

# Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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January 21, 2024 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will  
make you fishers of men." - Mk 1:17

## Mass Intentions

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

### **Saturday, January 20 St. Fabian, St. Sebastian, Martyrs**

5:00 p.m. ✠ Enrique Martinez  
 ✠ Cindy Dusonbury by Deering Family  
 ✠ Annette Fedele by Tony & Debbie Molinaro  
 ✠ Renata Moskal

### **Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** SI Genevieve Novak  
 SI William Happerle by Talbot Family

**10:00 a.m.** ✠ Godofredo Angara Sr. by Angara Family  
 ✠ Godofredo Angara Jr. by Angara Family  
 ✠ Vicente Dacles

**11:30 a.m.** SI Parishioners of Corpus Christi  
 Mass in Polish ✠ Marianna Jurzyk  
 ✠ Vojislav Dobrijevic by Crockett Family

### **Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**

9:00 a.m. ✠ Bernie Palos by Crockett Family  
 ✠ Tom Eisenbart

### **Tuesday, January 23 St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope**

9:00 a.m. ✠ Donald Raef by Crockett Family

### **Wednesday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop**

9:00 a.m. SI Matthew Crockett  
 ✠ Gordon Ledford by Crockett Family

### **Thursday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul**

9:00 a.m. ✠ Szymon Chlebowicz Birthday Blessings

### **Friday, January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops**

9:00 a.m. SI Zachary Crockett by Crockett Family  
 ✠ Vickie Darovec

### **Saturday, January 27 St. Angela Merici**

5:00 p.m. ✠ Enrique Martinez  
 ✠ Josephine Fritz by Tony & Debbie Molinaro

### **Sunday, January 28 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 a.m.** SI Genevieve Novak  
 SI Jane Schubert by Crockett Family

**10:00 a.m.** ✠ Concetta Burdi by Family  
 ✠ Angelo, Angela & Johnny Latrofa  
 ✠ Frank & Tony Campobasso

**11:30 a.m.** SI Parishioners of Corpus Christi  
 Mass in Polish

Joe Ernest Alonto	Samantha Harvey	<b>Bill Ohlhaber</b>
Adnan Alonto	Louise Harrison	Sue Patterson
Javier-Maria Alonso	Larry Hartnett	Betty Pilafis
Pat Baker	<b>Daniel Hartzell</b>	<b>Lucy Pope</b>
Asuncion Baldwin	<b>Donna Hawko</b>	AJ (Austin) Rose
Janay Bell	<b>Debbie Henke</b>	Melissa and Joe Reynolds
<b>Brian Bennett</b>	Asha J.	Dolores Salerno
Gerri Tillman Bentel	Pamela Jacobs	Martin Salerno
Nelly Bonugli	Patricia Johnson	<b>Donna Sanchez</b>
Cathy Brill	<b>Geoffrey Johnson</b>	<b>Christine Scardina</b>
Brittany Brinkman	Shawn Jurgensen	Russell Schauer
<b>Bud Brown</b>	Maria Klisz	Mary Beth Sheppardson
<b>Theresa Bull</b>	Ann Krueger	Antonio Sievert
Melanie B.	Westin LaFever	Alberto Sievert
Dave Calderone	Rose Marie Lambert	Evelyn Simonetta
Terry Cook	Sondra Long	Steve & Barbara Smith
Alan Demascus	Jackie Lower	Mark Smith
Tessa Dante	Keegan Manz	<b>Lorraine Standiford</b>
Karen Deering	Enrique Martinez	Arzy Staten
Martha Durnil	Maria	Kathy Staten
Denise Ealy	Darnell Matesi	Bill Staunton
Annette Fath	<b>Karen Mahrenholz</b>	Robert Strawn
Joe Fenton	<b>Kevin McKinney</b>	Vicki Strawn
Betty Funer	Larry Miller	<b>Lorenzo Tamburello</b>
Carol Gatti	Josephine Miller	Baby Kyle Templin
<b>Mike Gebhardt</b>	Joe Moser	Julie Tkaczuk
Cristina Gonzalez	Mark Muzer	Mike Tkaczuk
Chris Gries	<b>Elida Navarro</b>	<b>Juanita Torronio</b>
<b>Clarence Groves</b>	Mary Nekyha	Rita Whitney
Paula Grueder	<b>Michael Novak</b>	<b>Rachele Zito</b>
Rocella Hampton	John Numrich	
Dr. Dan Haraf		

### *In Loving Remembrance*

Josephine Fritz, Annette Golome Turk

*May they Rest in Peace*

### ROSARY FOR LIFE

*Come pray the Pro-Life Rosary at Corpus Christi on Tuesday mornings in the church after the 9 am Mass.*



### Readings for the Week of January 21, 2024

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30  
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35  
**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20  
**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18  
**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34  
**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41  
**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/ Mk 1:21-28

The 2024 Mass book is available. Please call the office 630-483-4673 or email at [corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net) with your intention.

## Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

In our church, like in many Catholic churches, priests remind participants at a funeral Mass that although visitors who belong to various Christian denominations or other religions are welcomed, only Catholics are allowed to receive Holy Communion. After one funeral, I received a letter from an adult grandson of the deceased. He thanked me for my kind words and noble ceremony; he also expressed some complaints.

He wrote: *“I found myself taken aback by what I perceived as a significant departure from what I understand to be biblically accurate Communion practices. During the service, you, Father, conveyed that only Catholics were permitted to partake in Communion, explicitly excluding others from participating in this sacred offering. I believe this approach contradicts the inclusive nature of Communion as intended by Jesus. In my understanding, Communion is not meant to be confined to a specific church or denomination; rather, it is the Lord's Table, a symbol of unity among born-again believers in fellowship with the Lord and each other.”* After several additional arguments, he concluded: *“I urge you to reconsider the Communion requirements at Corpus Christi and align them with a more inclusive interpretation of biblical teachings. Embracing a broader perspective on Communion has the potential to bridge gaps, foster understanding, and positively impact those who may be exploring their faith journey.”*

In my answer to him, I stated that I believe that his call for inclusivity in receiving Communion originates from his lack of understanding of fundamental Catholic teaching regarding the Eucharist -- the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist -- and the very nature of the Church. So, I offered him the following clarifications:

First, the practices and teaching at Corpus Christi Church are not the practices and teaching of **our parish**. They came from Apostolic times that later were deepened by the theological works of the saints and theologians like St. Augustine, St. Irenaeus, St. Thomas Aquinas and many others, under the invisible but real guidance of the Holy Spirit. The dogmatic teaching of the Church, including moral teaching, is **identical** in every Catholic church in the world, whether it is in France, Poland, Africa, China, Chicago, or Carol Stream.

For the first 1,500 years, Christianity existed nearly exclusively as the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church (with the same theological teaching as the Catholic Church). It is only after the Protestant Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century that new teaching on the Eucharist was created by various Protestant denominations. Both the Catholic and Orthodox Churches continue with the unchanged 2,000-year-old teaching regarding Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Most Protestant churches (which number more than 20,000 denominations) do not have the Eucharist at all. Although some of them use the word “Eucharist” to describe their religious gatherings/services, it is not the Eucharist, and cannot be, since there is no consecration of the bread to become the Body of Christ. Moreover, they are not able to make a real consecration, since only priests ordained by the bishops in the Catholic Church or the Orthodox Church are able to do so. In addition, many Protestant churches believe that Jesus in the bread is present only symbolically.

It is important to know and understand that people who do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus and are not in full communion with the Catholic Church cannot receive Communion. The word “communion” itself means “union with.” It would be illogical for them to receive Communion, since receiving it would not be a sign of communion with the Church to which they do not belong to and whose teaching they do not share.

As Catholics, we know that the Eucharist is the



very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We know that the Real Presence of Christ effected in this Sacrament does not cease once the celebration of

the Mass is finished. This is why we worship the Eucharist, genuflecting or bowing deeply, as a sign of adoration of the Lord. Jesus said: “This is my body,” not “This is my body for that moment.”

When a Catholic says, “Amen” to “The Body of Christ,” he or she acknowledges the Eucharist to be the very Body and Blood of Christ and not a mere symbol. At the same time, a Catholic acknowledges and accepts the teachings of the Church and maintains communion or unity with the Church. This is a claim that a non-Catholic cannot genuinely make.

Most non-Catholics and non-Christians do not believe that Holy Communion is the very Body and Blood of the Savior. If one said, “Amen” to “The Body of Christ,” he or she would be speaking falsely. Even if a Protestant does believe that Holy Communion is the very Body and Blood of Christ, that individual could still not honestly say, “Amen” to “The Body of Christ” because he or she has no real intention of maintaining unity with the Catholic Church.

Because the Catholic Church loves and respects all people and their beliefs, we do not share Communion with those who are not in union with us. We want them to remain men and women of integrity. Moreover, Catholics who committed a mortal sin of any kind cannot receive Communion (the Body of Christ) during Mass. St. Paul says, “*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord . . . For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself*” (I Corinthians 11:27-29).



At the end of my explanation to this man’s letter, I dealt with the word “inclusivity” that he used very frequently as the main reason for allowing all Christians, no matter what denomination, to receive the Body of Christ. I noted that this word “inclusivity” received common recognition in recent years and became so popular in justification of anything in society. As such, this word could have neutral and even positive meaning, but unfortunately, it gained an absolute value and became kind of a “golden calf” that supersedes other values like truth, justice, fairness, and even logic.

For example, today we witness some groups in our society which try to use inclusivity as a weapon to force women to compete in sports with men who claim to be women. With such understanding of inclusivity, even God would be obliged to accept every person into His eternal kingdom, notwithstanding that a person is good or is a villain to prevent being accused of a lack of inclusivity. In fact, the Holy Scripture clearly shows that unrepenting sinners will have no eternal life with God. Fortunately, God has no ambition to please people, like some churches do, but He leads all people to the full truth. For the same reason, the Catholic Church must listen to God and does not “align with a more inclusive interpretation of biblical teachings,” as stated in the letter I received.

Fr. Mark Jurzyk



## Corpus Christi Council of Catholic Women (CCW) Corner

### It's time for our New Fundraiser...

The Flower Power Fundraiser will begin on 1/20/24 and conclude on 2/18/24. All forms will need to be turned in by 2/20/24. Forms can be turned in at the front office w/checks made payable to: **CCW Corpus Christi**.

There are two ways you can participate: **Option 1**-You will find order forms in the narthex to order and the items will be delivered to the church and we will distribute them Mid-April (Tentatively 4/20-4/21 after masses). This will be updated in the future based on shipping update. There will be no shipping charge for this option. **Option 2** is to order online at <http://CCWCorpusChristi.FPfundraising.com>. This option increases the selection to 60. Online each order will be charged a \$6.99 Shipping Charge, but the order will be delivered directly to your door. Please feel free to share the above link with Family/Friends. The CCW will earn 40-50% of the sales. Also be aware that the selections will be different on each Option. When ordering be mindful that we are generally in Zone 5. Some areas of Illinois vary.

For questions regarding the sale contact **Joanne @ (630) 240-5637**.

### Upcoming CCW Events

**Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup> - Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> - Spring Flower Power Fundraiser**

**Thursday February 1 - CCW Monthly Meeting**

**Saturday/Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> - Valentine's Bake Sale**

### Fast For Life

On Friday, January 19th, hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children marched through Washington, D.C., by the Capitol, House, Senate, and Supreme Court buildings - because although 2022 marked the end of *Roe v. Wade*, this is just the beginning of protecting life in all fifty states!

#FastforLife is a way for those who couldn't attend the day's events in Washington, D.C. to participate in the pro-life movement from home, work, or wherever they are. Over the past few years, #FastforLife has grown into a worldwide initiative, with participants from all 50 states and many countries. How beautiful that support for the most vulnerable members of society—the unborn, elderly, sick or disabled—truly spans the globe.

Whether you choose to fast with us in a traditional sense or your circumstances require a more unique approach to fasting, we have ideas to help you get started. Go to [#Fast For Life - Relevant Radio](#)



### Children's Choir & Family Mass

The next Family Mass is **Sunday January 21, at 10 am**. 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](mailto:ccmusicnote@gmail.com) and check out our Music Ministry website page at <https://corpuschristicarolstream.org/music-ministry/>

### JDCCS Winter Day of Recollection

**JDCCS**  
Joliet Diocese Catholic  
Committee on Scouting

**Navigating Our Faith:  
The Eucharistic Revival -  
February 17, 2024**

**St. Michael's Catholic Church Wheaton, IL**

The event is open to all registered scouts, from American Heritage Girls, all levels of Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, & Venturers who have received their First Eucharist (grades 2+). Space is limited so register today! This half-day event is a quick-start to earning your Eucharistic Revival patch and the activity patches available. We will begin with Mass, followed by the opportunity for Adoration and Reconciliation. We will also learn about Eucharistic Miracles and participate in a living rosary. HURRY! Only Scouts who register by FEBRUARY 5 will be guaranteed the Eucharistic Revival patches. Register at: [joliethdiocesecatholicscouts.org](http://joliethdiocesecatholicscouts.org)





# Religious Education News

## Calendar

1/21 10am – Family Mass

### First Reconciliation

Congratulations to our Genesis II and Grade 2 students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time:

Thea Ancona	Kamil Baran
Brianna Brittich	Raegan Cabaj
Madelyn Campo	Anderson Cherry
Lena Chotas	Emma Cygan
Anthony Debnar	Anthony Dilla
William Farfan	Joshua Hallwas
Jacob Harris	Carlos Manzanares
Sofia Mazanares	Dominic Panvino
Oliwier Perchlicki	Francesca Pesce
Riley Regalado	Emma Risa
Rebecca Sanders	Nolan Seitz
Ellie Serwinek	Molly Spratt
Ariana Stark	Imanol Tellez
Santiago Tellez	Samuel Tomaso
Santino Vairo	Bryn Wanshek
Alexander Widzowski	Mishel Zmiejko

### Sixth Grade Living Stations of the Cross

Parents of sixth grade students should have received information in the mail regarding the students' participation in the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Please contact the RE office with questions at [cceducation@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cceducation@sbcglobal.net) or (630) 483-4222.

### Good Deeds

**Carlos** - helped  
**Junior** - helped my Mom bake gingerbread men  
**Sofia** - helped

# Confirmation



**Sofia Lech**  
**Confirmation Coordinator**

### IMPORTANT Confirmation II Requirements

The following are due from all Confirmation II students by March 1<sup>st</sup>:

- ✚ Letter to Fr. Marek
- ✚ Sponsor Report
- ✚ Saint Report
- ✚ Sponsor Verification form



Students will have the Sacrament of Confirmation delayed until all requirements are met.

### Confirmation Parent Meeting

The next required meeting for parents of Confirmation students will be held:

- ✚ Sunday, 1/21 at 9am in Marian Hall. See you there!

Additional meetings will be held on Sunday, 2/18 at 9am and Sunday, 3/10 at 9am. Please mark your calendars!

### Mass Reflection and Service Project Forms

Students are asked to submit Mass Reflection and Service Project forms as soon as possible. Please do not hold forms until all are complete.

### Upcoming Service Projects

*This year, students will be required to complete ten (10) hours of service.*

YM meetings – Every Sunday, 6-8pm

Contact [corpuschristiccym@gmail.com](mailto:corpuschristiccym@gmail.com) to sign up or request further information.

## The Legion of Mary Invites You to Welcome the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into Your Home.

Corpus Christi's Legion of Mary invites parishioners to bring the Lady of Fatima statue into your homes for a week to encourage families, especially those with young children, to pray together. We will provide a prayer packet to help you. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at [corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net) or leave a message at 312-237-6448. We will be glad to answer any questions or provide you with more details.

Our Lady of Fatima has already visited 22 families in our Corpus Christi parish community since it began its journey from house to house in August of last year. The latest host to welcome the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their home was Joe and Geri Bird.



**Here are comments and observations from people who had Our Lady of Fatima's statue in their home:**

*"We loved having Mary visit us. She helped us through a very difficult week. Our dear brother-in-law died and we had a difficult week with the funeral and all that went with it. But Mary was there every day to help us. Mary will be welcomed to visit us always."*

*"Her visit was one of the best experiences. I felt her presence each day, moving me closer to her Son."*

*"Mary answered the prayers in my heart, as my husband joined me in praying the rosary and gave me the courage to speak."*

*"I would like to thank the Legion of Mary for bringing our Lady into our home. Our daughter and her 3 children came to join us to pray the rosary. It was beautiful to see and hear my 7-year-old grandson saying "Mary, the Lord is with me . . ." I loved it and didn't correct him because I know the Lord is with him as he said two decades of the rosary."*

*"Thank you, Our Lady of Fatima, for the visit. Praying the rosary daily with the whole family brought us closer to God and united hearts to the Blessed Virgin."*

**The Legion of Mary is a lay catholic organization whose members are giving service to the Church on a voluntary basis in almost every country. The goal of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary's and the Church's work. Corpus Christi's Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday at 7 pm in Marian Hall. New members are always welcome. Contact Letty at [ldino518@gmail.com](mailto:ldino518@gmail.com) for more information.**



## The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## Finance Update for the month of December

Monthly Offertory total	\$29,650
Building Maintenance	\$2,613
Flowers	\$1,822
Immaculate Conception	\$976
Christmas total as of 1/4/24	\$30,297
Retired Religious	\$1,239

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

## The St. Vincent de Paul Society



If you are in need of help, please call our confidential hotline number: 331-229-9069.

**We welcome new members!**

### SCAN HERE TO MAKE YOUR OFFERTORY



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



*Saint*  
**MARIANNE COPE**

### St. Marianne Cope | January 23

Barbara Koop, later Mother Marianne Cope, was born in Germany on January 23, 1838, and immigrated with her parents to New York when she was 2 years old. In August of 1862 she went to the sisters of the Third Order of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York and took her vows the next year. Her early religious life saw her working as a teacher and administrator for local Catholic schools until she was called upon by the bishop to use her administrative skills as superior of St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York. She devoted herself to the care of the sick and infirm and the hospital flourished under her leadership. As the Provincial Mother of her order in Syracuse, Cope, along with six other sisters, she answered a call made by the Hawaiian government to run the Kaka'ako Branch Hospital on Oahu that served as a receiving station for people suspected of having leprosy. Of the more than 50 religious communities in the United States and Canada who were asked by the government to help the suffering communities and hospitals for those with leprosy (Hansen's disease) in Hawaii, Mother Marianne and her sisters were the only ones to answer the call. They immediately got to work transforming the hospital environment for those with leprosy and their families. She often provided bright scarves and dresses for the women she served and cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.





# 9 DAYS FOR **LIFE**

**JANUARY 16-24**

*Pray to protect human life!*

Join Catholics nationwide in prayer for the protection of human life! You can download the novena or get the daily prayers and reflections by email or text message.

**9DAYSFORLIFE.COM**



## It's Superbowl Squares and Raffle basket time

Please visit the Knights of Columbus in the Narthex to support this annual Council and Parish fundraiser. Basket raffles will be drawn on  
**Superbowl Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Parishioners, if you can help with providing a basket for the Annual Basket Raffle this year, the Knights and the parish would greatly appreciate it. Baskets should be at least \$25 value and can be dropped off to the Knights in the Narthex or the office during the week.

### REMEMBERING WITH A FLOWER OFFERING THIS CHRISTMAS:

*Joseph and Gloria La Berg*

*John Talbot*

*Celestia Zerfahs*

*Jerry Wawrzyniak*

*Linda Gillard*

*Jim Murray*

*The Luporini and Loverher Families*

*Carl and Cecilia Roth*

*Nick and Carmella Nickl*

*John and Carol Pietrusiak*

*John and Genevieve Bierman*

*Jan Badocha*

*Bogdan Ptasek*

*Leona and James Ginski*

*Joseph and Timothy Lambert*

*Elizabeth Marecek*

*Nancy Houdek*

*The Hartigan Family*

*The Guili Family*

*The La Gattuta Family*

*Enriqueta and Ben Aurelio*

*Eden Aurilio*

*Ben Jr and Mina Aurelio*

*Joe and Irene Mamica*

*Bill and Arlene Bowers*

*Lorraine Sikokis*

*Don and Arzy Staten*

*Mary Thiltgen*

*Rosanna Garafolo*

*John T. Jennings*

*Rich Ferdinand*

*Bart Moccio*

*Tom Warick*

*Mama Trini*

*Mama Fina*

*Anna and Frank Izban, Sr.*

*Angela and Adam Domaracki*

*Al Faczek*

*Rosemary Faczek*

*Catalina Vega*



# Bishop Hicks' Column



## January 2024 BENEFITS OF A PAPER CALENDAR IN THE DIGITAL AGE

IN AN ERA DOMINATED BY SMARTPHONES AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital calendar that automatically syncs with my phone. Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days,

and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes. If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: [bit.ly/3tE94m0](https://bit.ly/3tE94m0)

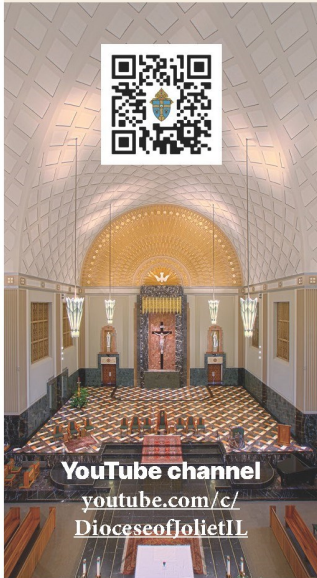


Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

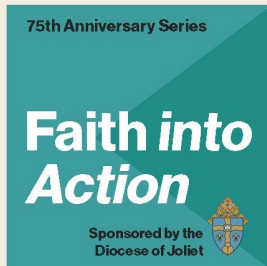
Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours. †

# Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.



YouTube channel  
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## Podcast

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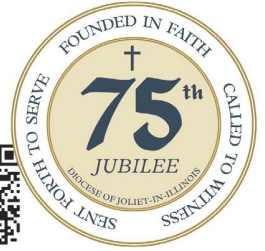


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COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# 75th Anniversary Timeline

Visit [dijoliet.org/75th](http://dijoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS	
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul	
November 25–December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	<a href="http://dijoliet.org/75th">dijoliet.org/75th</a>	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/reflections	
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948	
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier	
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	<p>The St. Francis Xavier statue that will be dedicated on December 3 is modeled after the patron of the diocese in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus</p> 	
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD		
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/3N44OTB">https://bit.ly/3N44OTB</a>		
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill		Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee		For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County	
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties	
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service		
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks	
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	

**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://corpuschristicarolstream.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](mailto:corpuschristicc@sbcglobal.net))

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