

# Corpus Christi Parish

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

## Second Sunday of Lent

February 28, 2021

**Corpus Christi Parish: 1008 S. Wenona, Bay City, MI 48706**

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OR BY APPOINTMENT

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**  
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PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

**SACRAMENT OF THE  
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PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE TO REGISTER

**TO BECOME CATHOLIC:**  
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MORE INFORMATION.

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**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: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Cycle B, 2/27 & 28/2021  
 Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34  
 Mark 9:2-10

OPENER: St. Catherine of Siena: “Eternal Beauty! ... You act as if You could not live without Your creature, even though You are life itself, and everything has its life from You and nothing can live without You. Why then are You so mad? Because You have fallen madly in love with what You have made!”

In our first reading from Genesis, God has just promised Abraham *countless descendants... who would provide all the nations of the earth with blessings* because he obeyed God’s request to sacrifice his only son Isaac. Abraham’s faith in God was credited to him as justice even before Isaac was conceived, when God first promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Now, true, Abraham never did complete the sacrifice of Isaac, he was stopped by an angel, but his intent was firm. He had *firm faith* in God’s ability to deliver on His promise, reasoning that God was able to raise Isaac from the dead. Abraham was thinking *bloodline*, however in Romans (Chap. 4), St. Paul teaches us that it has been through the *faith of believers* that God has brought about His promise of *countless descendants* to Abraham.

In today’s reading from Romans, Paul assures us that our faith and hope in Jesus’ Messianic Mission is well placed. After giving up His only Son to satisfy our need for Redemption, how would our Father not also provide for our other needs as well, especially with Jesus there at His right-hand, interceding for us in all our needs?

Well, that sets us up an analogy of Abraham and Isaac to God our Father and Jesus. Jesus truly was sacrificed at the request of our Father, His infinite goodness cancelling out our debt of sin and establishing the New Covenant in His blood, His rising from the dead parallels Abraham’s reasoning about Isaac, and reopening the Gates of Paradise to all people of *all the nations of the earth* that come to faith in His saving actions, fulfills the promise.

The Transfiguration gave the three most influential Apostles a visual and aural verification of Jesus’ divine glory; this was done to bolster their fragile faith in anticipation of the coming Crucifixion. The Transfiguration has another lesson for us especially during Lent – if we repent, we can be clothed in glory just as Jesus was, with our Father claiming us as His own! Consider there are varying degrees of glory in Heaven. The Book of Wisdom declares (3:14) that “fidelity’s choice reward” is “a more satisfying heritage in the Lord’s temple”. What is our heavenly heritage? Why, GOD Himself! ...or rather our participation in God’s life, our experience of God’s love. In other words, the more virtuous a life we live here on Earth, or the better we learn to love in this life, the more deeply satisfying will be our eternal relationship with God. ... *Forever!* Is that not worth our utmost effort?

## Schedule of Events

### Sunday, February 28th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass - St. Hyacinth

### Monday, March 1st

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### Tuesday, March 2nd

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### Wednesday, March 3rd

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### Thursday, March 4th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### Friday, March 5th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 Noon Stations of the Cross  
 4:00—7:30 p.m. Fish Fry (drive through)

### Saturday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 3:30 p.m. Confession  
 4:30 p.m. Celebration of Mass

### Sunday, March 7th

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

### Taking Care of Aging Parents

“My dad is gone. He’s here, but he’s not. I want to cry,” noted Time magazine writer Cathy Booth in an article about adult children caring for parents who are declining physically and mentally.

Ms Booth’s father, once an architect, could no longer live alone. A few years before, the writer had taken on the role of caregiver for her mother who was dying from Lou Gehrig’s disease.

“I’m hardly the only one going through this experience,” writes Ms. Booth. “The number of Americans 85 and older has nearly tripled since 1960, to 4 million, and will more than double that over the next 30 years.”

Families face challenges and even heart-wrenching decisions when elderly members are no longer able to care for themselves.

Seek advice and support while going through this crisis. And, realize you’re not alone.

*God, give us the strength to care for loved ones.*



**Corpus Christi Stewardship  
February 21, 2021**

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*Adult: 147 Children: 1 Youth: 0*

**Stewardship Thought  
Second Sunday of Lent**

**“Here I am!” he answered.** *Genesis 22:11*  
It is not always easy to say “Here I am,” when God calls us to do something. Certainly it might be easy if it is something that is comfortable to us—if it is something we know and understand or *want* to do. But what about those things that are not so comfortable? Being a disciple is not always easy. In fact, most times it is not initially comfortable. Pray to be more willing to say, “Here I am” in those uncomfortable situations.



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

As of 2/17/2021 **\$63,625.00** has been contributed to Corpus Christi Parish Christ Mission Appeal.

**We still need \$39,793.00!**

You can donate 3 ways:  
 online at [www.saginaw.org/appeal](http://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!**

**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.**

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**PARISH COUNCIL** is looking for a few dedicated individuals who would like to volunteer to be a part of this very important faction of our parish. Normally council positions are filled by nomination, but due to the circumstances of COVID, this year we are asking if you are interested, to please come forward. The parish council serves as an advisory board helping Father make decisions concerning the operation both physically and spiritually of the parish. If interested, please call the Parish Office (989) 893-473.

#### PARISH OFFICE:

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.

#### 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](http://saginaw.org) - Offices & Ministries - Live Video from Cathedral.

#### FAITH FORMATION NEWS:

Our Faith Formation students have been encouraged to find ways to do good deeds and spend more time in prayer during the Lenten season. Please keep in your prayers, Bianca and Nola as they prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, as well as all our students as they grow in faith.

#### 2020 TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

Please drop a self-addressed stamped envelope in the collection basket or at the Parish Office. Statements will be mailed as soon as possible.

#### RECITAL:

##### Andrew Ratajczak

will be offering an afternoon of piano music on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Seating will be limited and assigned so RSVP's will be taken beginning in April. We will not take early reservations. Please watch the bulletin for more information.



#### Three playing cards are in a row.

A heart is to the left of a diamond.  
A five is to the right of a jack.  
A club is to the left of a diamond.  
A queen is to the left of a club.

#### What are the three cards?



(Answer will be in next weeks bulletin)

## 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  
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on the 2nd Anniversary of Death  
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on the 21st Anniversary of Death  
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In Loving Memory of  
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Josephine Wachowiak  
Dennis Sharp  
Pat Wenglikowski  
From Friends



## Readings March 6-7, 2021

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25  
Gospel: John 2:13-25

**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.

## DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY

Our parish is participating in a parish wide survey, conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute called the Disciple Maker Index. This survey is meant to determine the the needs and opportunities concerning discipleship and spiritual growth of our parish. It is a confidential survey, and all parishioners are asked to participate. The survey can be accessed online at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/dc38ddc381> from February 17<sup>th</sup> through March 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who do not have access to a computer may request a paper copy, or you may stop by the office where a computer is set up to allow you to take the survey there. The survey will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. All parishes in our diocese are taking part in the survey. Your participation is appreciated!



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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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