now have enough to last several years. For more information, please contact Angela Loch at [dwloch@yahoo.com](mailto:dwloch@yahoo.com) or 785-424-3821.

## **A Gift From the Heart: Elves Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help wrap and organize for A Gift From The Heart. The wrapping stations will be set up in the south end of Fr. James Shaughnessy Hall at the following times:

- Sunday, December 5th after both Masses
- Monday, December 6th, 9:30 - 11:00 am
- Tuesday, December 7th, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, December 8th, 1:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday, December 9th, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Most wrapping will be completed early in the week; assistance with organizing the gifts is appreciated later in the week. Even if you only have an hour, please stop by and help with this great effort of the Holy Season each year in our parish.



# THE Heart OF THE Saints

Advent is a season of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus; a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. These four weeks are a time of expectant waiting, knowing fully the amazing gift that God is about to deliver.

This Advent season, beginning on November 27/28 we are promoting “The Heart of the Saints”. Each week we will focus on a different saint that appears during Advent. The Saints we have chosen are St. Andrew, St. Nicholas, St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each week we will ask you to participate in a weekly assignment to prepare your hearts for the Advent journey. It is a way to feel Jesus’ outstretched arms for us and embrace his unending love. We hope that during these four weeks you will learn more about the Saints we have chosen and prepare your hearts for the birth of our Savior.

Next Week as we begin Advent, every family will be given the St. Andrew Christmas novena prayer card. Through prayer, we prepare and open our hearts to allow Jesus to come intimately into our beings. We should use this time wisely and allow the grace of God to come into our hearts, so that we will be ready for his coming. Our desire is to have our hearts filled with anticipation, to truly reflect on the coming of Jesus, in our every day life. Our hope is that you and your family are inspired by the magical season of Advent. Please participate whole-heartedly in “The Hearts of Saints”, in which we are called to be instruments of Christ and share joy to everyone we meet.



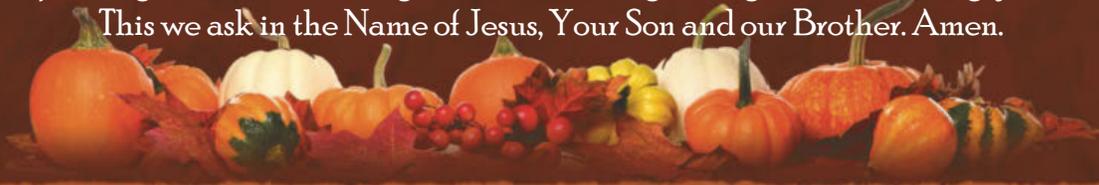


The parish office will be closed this coming Thursday & Friday, November 25th & 26th for the Thanksgiving Holiday and re-open on Monday, November 29th. The liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, November 25th will be at 9:00 am. Know of our prayers for your gathering of family and friends over this holiday week. May your time be filled with goodness and the knowledge of how much we are all blessed by our God. If you are travelling, we will pray for your safety.

*The Parish Professional Staff*

O Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.  
Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have bestowed upon us, spiritual and temporal:  
our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health,  
the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,  
please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.  
This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.



**Christmas Poinsettias and Decorations**

Each year the poinsettias and Christmas decorations are underwritten in part by those who wish to have loved ones remembered throughout the Christmas season. You may use the envelope that is included in your monthly packet, use an envelope on the Narthex table or fill out this form and return it in an envelope with your donation in the collection or to the office. The memorials will be published in the Christmas and New Year bulletins. The bulletin deadline is Monday, December 19th. Please email or call if you have any questions about the Christmas memorials.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person(s) to be remembered: Please print.

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Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



Giving Tuesday is a day set aside, on the heels of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, that celebrates the goodness and generosity of giving and charity — a great American tradition and one of our three theological virtues as Catholics. Many see it as the season's antidote to consumer culture.

This year, Corpus Christi is participating in Giving Tuesday by putting forth a need for our church, and we invite any who are so inclined to do something good that will impact current and future generations of people who worship and praise at Corpus Christi.

Addressing a need of the church, and thanks to a memorial donation that got the ball rolling, we have commissioned two holy water fonts for the north and south entrances to the church. These were made by artist Walt Hull, who was the artist for the Wheat Iron Screen behind the altar, the speaker cover and lamps throughout the church, the hand railings on the altar, and the cantor and director stands. All these works of art combining beautiful iron and copper fit beautifully in our church. His artistry is a blessing to our sacred space. This Giving Tuesday, help our church cover the remaining cost of these artistic and fitting holy water fonts in our sacred, awe-inspiring worshipping space. Visit [cccparish.org/givingtuesday](http://cccparish.org/givingtuesday) to be a part of this effort on Tuesday, November 30.

## Purchase Points From Groceries

The school will no longer process Dillon's (Kroger) receipts and Box Tops for Education for cash back to Corpus Christi school. If you have a Dillon's Rewards card you can link it to Corpus Christi School and a portion of your savings will go to the school. It's free to enroll and will not affect your fuel points or coupon discounts. Just go online to <https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards> to enroll. And don't stop looking for boxtops! There is cash to claim online at [www.boxtops4education.com/](http://www.boxtops4education.com/) Find out how to scan your receipt for box tops you can claim online without clipping. The funds will be sent to the school!!

- A reminder of other ways you can help the school by simply shopping: Office Depot also donates towards our school. At check-out please mention Corpus Christi and they will take care of everything!
- If you have a Target Card you can specify Corpus Christi as your school of choice. A percentage will be donated to our school!
- AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you are prompted to select a charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations. That's all it takes!
- Another way to support our parish school is with Lifetouch & Shutterfly Store Front! We've made it super easy (and fun) to support us! Just do your school picture ordering and Christmas card shopping through our Shutterfly Storefront. You can create photo books, keepsakes, gifts, home décor and more—and Shutterfly will donate 8% to our organization! Please help us spread the word! Every little bit helps. It is an easy way for friends, family, neighbors and the community to support us while making their normal holiday card shopping.

## Traveling Crucifix

Our parish Vocations Awareness group is initiating a traveling crucifix to promote and pray for religious vocations. The traveling crucifix will be blessed at all Masses this weekend, and then we will ask any household to sign up to take home the traveling pack and pray for vocations for one week. The pack will contain a small altar stand for the crucifix and places for a holy card on each side. The pack will contain instructions and sample prayers for your use. If you wish to take the traveling crucifix home, please go to [cccparish.org/crucifix](http://cccparish.org/crucifix) to sign up.

Let us pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life and give thanks for our current priests and religious.

## Chapel of Remembrance

Please pick up your pictures from the Chapel of Remembrance this weekend. After this weekend they will be in the church office. Thank you.

# CORPUS CHRISTI COMMUNITY



Mrs. Kirsten Wondra, Principal  
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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**

## High School Presentation Day

On Friday, November 5th, Corpus Christi Catholic School hosted High School Presentation Day for our 6th, 7th and 8th grade Saints and their parents. Schools that were represented were Bishop Ward High School, Hayden



Catholic High School, Maur Hill - Mount Academy and Lawrence Free State High School. Representatives from each school gave a short presentation to the entire group and then parents and students had the opportunity to visit each school's table to ask questions and get more information.



Laura Hulcher - Director of Faith Formation  
lhulcher@cccparish.org

## RCIA

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they journey to become full members of the Catholic Church. They will participate in the Rite of Acceptance at the 10 AM Mass on November 21st. Everyone is invited to come and join the RCIA team and participants to learn more about the next topic: Church Tour and Liturgical Year. We will meet in the Fr. Jim Shaughnessy Hall South on December 2nd at 7:00 pm.

## First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our children who participated in their First Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 17th. Over 50 children received the beautiful sacrament of God's forgiveness and mercy that evening.

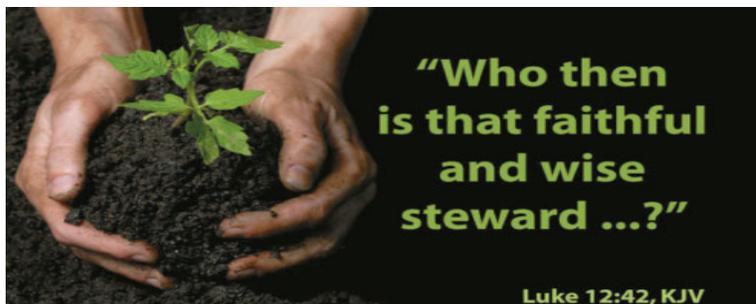
## Family Faith Formation Night

Our next Family Faith Formation night is December 1st, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Fr. Mick Mulvany Commons. We'll be celebrating Advent and each family will have a chance to make an Advent Wreath. All Corpus Christi families (both school and parish) are encouraged to attend. This is a chance for parents, grandparents and children of all ages across the entire parish community to gather together as they learn more about the faith in community with each other. Please RSVP to [lhulcher@cccparish.org](mailto:lhulcher@cccparish.org) if your family plans to attend. We ask that you please wear a mask.



## Youth Ministry Meeting

The next Youth Ministry meeting is on December 2nd, from 6:30-7:30 pm. All youth in Grades 6-8 are invited. Please contact [lhulcher@cccparish.org](mailto:lhulcher@cccparish.org) for more information or to make sure you're on the list to receive youth ministry communication.



## Stewardship: *Returning God's Gifts*

Stewardship numbers were unavailable at the time of printing for this bulletin.

All numbers will be reported in the November 28th bulletin.

Thanks for your continued support of our parish and our ministries.

### 2021 Corpus Christi Stewardship Renewal

Commitment Cards Turned In: 564 Pledges

Percentage of Pledged Parish: 41%

Households Made Prayer Commitments: 443

Average Number of Prayer Commitments Per Household: 6

Households Made Ministry Commitments: 540

Average Number of Ministries Per Household: 4

Average Treasure Commitment: \$3,216.30

Percentage of Parish is Using Automated Giving: 61%

### Considering E-Giving? Now's the Time!

Our online payment processor, WeShare (owned by Ministry Brands), is running a promotion from November 1st through the end of the year. If you set up a new recurring gift, Ministry Brands will match your gift up to \$50! Our parish could earn up to \$1000 via this promotion. If you are currently making your gift via the collection basket, and have considered setting your gift up on automatic payment, please give special consideration at this time, to help us realize this matching gift opportunity! To realize the Match, it must be the first time you have signed up for a recurring donation. WeShare defines new donors by separate email address. Any questions, please let us know at [accounting@cccparish.org](mailto:accounting@cccparish.org)!



*Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Luke 6:38*

## Liturgy Intentions

### For the Week of November 21, 2021

- Monday, 11/22, St. Cecilia**  
8:15 am † Mary Jane More
- Tuesday, 11/23, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:15 am † Riley Mowery
- Wednesday, 11/24, Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions**  
8:15 am † Leo Lutz
- Thursday, 11/25, Thanksgiving**  
9:00 am † Serafina Mossa
- Friday, 11/26, Ordinary Weekday**  
8:15 am † Colleen Sullivan-McNeive
- Saturday, 11/27, First Sunday of Advent**  
4:00 pm People of the Parish
- Sunday, 11/28, First Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 am † Joyce Niederee  
10:00 am † Guiseppe Picci



### November 21, 2021 Solemnity of Christ the King

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'" John 18:36*

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

*Stewardship - A Way of Life*

Prayers for healing...

Please pray for the following people who are ill. May they be strengthened and healed.

Tom Heleniak, Carolyn Wiley,  
Joan Kohl, Kenny Bell, Tyler Keating,  
Donna Roush, Amelia Knopp

If you have a loved one that needs extra prayers, please send an email to [church@cccparish.org](mailto:church@cccparish.org) or call 785-843-6286 with their name. Names will only be listed 4 weeks. If you wish to keep your loved one in the bulletin you will need to email or call the church office after 4 weeks to keep them in the bulletin.



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](http://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](http://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 [lhulcher@cccparish.org](mailto:lhulcher@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 [lhucher@cccparish.org](mailto:lhucher@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 [cristys@cccparish.org](mailto:cristys@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 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, 7:00-8:00 pm.

**First Friday Holy Hour for Vocations** ..... 6:00-7:00 pm  
November 5th followed by Adoration until 9:00 pm.

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

**Pastoral Council Chair** ..... John Dahlstrand

**Finance Council Chair** ..... Ashley Senestraro

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