

Corpus Christi Parish

January 24, 2021

Sunday of the WORD OF GOD



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OR BY APPOINTMENT

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PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

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OFFICE TO REGISTER

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CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR
MORE INFORMATION.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY 4:30 P.M. ~ SUNDAY 8:00 AND 10:15 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: MON-THRU-SAT 8:00 A.M.

From the Desk of Father Kelm



HOMILY: Word of God Sunday (3rd in Ord. Time), Cycle B, 1/23 & 24/2021

Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

OPENER: St. Fulgentius of Ruspe: “Study your heart in the light of the Holy Scriptures, and you will know therein who you were, who you are, and who you ought to be.”

In our first reading, the prophet Jonah is sent to the great city of Nineveh to announce God’s word of warning to them, because God had decided upon their destruction in 40 days due to their evil way of life. God was calling them back into a noble and wholesome relationship with each other, thereby honoring by imitation His providential care for all.

In St. Mark’s Gospel we are presented with the calling of four disciples “Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.”, and as it turns out, we meet the men who would become the first four Apostles. Unlike Jonah, the future Apostles respond immediately to Jesus’ call. He trained them in the Gospel Message then sent them out into the whole world to preach repentance. From the account of the first Pentecost in Acts of the Apostles, one can sense an urgency in St. Peter’s preaching, which was sprinkled with Scriptural quotes that “cut the people to the heart”. The listeners were shaken and responded immediately, remember, 3000 souls were baptized that day.

This sense of urgency was continued by St. Paul in 1Cor 7 where he wrote “time is running out”, and “the world in its present form is passing away.” In other words – *respond, TODAY!* Because St. Paul realized the inability of Judaism to elevate people to where God wanted them/us to be, sharing the Divine Nature for Eternity starting *NOW*, he preached most earnestly day in and year out. The world was oppressed by Rome and policed at Roman sword point; the lives of the enslaved were cheap - no one was guaranteed tomorrow!

This weekend we honor the Word of God, which is described in Hebrews: “God’s word is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates and divides soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the reflections and thoughts of the heart. Nothing is concealed from *Him*; all lies bare and exposed to the *eyes of Him* to whom we must render an account.”

On display we have the Book of the Gospels and a portrait of the Sacred Heart. The printed Word, the Book of the Gospels, presents a symbol of the Second Person of the Holy Trinity – “The Word”, and the portrait, His resurrected Sacred Humanity – Jesus Christ... both natures mysteriously bonded together, forever, in the mystery of The Incarnation. Believe *and respond!*

Schedule of Events

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass

6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass - St. Hyacinth

Monday, January 25th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Tuesday, January 26th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Wednesday, January 27th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Thursday, January 28th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Friday, January 29th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Saturday, January 30th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Celebration of Mass

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass

6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass - St. Hyacinth

Fr. Kevin’s Corner

When You Disagree

“We don’t love each other enough,” observed Tom Zampino on his Patheos blog in reference to all the arguing he saw going on both in the real world and online over political, religious, and cultural issues.

He said, “So convinced are we of our own *rightness* in all things, that we fail more times than not to even notice *the other*. Instead of taking note of their humanity — as someone, too, created in God’s likeness and image — we see, instead, only positions. And it’s easier to dismiss positions than persons.”

Zampino concludes, “Putting aside our very substantial, and perhaps very legitimate, differences for the moment, the next time that we feel compelled to respond to the person before us with spite, meanness, bullying or out-and-out hatred. . . we need to understand that whenever we act without love, not only do we mock our own faith, but we also reject the direct command of Christ Himself . . . In the end, we need to understand and live the message that it’s not us amongst them. Rather, it’s about God with us — Emmanuel.”

May I treat all your children with dignity, Creator.

Corpus Christi Stewardship

January 17, 2021

Envelopes	\$12,636.00
Loose	\$107.00
Children’s	\$ 1.00
Children’s Loose	1.00
Youth	0.00
Total	\$12,744.00

Adult: 149 Children: 1 Youth: 0



**Stewardship Thought
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Jesus said to them, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Mark 1:17

The invitation to follow Jesus is not one just given to his first disciples long ago in a faraway land. He invites us to follow Him every day. The first disciples did not have their lives in order. They were not “ready” or “prepared” to follow Jesus. We, too, are called to follow Jesus when he calls—not when we perceive ourselves to be ready. Jesus will lead our way.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Corpus Christi Parish would like to express our sincere thanks to all those who support our food pantry so faithfully.

For the combined months of October, November and December the pantry received 119 requests for food assistance. With your help we were able to provide food for 350 people (225 adults and 125 children). The value of the food given was over \$13,000 dollars. Volunteers shared 264 hours of their time to make this ministry possible. **We can always use grocery bags.**



Contact Information

If anyone has changes in address, phone number or no longer have a landline phone please call the parish office (893-4073) with your new phone number in case we need to reach you and so we can have our records up to date. We also would like to update email addresses.



2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Statements will only be sent to those who drop a self-addressed, stamped envelope in the collection basket. Statements will be mailed out **after** January 31, 2021.

Prayer Line
 Nita Lamkin 684-7105
 Janet Brandt 684-3366
 Barbara Poirier 895-8700



**Corpus Christi Parish
Christ’s Mission Appeal
assessment this year is \$103,418.00**

As of 12/31/20 \$49,410.00 has been contributed to Corpus Christi Parish Christ Mission Appeal. Our outstanding balance is \$55,305.00

You can donate 3 ways:
 online at www.saginaw.org/appeal,
 by mail, returning your pledge card to the Diocese or by your parish collection basket at Mass.

Checks must be made out to Diocese of Saginaw

Thank you to those who have already donated!



Attention Ushers:

We are in need of your updated information. Please provide your address, phone number, and email address to Emily Houle at houleet@hotmail.com or Pete Steyer at 989-906-2410. We also need to know what Mass you normally attend.

Sponsor of the Week

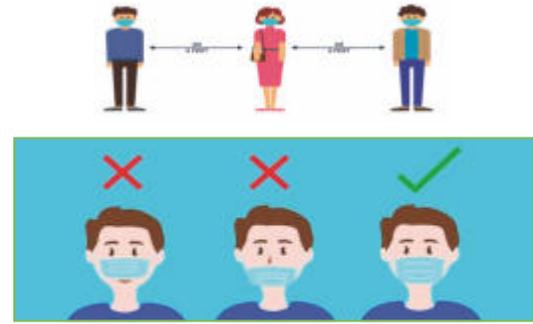
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JUST A REMINDER . . .

Masks continue to be required to attend Mass. The proper way to wear a mask in order to protect ourselves and others, is that the nose and mouth be covered. (not just the mouth). Please be responsible and wear your mask correctly for everyone’s sake.



RSVP NO LONGER REQUIRED

You no longer have to call the Parish Office to RSVP for weekend Masses due to the fact that none of our Masses are at capacity. We thank you for your understanding through all of this. We are still requiring masks to be worn during Mass. Social distancing still remains in effect as well. Watch the bulletin and our website for updates because we will be taking RSVPs for Easter and Holy Week.

Or, you can just call to say hello to Mary Ann!

Live Mass Streams Online Daily

The Diocese of Saginaw, invites all to join us for daily 8 a.m. Mass (Monday– Saturday)
The celebration of Sunday Mass will be livestreamed at **10:30 a.m.** Videos of Masses will remain online after streaming. Go to: saginaw.org - Offices & Ministries - Live Video from Cathedral.

A Prayer for America

Our Father,

We, the people, in the land of the free and the home of the brave, desperately need You.

Oh, that we would leave our ways of seeking to be blessed and instead seek to bless others.

We beg for Your guidance and wisdom for our leaders.

We ask you to protect our land from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise You for the freedom we have through the blood of Your Son.

May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

SMILE

It was our cat’s first winter. When a raging blizzard came up suddenly, we tried frantically to find Ginger, calling him repeatedly and poking into snow drifts around the stoop where he liked to hide. Finally I called the police station to inquire if a “found” cat had been reported.

The sergeant listened politely to my concerns and assured me that cats had been known to live through terrible storms.

“Ginger,” I added, on a hopeful note, “is exceptionally intelligent. In fact, he almost talks.”



“In that case, lady,” replied the officer, “hang up. He’s probably trying to call you now.”

If you want to drop off your church envelopes & pick up a bulletin the parish office will be open from 8:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 until Noon on Friday. If you arrive before or after business hours there is a basket by the front door with bulletins and calendars.

R.C.I.A. Sign Up

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the church’s rite of welcoming newcomers to the faith, and also of refreshing Catholics (already) in their faith. If you are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith, fill out this form and return it in one of the weekend collections, **in an envelope marked Sr. Joann**, or call Sr. Joann at 893-4073. *Information is confidential.*

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Worship Aid Dedications

In Loving Memory
of all those who have passed away from Covid-19



Happy Birthday Randy Maida



Readings January 31, 2021

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Please Note! If you would like to remember a deceased loved one on the anniversary of their death, please call the parish office at least **ONE MONTH** in advance of the weekend you want the anniversary mentioned during the intentions. We will also publish the anniversary in the bulletin.

Blood Drive

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, February 2, 2020 from 2:00-6:30 pm. Please call the OLC parish office 893-6421 to make an appointment. Blood donations are needed so if you can take time to come out and support the blood drive please call and make an appointment. Walk ins welcome. ONE HOUR SAVES 3 LIVES!



2021 Calendars:

Special thanks to
Gephart Funeral Home
for underwriting the cost
of our 2021 parish calendars.

Lost & Found

Did you lose a couple of keys? We found some between the church and school on Christmas Eve. Call the Parish Office to claim!



Sister Carol Weber from St. Luke's New Life Center is inviting those who can crochet, knit, or sew with fleece to make hats and scarves for Flint families. Color is not important; warmth is what is most important.

Any finished items can be dropped off to Sister Joann at the Parish Office.



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Act of Spiritual Communion

By St. Alphonsus de Liguori

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament..**

**I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.**

Since I cannot at this moment

**Receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.**

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

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