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LUKE 2:14

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The perfect gift to help all humanity

Merry Christmas! What a great joy it is for us and all of Christendom to remember the greatest gift God has given to all of us humans - the gift of his Son Jesus. The Messiah that was foretold and the promise has been fulfilled.

This Christmas is still under the dark cloud of the pandemic and I know we all feel that we're over it, but we are not, nor will we ever be able to distance ourselves from tragedy and hardship, suffering and difficulty. That is another reason why it is good for us to remember and to contemplate on the events of Christmas. Remember the experience of Mary and Joseph who had to travel through challenges as migrants, as people on the move, as people under the Roman Empire being oppressed and exploited.

As we all settle into our homes that bring us comfort and joy, we remember our God who chose not to come as the Regal King the people were wanting or expecting, but in the midst of poverty, being born in a stable because there was no room for them. There are an estimated 82.4 million people in our world who have been forcibly displaced from their homes and so they can find a connection with the gift of the example of the Holy Family

Throughout the pandemic worldwide, it is the migrants and homeless and refugees who are the most hard hit with the virus. In our own country, the Covid-19 pandemic has brought social and racial injustice and inequality to the forefront of public health. It has highlighted that health equity is still not a reality, as many racial and ethnic minority groups are at a higher risk of getting sick and dying from Covid-19.

As we recall the Christmas story, let us also remember the shepherds, who were the least in the scale of society and how the message of joy and hope was brought to them. They too lived in poverty and exploitation and were segregated from much of the population. It was to them that the angel appeared to give the first announcement. They were filled with joy and hope, and they took those feelings out into the world.

And so, as we recall the Christmas story, in the midst of still dark times as we struggle with the pandemic, great divisions in our country and world, mass shootings and drive-by killings of innocents, and the continuous scourge of abortion, we can find joy and hope that we have a God whose gift is presented to all those in need. This great

gift of Jesus, who is peace, should give strength for anyone struggling to pull through and overcome challenges.

Whatever your reason for worshiping with us this Christmas at Corpus Christi, we welcome you with great joy. And like the shepherds who announced the joy to others, we desire to walk with you on your journey of life. We are part of the Body of Christ - Corpus Christi- and I invite you to share your joys and sorrows in our community of faith. That way, we can all be Christ to one another throughout the whole year.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas Flowers Decorations in Honor/Loving Memory of:

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Mais the peace and hope of Christ's birth be with you now and in the days ahead ...

On behalf of the Corpus Christi Parish Professional Staff, School and Religious Education Staffs we want to wish you a very Blessed Christmas season. Know that during this time, we offer our gratitude to God for the blessing of His Son, a blessing that is lived out in the lives of so many in our community who work hard to make this season one of fitting praise and honor.

As we prepare to enter into this new year, we understand that it is a blessing for us to serve with you all. God has called us together as a family, may we receive the joy of this season into our hearts so that all we do will be touched by the joy of Jesus' birth. May your gatherings with family and friends during this time of

joy be a time of blessing and peace.

In His Love,

Fr. Jerry, Kyly Bateman, Laura Hulcher, Kathleen Johnson, Christine Lipscomb, Caleb Regan, Cristy Sullivan, Shaun Whisler, and Kirsten Wondra.



What's Happening in 2022

Called to Serve a Family Night for all Parishioners - January 12th Snowball Virtual Event - January 15th Confirmation Retreat - January 16th Catholic Schools Week - January 30th Parish Workday - April 2nd Anointing of the Sick - April 3rd Holy Week - April 14th First Communion - April 24th Domun Fidei Auction - April 30th Pillars of Faith - June 4th Feast of Corpus Christi Picnic - June 18th Confirmation - Fall of 2022



As an Epiphany tradition in the Catholic Church, you are invited to use this chalk to inscribe a blessing on your home for the Year of our Lord 2021 as follows:

Gather around the inside of your front door. To bless your home, use the chalk to write "20+C+M+B+21" above the doorway: 2021 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Magi (Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar) and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ Bless this House." As you are writing, pray the following prayer.

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

Throughout the year, those who come and go through that door will enjoy the blessing of Christ.

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- January 31st Catholic Schools Week
- Easter Parade April 11th
- April 10th Duck Race
- First Communion April 11th
- Donum Fidei Auction April 17th
- Family Formation Nights
- Youth Ministry Nights
- 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend June 5/6th
- Parish Ice Cream Social August 14th
- Blessing of Animals for St. Francis feast October 3rd
- Fall Youth Festival October 9th
- Confirmation October 20th
- Parish Mission November 14th 16th
- First Reconciliation 2nd Grade, November 17th
- Foundation Dinner December 5th

What We are Proud Of

Over 250 bags of Fixins' to Catholic Charities Helped 250 families with Gift from the heart Donated over 9,000 pounds to Just Food In-person learning for the school year Implemented Parish Staff Workdays with Catholic Charities **Twelve New Ministries were formed** All Choirs are back in full swing Served 670 Thanksgiving Meals to the Lawrence Community Donated over \$570 in money and gift cards to the Afghan **Resettlement Program** Christmas Calling

Outreach to all parishioners via email, What's Up Wednesday and

te leads us with every step

Social Media

Year-End Gifts and Charitable Giving in 2021

On December 27, 2020, another stimulus package was signed into law to help combat the far-reaching impacts of COVID-19. In many ways, this bill extends the charitable tax incentives enacted by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act back in March 2020, but it also provides some additional provisions.

Are you itemizing deductions?

The adjusted gross income (AGI) limit for cash contributions to qualifying public charities remains increased for individual donors. For cash

contributions made in 2021, you can elect to deduct up to 100 percent of your AGI (formerly 60 percent prior to the CARES Act). Not itemizing?

The CARES Act allowed for an additional, "above-the-line" deduction for charitable gifts made in cash of up to \$300. This provision is extended into 2021 for taxpayers filing single/separately.

New in 2021 is an additional "above-the-line" deduction for those married filing jointly. Joint filers (who aren't itemizing) will be allowed to take an above-the-line deduction of up to \$600 in cash contributions to charity this year.

What about IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)?

The CARES Act did not change the rules around the QCD, which allows individuals over 701/2 years old to donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity¹ annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income.

However, remember that under the CARES Act an individual can elect to deduct 100 percent of their AGI for cash draitable contributions. This effectively affords individuals over 591/2 years old the benefits similar to a QCD; they can take a cash distribution from their IRA, contribute the cash to charity, and may completely offset tax attributable to the distribution by taking a charitable deduction in an amount up to 100 percent of their AGI for the tax year.

If you're planning a large donation in 2021, this may be a smart strategy as long as you are between the ages of $59\frac{1}{2}$ and $70\frac{1}{2}$ and are not dependent on existing retirement funds.

As always, note we are not attorneys or financial advistors — we only want to make sure that faith-filled generous stewards are aware of all tax benefits available to them. As always, please consult your financial advisors before making any major decisions and gain insights from them if you itemize your deductions.

Gospel Reflection

Lessons of the Holy Family

Today's Gospel reading on ts Feast of the Holy Family gives us a glimpse into the childhood of Jesus with his Mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. This is a family like no other — consisting of the very Son of God, Mary, Queen of all Saints, and St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church. Yet as we see in today's Scripture passage, they led a life typical of the families of their day. They experienced many of the same joys and trials that all parents and children experience even today. And so, we can look to this Family for help in our own family lives and see in them a model of Stewardship in family life.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, starts by telling us something about Jesus' parents: "Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover, and when he was 12 years old, they went up according to festival custom." In other words, this Family took seriously the Stewardship of their Time. The "Holy Couple" carefully observed the traditions and practice of their Jewish faith and brought up their Son to do the same. They worshiped as a family and with their faith community. And they did so faithfully.

We can take their example to heart by making Sunday Mass attendance a priority for our families, by making prayer with our family a priority every day, by making sure that we regularly celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, and by observing in our family life the feasts and fasts appropriate to the liturgical calendar. When we, as families, prioritize our Time with God and worship of Him, we will be imitating the Holy Family.

And when we are faced with the inevitable challenges that come with family life, we will be far better equipped to handle them, just as the Holy Family did. We read just a few verses later in our scripture passage, that Mary and Joseph faced every parent's worst nightmare — they can't find Jesus! What parent cannot relate to this awful moment or at least the fear of such a moment. Perhaps a little child wanders off in the store and is physically missing as young Jesus was. Or perhaps an older child, though physically present, is spiritually or emotionally "missing" through addiction or loss of faith. In these times, too, we can look to the Holy Family for guidance. Mary's very human initial reaction upon finding Jesus — "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" — comforts us in our own suffering as we realize that our Blessed Mother has been through difficult times in family life, too. The Holy Couple didn't always understand their Divine Son. But they loved Him deeply and gave Him the best of themselves as parents. The Divine Son, though God, obeyed His parents, giving witness to the value of parents and family life.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us reclaim the beauty and importance of family life. Let's commit to steward our families well in 2022, making time spent with God and practicing our faith the most important appointments on our family calendars. Let's make 2022 a year at Corpus Christi Catholic Parish like never before. Happy Feast Day, parish family!





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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."

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Corpus Christi Saints - 2021 At A Glance

The following are some highlights from the first semester at Corpus Christi Catholic School:

- ✤ August New playground and GaGa Ball Pit
- ✤ September Record Breaking Big Bazoohley, Return of CYO sports.
- October Science Expo, 1st Grade Practices Stewardship Corita's Corner Ministry
- November All Saints Day Parade, Band Concert, a tree is planted at Corpus, High School Presentation Day
- December Library Buddies, 3-5 Music Program, K-2 Middle School Play, Foundation Dinner honoring Ann Bruemmer, announcement of Nick the Brave Award in honor of Nicholas Parscale.











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RCIA

Everyone is invited to come and join the RCIA team and participants to learn more about the next topic: Penance and Anointing of the Sick. We will meet in the Fr. Jim Hall South on January 6th at 7:00 PM.

Called to Serve a Family Night for All Parishioners

Everyone is invited for our next Family Faith Formation night on January 12th, 2022 6:30-8:00 pm in the FMC Commons. Catholic Charities will be hosting Called to Serve: A Family Night in honor of Poverty Awareness Month. This will be an interactive and illuminating night with age appropriate break outs for each family member as we learn about our call to serve the poor and vulnerable. All Corpus Christi families (both school and parish) are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to https://www.lucher@cccparish.org with the number of family members attending and the grades of the children. We ask that you please wear a mask.

Future Family Formation Nights

Family Formation Nights are all held in the FMM Commons and start at 6:30 PM. The remaining dates are 2/16/2022, and 3/30/2022.

Youth Ministry

Calling all 6th, 7th and 8th graders! Please mark your calendars for Corpus Christi Youth Ministry meetings. We will meet on the following dates from 6:30-7:30 PM in the FMM Commons of the Education Center. 01/06/2022 02/03/2022 03/03/2022 04/07/2022.. Please contact Heather Pfannenstiel at heather.pfannenstiel@washburn.edu_or Laura Hulcher at https://www.hullhow.org

STEWARDSHIP



Luke 12:42, KJV

Stewardship: Returning God's Gifts

Stewardship numbers were unavailable at the time of printing for this bulletin. All numbers will be reported in the January 9th bulletin. Thanks for your continued support of our parish and our ministries.

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!





Meeting/Event Legend

CH - Church SJ - St. James Room GYM - Gymnasium MR - Music Room

FJH - Fr. Jim Shaughnessy Hall LLC - Lower Level Conference Room FMC - Fr. Mick Mulvany Commons

Liturgy Intentions

Holy Innocents

Octave of Christmas + Vivian Sullivan Huckaby

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Octave of Christmas

Special Intention

† Bud Wyle

† Don Gillihan

For the week of December 26,2021 Monday, 12/27, Saint John 8:15 am † Parveen Dminick

Tuesday, 12/28, 8:15 am

Wednesday, 12/29, 8:15 am Thursday, 12/30, 8:15 am

Friday, 12/31, 6:00 pm

Saturday, 1/1, 9:00 am

10:00 am

Sunday, 1/2, 8:30 am

Feast of the Epiphany † James Meyers † Leo Lutz

† William Andrew Massey

Meetings & Events Calendar

Sunday, December 26th

Sunday Liturgies 8:30 am & 10:00 am - CH Coffee and Doughnuts after both liturgies - FJH

Monday, December 27th

Parish Offices Closed Family Rosary 3:45 pm - CH CYO Basketball Practice 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm - GYM

Tuesday, December 28st

Parish Offices Closed Adoration 9:00 am - CH CYO Basketball Practices 3:45 pm - 5:00 pm - GYM Finance Council 5:30 pm - LLC Grief Share 6:30 pm - SJ Adoration 7:00 pm - CH

Wednesday, December 29th

Parish Offices Reopens CYO Basketball Practice 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm - GYM Bell Choir Practice 6:00 pm - CH Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm - CH

Thursday, December 30th

No activities

Friday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Liturgy 6:00 pm - CH

Saturday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Liturgy 9:00 am - CH

Sunday, January 2nd

Feast of the Epiphany 8:30 am & 10:00 am - CH Coffee & Doughnuts after both liturgies - FJH

Monday, January 3rd

RGM Workday - 10 am - CH Family Rosary 3:45 pm - CH CYO Basketball Practice 3:45 pm - 8:00 pm - GYM

Prayers for healing...

Please pray for the following people who are ill. May they be strengthened and healed. Carl Rolf, Jane Speckman

If you have a loved one that needs extra prayers, please send an email to <u>church@cccparish.org</u> 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jeanette Lippencott of our parish and wife of George. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NEW TO THE PARISH register at cccparish.org/join

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 <u>www.cccparish.org/join</u>. 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 <u>cccparish.org/baptism</u>.

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 https://www.hull.com be addressed to hull.com be addressed to wwww.hull.com"

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 <u>lhucher@cccparish.org</u>.

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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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	6:00-7:00 pm
Anointing of the Sick	call the parish office.
Pastoral Council Chair	John Dahlstrand
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Monday-Thursday	
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Monday-Friday	7:30 am-4:00 pm
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