



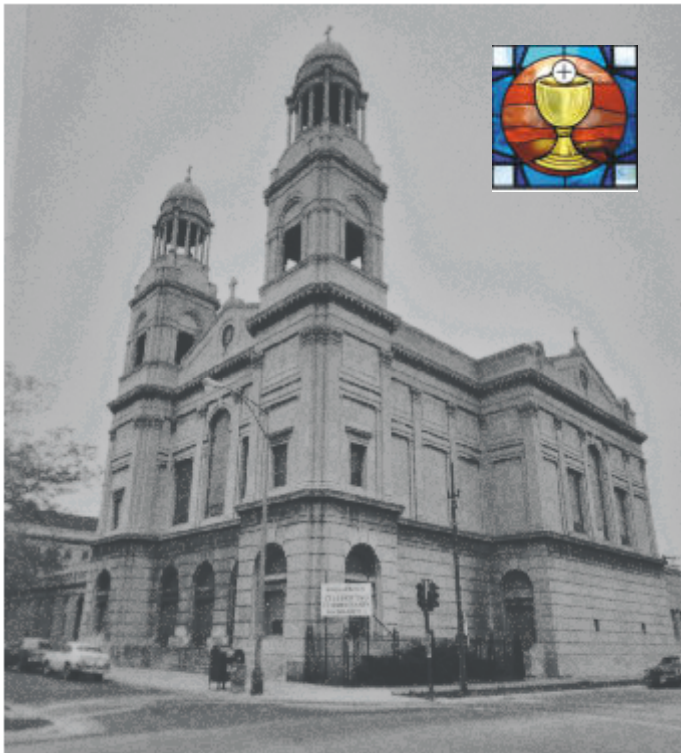
Corpus Christi Catholic Church



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Sunday Masses:

9:30 a.m.

Igbo Community Mass

Every last two Sundays of the month - 2:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday—Saturday - 8:00 a.m.

Legal Holidays - 8:00 a.m.

Holydays of Obligation - 8 am & 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Fridays - 8:30a.m. - 6 pm

Confessions:

Saturdays 5:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m. or by appointment

Infant Baptism:

Please call the parish office to make arrangements with the pastor. Parents must ensure enough time to participate in preparation meetings prior to the Baptism.

Marriages/Weddings: Prior to making any arrangements, please call the parish and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months before the proposed date of the wedding.

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Parish/Rectory Phone: 773-285-7720

Fax: 773-285-2572

The **Parish Pastoral Council** meets on the 2nd Saturday of the month, September through June. It's Chairperson is **Lorrie Walls**

The **Parish Finance Committee** meets on the 4th Saturday of the month, September through June. Its Chairperson is **Nancy Banks**.

Parish Registration: To be considered an active member of the parish, every single adult and family must be duly registered with the parish office, and must be on our mailing list, and regularly using the parish weekly donation envelopes. Please, call the office if you are interested in joining our Parish Family.

Our Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Corpus Christi Catholic Church, believe that God, The Source of Life, has graced us through Our Lord Jesus Christ, who stands as a living example for us to follow in our daily lives. We believe that we are called by the Holy Spirit to build up the Body of Christ, to be united in a common bond as a people who proclaim the Good News of salvation and who share God's love by ministering to others.



Fourth Week of Advent Year C December 23, 2018

PARISH  CALENDAR

We enter the fourth week of Advent and Christmas is almost here. It is just a few more days! Already the word of God is preparing our minds for the great mystery of Christmas that we will soon celebrate. The prophecy of Micah in the first reading reveals the message of the coming of “one who is to be the ruler of Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.” The gospel presents the story of John the Baptist and Jesus – the forerunner and the expected Messiah, both in the womb, and the honor that is given to Mary because of this child that she was carrying; this child who is “God with us.”

The first reading today, from the Prophet Micah, speaks about a future ruler of Israel who will come from Bethlehem. This prophecy and other prophecies created an expectation in the hearts of the chosen people of God, and belief that a Messiah would come from Bethlehem. In many passages, the whole of Jewish Scripture presented messages of a future man who will do great things for the chosen people of God and for nations to the ends of the earth. Many Jewish people believed that this great figure would be a political Messiah, who would liberate the people of Israel and make them great and dominant on the earth

The Gospel of Luke today presents us with Mary who is pregnant and her visitation to her relative Elizabeth who is also pregnant. It is the story of two pregnant women in a period of great expectation. These biblical characters were all expecting something great and joyful to happen. Mary and Elizabeth who had the privilege of encountering God and who received the revelation of Gods plan were bonded in the same belief, and they were eager to share their experiences with each other. Mary is highly honored because of the child that she was carrying in her womb. From the lips of Elizabeth came the revelation that Mary is the “Most Blessed” of all women because of her faith in God and for the grace to bear Jesus. Together these two women who were cousins knew what they expected and they were joyful. They were convinced that God would fulfill his plan and were waiting for the fulfillment of this plan.

Most people look for something more; something in this life, something that will give them pleasure, power and control. But we remember that Jesus said in the bible, “My kingdom is not of this world.” The coming of Jesus is not about some external reality. He came to be with us, to give himself for his people, and he wants us to reciprocate this goodwill. Just as he came to us and shared in our human nature, we are also invited to share our hearts and our beings with him completely. God wants us to seek Him and to do His will.

Are we expectant like Mary and Elizabeth? What have we done so far to prepare ourselves for a deeply spiritual Christmas? What have we been doing to prepare ourselves for Christ? Let us live these last days of Advent, loving and trusting that the Lord is transforming our lives in Christ Jesus and will come to us as he promised, if we engage him at a deeper faith level, not just at Christmas but daily, everywhere, at the end of our life here in this world, and at the end of time.

Fr. Anthony Anike, M.S.P.

Sunday
8:40am
9:30am
2:30pm

December 23 *FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

Rosary
Families of Corpus Christi
IGBO Community Mass

Monday
9:30 am.
10:00pm
10:30pm.

December 24, Christmas Eve

Families of Corpus Christi Church
Carols
Christmas Vigil Mass

Tuesday
9:30am.

December 25,
Christmas Day Mass

Sunday
8:40 am
9:30am
2:30pm

December 30, *THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH*

Rosary
Families of Corpus Christi
IGBO Community Mass

Monday
Tuesday
9:30am

December 31, *New Year Eve*
January 1, 2019 *SOLEMNITY of MARY & NEW YEARS*

** Daily Mass 8:00 am Monday—Saturday
** Saturday Confessions (In Church) 5 - 7 pm

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“A Prayer For “Renew My Church”

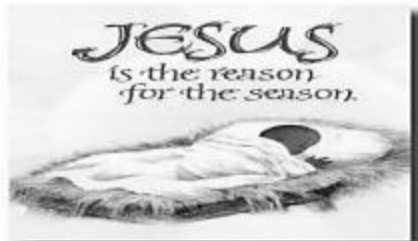
Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us to hear you clearly to listen to each other attentively to imagine our future boldly to discern your direction wisely to persevere in your holy will courageously to stay together in charity to surrender our own plans readily to embrace the greater good to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ROSARY & LITANY SCHEDULE

The Rosary & Litany is at 8:40 am to 9:10 am each Sunday. A prayer guide will be available for the parishioners at the ushers table. Please join us.



STEWARDSHIP
 Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Church News

COLLECTION



Sunday, December 16, 2018
\$698.00

If you work on Sundays or for some other reason are unable to attend Corpus Christi on Sundays, know that we seriously would appreciate and need your tithes. If we all contribute our tithes, it would help us reach the \$3,000 goal per Sunday that we need.

We are grateful and thankful to the individuals and families of our parish who are making sacrifices to support the parish financially. God bless you all!

Lectors Schedule

- December 23, 9:30am Nancy Banks & Larry Cope
4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 10:30pm Connie Houseworth & Lorrie Walls
Christmas Eve
- December 25, 9:30am Ruth Willingham & Silmon Reed
Christmas Day

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- December 23, 9:30am Ruth Willingham & Ruth Thomas
4th Sunday of Advent
- December 24, 10:30pm Larry Cope & Ronald Barner
Christmas Eve
- December 25, 9:30am Meltonia Swain & Theresa Rhea
Christmas Day

NO BIBLE STUDY CLASS



No Bible Study on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Bible study will resume in the 2019 New year.

SICK AND SHUT-IN LIST

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| Curtis Albright | Mable Gray |
| Dorla Allen | Rochelle Gresham |
| Eva Awong | Adolphus Hall |
| Myra Baugh | Mildred Jackson |
| Barbara McGee-Berry | Georgia Leftridge |
| Lee Etta Clark | Carrie Miller |
| Byron Diggs | William McCullough |
| Ola Mae Forde | Joseph C. Precely |
| | Rita White |



Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in members by keeping them in your prayers. We ask that our members check on our elderly and sick & shut-in members, and those who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. As a courtesy, please call before visiting.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELPS TO BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION

If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic or if you or anyone you know would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact Theresa Rhea at (773-671-3890). Classes for preparation for Reconciliation and First Communion for Catholic children at least 7 years old and Bible Study for all children are held on the third and fourth Saturdays of each month, 10:30 am until 12:00 pm.

Dear Corpus Christi Family:

I wish to thank you for your many get well wishes and prayers during my recent hospitalization. I am sure it was your prayers that allowed God's healing power to reach me and heal me. I am now out of the hospital and recovering, but I owe that to our parish family and the power of prayer. Thank you again for your prayers. Please keep me in your prayers.

Sincerely,
Adolphus Hall, Jr.

Share A Gift

We deeply appreciate your support for the drive for toiletries to help our less privileged neighbors this Holiday and Winter season. With your support we were able to help a good number of people to be warm and to share in the joy of Christmas. Thank you all and God bless you for bringing God's love to these neighbors.

Priest in Residence Leaving

Fr. Michael Ajayi who has been priest-in-residence with us here at Corpus Christi for some years will be leaving us on December 31 to continue his training in Kentucky. We enjoyed his stay with us and his support for Corpus Christi Church. May the good Lord go with him and bless him in all his professional endeavors. We hope he visits again sometime in the future.

Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Ron Hicks Interview

Jan Slattery, a member of the National Review Board of the USCCB and former Director of the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth in the Archdiocese of Chicago, hosted an interview with Cardinal Cupich and Bishop Hicks to discuss the handling of the sex abuse crisis in the Church. The conversation can be viewed on our CatholicChicago YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EFY8HLJrPH4>

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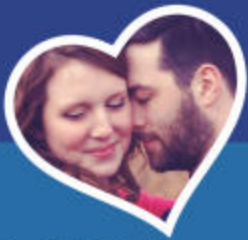
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