

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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April 9, 2023 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord





“Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive!”

Alleluia, Brothers and Sisters!

“If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain” (1 Cor 15:14). Pope Benedict XVI stresses that these words of St. Paul explain “quite drastically what faith in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the Christian message over all: it is its very foundation. The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead.”

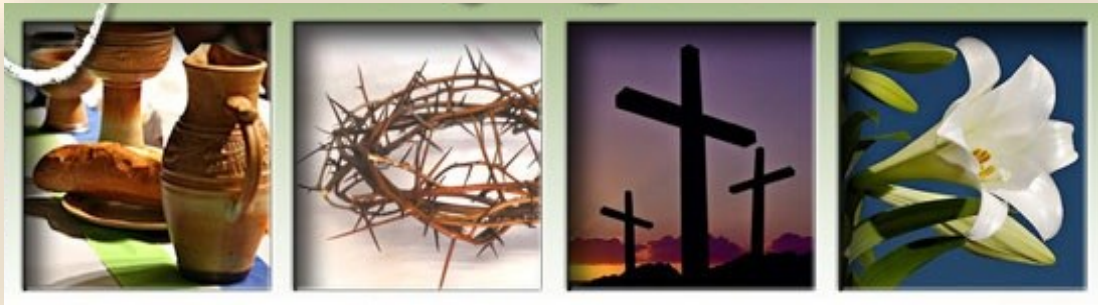
Without faith in Jesus’ Resurrection, it would still be possible to draw a series of interesting ideas about God and man from the Christian tradition: who man is and what are his moral obligations. However, the Christian faith itself would be dead. Jesus would be just a failed religious leader, although great and inspiring. But – as the pope continues – Jesus “would then remain purely human, and his authority would extend only so far as his message is of interest to us. He would no longer be a criterion; the only criterion left would be our own judgment in selecting from his heritage what strikes us as helpful. In other words, we would be alone. Our own judgment would be the highest instance.” But fortunately for us, Jesus is truly risen and something really new occurred that changed the world and the situation of mankind. It is Jesus, our Risen Lord, not us, who becomes the criterion on which we can rely. Jesus’ Resurrection changes everything. It changes the perspective of both our earthly life and our eternal existence.

Brothers and Sisters, today we are joyfully celebrating Jesus’ Resurrection, an event that broke the rules of the world as humans knew them. Jesus, the Son of God, but at the same time a son of Adam – fully human – raised human nature to a new reality. Through his Resurrection, Jesus showed us a new perspective on our life – a life that began at the moment of our conception in our mother’s womb. In Jesus’ Resurrection, a new possibility of human existence is attained that affects everyone and that opens up a future, a new kind of future. This is why we joyfully celebrate today; this is why we sing loudly today: Alleluia!

Wishing you a grace filled and joyful Easter Sunday and Easter Season! Rejoice! Alleluia!

Fr. Mark Jurzyk

Let's Celebrate the Holy Triduum



Holy Thursday – April 6

Morning Prayer at 9 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 pm

followed by Adoration until Midnight

On Holy Thursday the Church commemorates the establishing of two sacraments: the Eucharist, a sacrament of our life and union with God, and the sacrament of the Priesthood that is so closely connected with the Eucharist and other sacraments.

Good Friday – April 7

Morning Prayer at 9 am

Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

Divine Mercy Novena begins today at 6:30 pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 7 pm

Good Friday – the day when the entire Christian world stops breathing as we commemorate Jesus' death. This is the only day in the year when the Catholic Church does not celebrate Mass. We are invited instead for a special liturgy with a reading of the Passion of Jesus Christ and Veneration of the Cross - a sign of hope for all Christians and all people in the world. We abstain from eating meat that day and, in addition, as on Ash Wednesday, we limit our meal to just one.

Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday April 8

Morning Prayer at 9 am

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets at:

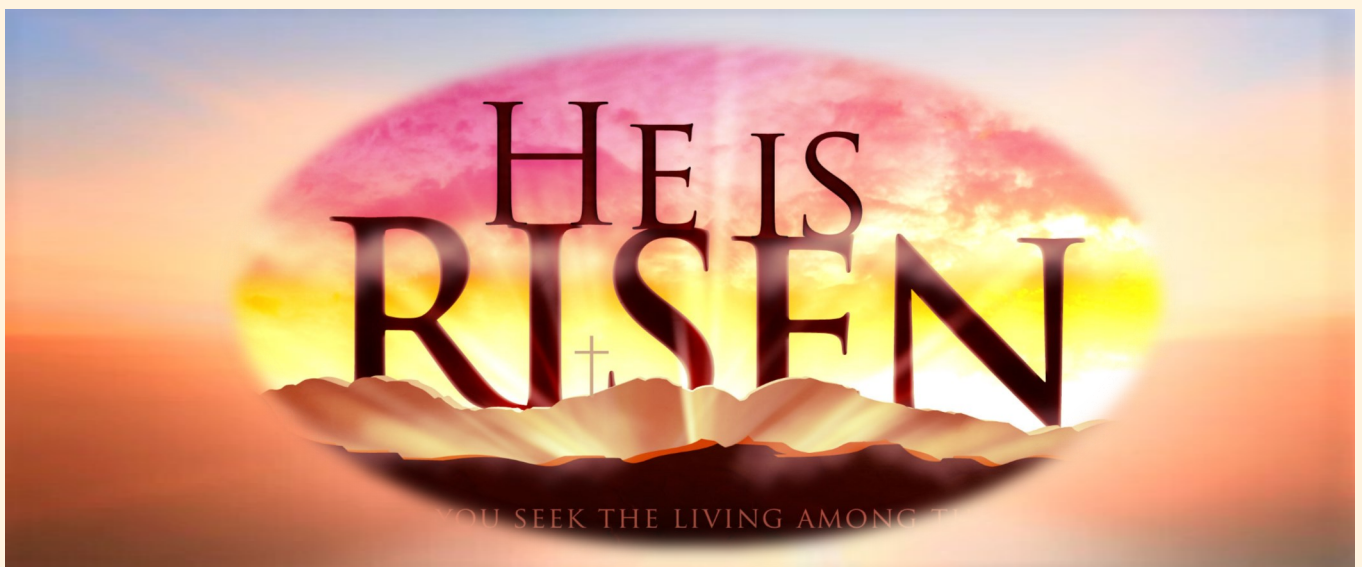
11 am, 12 noon, 1 pm (all English/Polish)

Easter Egg Hunt after 11 am Easter Basket Blessing

Divine Mercy Novena at 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil at 8 pm

On Holy Saturday - at 11 am, 12 noon and 1 pm, (all English/Polish) there will be a blessing of food for Easter breakfast or dinner. In the evening that day, at 8 pm, we will celebrate the Easter Vigil Liturgy, the most spiritually meaningful liturgy of the year. This should be no surprise, since Jesus' Resurrection is the event that changed the history of the world once and forever. In Jesus' wounds is our life, in His Resurrection is our call for an everlasting life.



Easter Sunday – April 9

Masses at 8:30 am & 11 am, 12:30 pm in Polish

Divine Mercy Sunday – April 16

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Adoration & Confessions Sunday 1:30-3 pm

Benediction 3 pm - Reception 3:30 pm





Mass Intentions





Saturday, April 8 Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil



9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. **SI** Eric Ferdinand by Jim Jennings

Sunday, April 9 The Resurrection of the Lord - Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m.  Cassie Martinez by Aleeah Aquino
 Joe Mamica by Family

11:00 a.m.  Paul Sievert by Angara Family
 Consorcia Sievert by Angara Family
 Donato Latrofa & Maria Divela
 Dominick & Gaetano Campasso by Anna Minardi

12:30 p.m.  Kazmiera & Marcin Smolen
Mass in Polish  Andrzej Malinka (29th anniv. of death) by Maria Johnson
SI Teresa Pogorzelska & Jozefa Oszczepinska

Monday, April 10 Easter Monday

9:00 a.m. **SI** The DiPinto Family by Louise Valentin

Tuesday, April 11 Within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m.  Tony Zernone by Wife & Family


Wednesday, April 12 Within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m.  Donna DiVito



Thursday, April 13 Within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m.  Jack Graziano by Crockett Family
 Antonino Ferrara by Wife & Kids



Friday, April 14 Within the Octave of Easter




9:00 a.m.  Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 15 Within the Octave of Easter

9:00 a.m. **SI** Peter & Anna Gasparini by Aleeah Aquino
SI Eric Ferdinand by Jim Jennings
 Robert Dunlap by Rita Dunlap
 Bill & Arleen Bowers

Sunday, April 16 Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 a.m.  Ann Green by Meyer & Marrs Family
 Joe Gudella by Jim & Kathie Brewer

11:00 a.m.  Cassie Martinez by Aleeah Aquino
 Juan Laurel by Olivia Laurel & Family
 Regidor Gutierrez by Malette Molina & Family

12:30 p.m. **SI** Health for Teresa Pogorzelska & Jozefa Oszczepinska
Mass in Polish

EASTER PEOPLE

We are Easter people and Alleluia is our song! ~St. Augustine

Please pray for all those on our prayer list...

Joe Ernest Alonto Adnan Alonto Javier-Maria Alonso Pat Baker Asuncion Baldwin Bryan Baylian Janay Bell Brian Bennett Gerri Tillman Bentel Lynn Bierman Cathy Brill Bud Brown Theresa Bull Melanie B. Terry Cook Jeannie Culitan Alan Demascus Tessa Dante Karen Deering Martha Durnil Denise Ealy Lisa Esposto Betty Funer Carol Gatti Mike Gebhardt Chris Gries Clarence Groves Paula Grueder Rocella Hampton Dr. Dan Haraf	Louise Harrison Larry Hartnett Daniel Hartzell Donna Hawko Debbie Henke Mark Herwaldt Asha J. Pamela Jacobs Geoffrey Johnson Shawn Jurgensen Austin Keating Rosemarie Kelly- Cunningham Ann Krueger Westin LaFever Rose Marie Lambert Sondra Long Jackie Lower Irene Mamica Keegan Manz Darnell Matesi Julius Matonis Kevin McKinney Larry Miller Josephine Miller Mark Muzer Elida Navarro Mary Nekyha Michael Novak John Numrich Bill Ohlhaber	Sue Patterson Betty Pilafis Lucy Pope Rosa Rodriguez AJ (Austin) Rose Melissa and Joe Reynolds Dolores Salerno Martin Salerno Donna Sanchez Marilyn Savegnago Christine Scardina Russell Schauer Amy Sheehan Mary Beth Shepardson Antonio Sievert Alberto Sievert Evelyn Simonetta Lorraine Standiford Arzy Staten Kathy Staten Bill Staunton Robert Strawn Vicki Strawn Mario Talavera Sr. Lorenzo Tamburello Baby Kyle Templin Julie Tkaczuk Mike Tkaczuk Juanita Torronio Tom Warick
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Readings for the Week

April 8	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10
April 9	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35
April 10	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
April 11	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
April 12	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
April 13	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
April 14	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
April 15	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
April 16	Divine Mercy Sunday Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

Easter Egg Hunt



Please join us for an Easter Egg Hunt:

- Who: Children ages 10 and under
What: Hunt for eggs with candy and prizes
When: Saturday, April 8th following the
11am Food Blessing



**Bring your Easter food to be blessed and stay for the
Easter Egg Hunt!**

Divine Mercy Sunday

The First Sunday after Easter

Sunday, April 16,
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Reconciliation & Adoration

1:30-3 pm

Chaplet and Benediction 3 pm



*Rejoice in
God's Mercy*

"On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon the souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy."

(Jesus to Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, *Diary*, paragraph #699)

Jesus, I Trust in You!



Easter Flower Envelopes

Easter Flower Envelopes are available in the Narthex to remember your loved ones during the holy season.

In Loving Remembrance

Carol Giacobbe, Richard Dabrowski,
Marguerite Scharf, John Fetcho and Joe Gudella

May they Rest in Peace

Easter Flower Donations

The Easter season coincides with the beginning of spring, a time of renewal and rebirth. Spring-blooming flowers sing of hope from homes, gardens and from our church altar. They carry special religious meaning at this time of year for we the people who celebrate rebirth through the Resurrection of Christ Jesus.

Carl and Cecilia Roth, by Victoria Pelletiere

Jack Jennings, Rich Ferdinand, Herbert & Kathy Glick
by Jim Jennings

Joe Mamica, Czech Family, Bill Bowers
by Mamica Family

The Hookham & Rieser Families by Janet Hookham

Salvatore Gibellina, Robert Termini, Jim & Josephine Tambirino by Dora Gibellina

Brunetti Family, Innamorato Family, Laterza Family
by Maria Laterza

Barbara Blennerhassett, Frank Smiesko
by Mertz Family

Angela & Adam Domaracki, Anna & Frank Izban, Sr.
by Frank & Gerrie Izban

Leroy & Violet O'Neil, Paul & Betty Derring
by Russ & Karen Derring

Antoinette & Theodore Dedic, Lois & Donald Parro,
Fr. Ubald, Fr. Antinello by Madeleine & Ken Dedic



Save the Date – April 20



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Revival's in the Air

AN EXCITING JOURNEY AHEAD

Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops began a National Eucharistic Revival to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.



Please join

Fr. Mark Kreis and Fr. Mark Jurzyk

On Thursday, April 20, 7 pm

for an evening of recollection, refreshment and rejuvenation focused on our Lord in the Eucharist.



Religious Education News

RE CALENDAR

- 4/10 Classes resume
- 4/17 Registration begins
- 4/24-30 Last classes for 2022-23

Registration for 2023-24

Registration for the 2023-24 Religious Education year will begin on April 17th. Current families will receive a copy via the youngest student in the family. Family Faith Sharing families will receive their copy in the mail. As always, Registration ends on June 30th.

Summer is Coming!

It may not seem like it, but Summer is coming!

We will have two special events for children:

- Bible Truth Seekers – June
- Corpus Christian Camp – July 17-21

Both events run from 9am-noon. Watch the bulletin and our website: corpuschristicarciofstream.org for further details



Good Deeds

- Jacob** - helped around the house
- Marco** - made my brother's beds
- Lorenzo** - taught my brother a new game
- Francesca** - helped my Grandma dust and clean
- Madelyn** - made breakfast for my family
- Junior** - helped with breakfast



Confirmation



Sofia Lech
Confirmation Coordinator

Upcoming Events

- 4/10 - Classes resume
- 4/17 Registration begins
- 4/24 & 25 Last Confirmation classes for 2022-23
- 5/8 7pm – Confirmation practice

Service Projects

The following service project is available for students in Confirmation I and II classes:

4/16 – afternoon - Divine Mercy reception

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact Sofia Lech at (630) 483-4222 or corpuschristiccym@gmail.com

Registration for Confirmation

Registration for the 2023-24 Confirmation year will begin on April 17th. Families may register for Religious Education and Confirmation classes on one form. Students will receive the form to take home.

Requirements Due

All Confirmation I students must complete and turn in the following:

- ✠ Fifteen (15) Mass Reflection sheets
- ✠ Service Project sheets for eight (8) hours of service

These requirements are due prior to the end of classes. Students cannot register for

Confirmation II until all Confirmation I Requirements are met. Please contact the office with questions.



OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence. — Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Pontifical Good Friday Collection 2023

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. The pandemic hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. In these times, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org .

**SCAN HERE TO MAKE
YOUR OFFERTORY GIFT**



QR Code

You may have noticed a QR code (quick response) on the back of the pews in the church. Now the code is available from our bulletin. Just use your camera phone to scan the QR code to make an offertory gift to Corpus Christi Parish. Thank you!



We invite you to become a registered parishioner of Corpus Christi, or to submit/update your contact information (for important church updates).

Corpus Christi Parish Registration Form

Or register on the parish website at <https://corpuschristic Carolstream.org/im-new>

Date Registering _____ Envelope # *(Parish Office use only)* _____

Family Last Name _____

Address _____ **City** _____ **Zip** _____

Name of Male Head of Household _____

Primary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____

Name of Female Head of Household _____

Primary Phone _____

Primary Email _____

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Widowed Divorced Separated

What Mass do you regularly attend? 5pm Sat 8:30am Sun 11am Sun 12:30pm Sun.

Name(s) of Child(ren) and Age(s) (*living at home*):

First Child _____ Second Child _____

Third Child _____ Fourth Child _____

Fifth Child _____ Sixth Child _____

Other information:

- Or -

SUBMIT/UPDATE your EMAIL and/or MOBILE PHONE NUMBER

(Or email this information to the Parish Office at corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net)

First and Last Name _____

Home Address _____

Email Address _____

Mobile/cell phone # _____



CCW 
Council of Catholic Women

Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Corner **HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**



April 13

All registered ladies of the parish are invited to attend our monthly meeting in Marian Hall at 6:45 pm. Mary Ellen Mertz will lead our opening prayer.

April 22

Our 2023 Woman of the Year Mary Ellen Mertz, along with other WOTY from the many parishes of the Joliet Diocese will be honored with a Mass at the St. Raymond Cathedral in Joliet at 1 PM. Rev. John Antiporda, JDCCW spiritual adviser will celebrate the Mass.

Mary Ellen's family members, CCW officers Letty Dino, President, Sara Glas, Vice President, Patricia Srain, Secretary and Elaine Wierdak, treasurer, Lynn Bierman, past president, and other previous Corpus Christi WOTY awardees are expected to attend. Then at 4 PM CCW members will continue to celebrate this special occasion to honor Mary Ellen at Anyways American Restaurant in Bloomingdale.

St. Cecilia's Children's Choir



Our next Family Mass will be Sunday, April 30. If you'd like more information about your child (2nd Graders and up) joining our St. Cecilia's Children's Choir, please contact our Music Director, Agata Olszakowska at 630.483.4673 ext. 107 or ccmusicnote@gmail.com and check out our Music Ministry website page at <https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/music-ministry/>



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Corpus Christi Council #10958



FAMILY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



Mark your calendar now for our next - Feed My Starving Children outing - May 6th 2pm – 345pm

What a TREMDOUNS way to spend a few hours helping feed the needy – humbly helping to pack meal packs for families TRULY in need. This is such a humbling and great Christian outreach event. Space is limited. If you have any questions please contact Brian Smith at 630-936-8732 and be sure to visit us in the Narthex to sign up later in the Month of April.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE



VERSITI BLOOD CENTER OF ILLINOIS

Mark your calendar now for the next Blood Drive – Sunday June 25th from 8am – 12-pm

Sign-ups will formally start in Mid-May, but mark your calendar now so you can plan your donations accordingly. We already have 5 people signed up who donated this past weekend.

“A Multitude of Help and Kindness” –

The Knights of Columbus, Supreme office has now collected over \$20,513,610 from 50,000 donors as of 3/25/23. 100% of the money is being distributed to Knights of Columbus Councils in Poland and the Ukraine as well as food and supplies to help those in need. Please visit the following link to view the full article

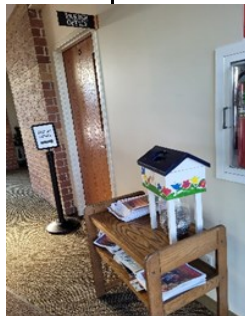


Ukraine support View the whole article at www.kofc.org/en/news-room/articles/multitude-help-and-kindness.html



Interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus?

Please contact a Knight you might know OR Grand Knight, Mark Jatzak at kofcmark@gmail.com / 630-263-8377 or Membership Director Kevin Callahan 630-235-6456. You can also visit: www.kofc.org and research the Knights of Columbus further to learn about the various benefits of membership available that can help protect you and your family.



POP TOPS FOR Ronald McDonald House
NEW LOCATION for the collection bin:
In the hallway by the Office entrance



Pull for the House.

Youth Ministry Team



We are searching for individuals devout in their Catholic faith who feel called to educate, empower, and evangelize the students in the Corpus Christi Youth Ministry program!

1. Drivers/Chaperones

Drivers will transport students to/from off-campus events.

2. Retreat Team

Passionate individuals to assist in all aspects of a successful retreat.

3. Young Adult/Adult Leaders***

Leaders that will attend youth ministry meetings some/every Sunday to assist with curriculum, games/activities, and engagement with students.

(See the parish website for more in depth information about each position)

To volunteer, please contact Sofia, Director of Youth Ministry, by email at (corpuschristiccym@gmail.com) or by calling the parish office at (630-483-4673).



Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2023: The Chrism Mass: A Call to Newness of Life



By the time you are reading this article, we will probably have already celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. During that holy and busy week in the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful, albeit sometimes overshadowed, Mass we celebrate called the “Chrism Mass.” Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we gather for it each year on the Monday after Palm Sunday, and I would like to share with you why I love it so much.

During this joyous and powerful celebration, there are two additional parts that are included in the Mass. The first one is the “Renewal of Priestly Promises.” Immediately after the homily, the priests all stand and the bishop begins to address them with these words: “Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God’s holy people, the promises you once made?”

This year at the Chrism Mass, as I listened to the priests renewing their promises with zeal and courage, I felt a deep sense of unity with them and gratitude for them. I also thanked God not only for their original “Yes” to the priesthood, but also for publicly reaffirming their commitment throughout all the ups and downs of the journey.

The second additional part is the “Presentation of the Oils.” The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are first presented and blessed. Then the Chrism oil is presented to the bishop. Right before the bishop consecrates it, he pours the ‘chrism essence’ into the container and stirs the oil, then he literally breathes upon it, recalling when Jesus breathed on his disciples after the resurrection, thus sending the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

I love that after this Mass, representatives from each of our parishes and various institutions receive a box containing the newly blessed Oils and return to their parishes with these Holy Oils. On Holy Thursday, these Holy Oils are presented in all of our parishes at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. These Holy Oils are used throughout the year for the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and in the dedication of a new church and/or a new Altar.

Immediately after the blessing of the new Oils at the

Chrism Mass, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as the gifts of bread and wine are presented with this prayer over the offerings, “May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life.” It strikes me that the Chrism Mass magnifies this newness of life through Christ our Lord as the priests renew their promises and as the people bring back the new holy oils to their parishes. This newness of life was celebrated in your parish on Easter Sunday and these Holy Oils will be used in your parish and ministries in the year ahead to renew us in our lives.

After the Chrism Mass, as I exited the Cathedral and I was walking through the parking lot, I noticed a small group of people who had also attended the Mass. They were walking to their car, gently carrying the newly blessed Holy Oils almost like parents carrying a new-born baby into the house for the first time. I was delighted by their care and attention.

They told me that they had driven to the Cathedral from Kankakee. One of the women then said, “Bishop, I felt like I won the golden ticket when I was asked to represent my parish at this Mass today. It was just splendid! And it reminded me that our diocese is a lot bigger than just my parish. It felt good to worship with the larger Church today.”

As I started my car, I thought about her comment. Sometimes, we might think that the Church is only as big as our experience in our own local parish. We can easily get focused on just our own personal communities, realities, needs and issues. And yet, we are a large and diverse diocese made up of many people from various demographics and locations with a wide variety of opinions and points of view.

Through it all, part of the beauty of what makes us “Catholic” is that amid our diversity and individual parish experiences, we are also united in Christ. And yet together, wholeheartedly, we all believe that salvation is only through, with and in Him.

So, as I drove home from the Chrism Mass with a smile on my face, I spontaneously uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all of the laity, religious women and men, deacons and priests across our diocese, and for the newness of life that we share, united through Christ, our Lord. †

Pastor

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Chief Stewards 2023

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