

# CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH



## TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 30, 2020

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

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**PASTORAL MINISTER:**  
SR. JOANN PLUMPE

**SENIOR DEACON:**  
DAVID ADLER

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
SATURDAY 3:30 P.M.  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**  
MARRIAGE PREP MUST START 6 MONTHS  
PRIOR TO MARRIAGE

**SACRAMENT OF THE  
ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**  
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE TO REGISTER

**TO BECOME CATHOLIC:**  
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE FOR  
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*



22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time, Cycle A, 8/29 & 30/20  
 Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2,  
 Matthew 16:21-27

St. Rose of Lima: Our Lord once said to her “Let all men know that grace comes after tribulation; that without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace; that the gifts of grace increase as the struggles increase, and that without the cross they can find no road to climb to heaven.”

In our Lord’s day “take up your cross and follow me” was an idiom meaning, be ready to offer your life for my cause. Sounds like something an employer might say to someone hiring into a dangerous job, or an explorer to someone hiring on to the expeditionary force. So, when Jesus said this to His disciples it meant they need to be ready and willing to put up with hardships’ perhaps even death, for living according to His “Way”. Here again we see Jesus’ demand for a total commitment to Him personally, not just an intellectual ascent, nor a lukewarm acquaintanceship.

The first step of this formulary, “deny himself”, is critical. Self-renunciation, self-abasement is the important first step, otherwise, we won’t stoop down to take up our cross. “Taking up our cross” means patiently, charitably dealing with the unpleasanties in our lives. You know, Jesus didn’t go into the Temple looking for a fight; no, He went to teach whoever would listen to Him! Dealing with the Pharisees’ hatred and peoples’ rejection and indifference was part of His cross. He accepted His eventual sufferings as a consequence of doing our Father’s will in the face of men’s sinfulness. He didn’t look for it, just accepted it; and neither do we look to take on difficult situations on our own. Situations such as: caring for a special needs child, debilitating medical problems either personal or someone close, a spouse or parent with dementia or Alzheimer’s Disease, the job we hate, the co-workers who dislike us, the bullies and/or gangbangers at school and in the neighborhood, the burned out teacher, bosses without compassion, parents who are so overwhelmed by their own problems that they can’t or won’t get involved in their children’s lives... You name it, we got it!

How difficult these situations can be, especially over the long-haul! One can really begin to appreciate what Christ did, but, if and when we can identify with Jesus, there’s serious grace involved, and we’re truly attaining a deeper participation in the Divine Nature! The timelessness of this message is displayed in Jeremiah’s life, in Paul’s letter to the Roman’s, and in our lives, too. Welcome to the Church of strugglers my friends! ...and so it goes...

## Schedule of Events

### **Sunday, August 30th**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass  
 6:00 p.m. Celebration of Mass—St. Hyacinth  
 6:30 p.m. Booster Club Meeting

### **Monday, August 31st**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### **Tuesday, September 1st**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### **Wednesday, September 2nd**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### **Thursday, September 3rd**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### **Friday, September 4th**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

### **Saturday, September 5th**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

3:30 p.m. Confession

4:30 p.m. Celebration of Mass

Food Pantry

### **Sunday, September 6th**

8:00 a.m. Celebration of Mass

10:15 a.m. Celebration of Mass

Food Pantry

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

## *Fr. Kevin’s Corner*



### **Good Eggs**

One person can make a difference. That is the basis for the *Catholic Digest’s* “Good Egg Awards.” Readers are asked to nominate everyday people who give of themselves in uncommon ways — in other words, the “good eggs” in our communities.

Take Nancy Watt, one year’s first place winner. A friend, Silvija Perija, who had fled the war in Sarajevo and finally settled in Ontario, Canada, nominated her.

Perija’s little boy, Dario, was introduced to the English language by Watt who, according to Perija, enriched her son’s and all the students’ lives with attention and care. Watt supports all her students’ talents and gifts, even attending events such as concerts or soccer games to offer encouragement.

Each of us can make a difference. Be a good egg today.

*Imbue me with the spirit of helping others,  
 young and old, friend and stranger, Lord Jesus.*

**Corpus Christi Stewardship**

**August 23, 2020**

Envelopes . . . . .	\$9,626.00
Loose . . . . .	\$192.00
Children’s . . . . .	0.00
Children’s Loose . . . . .	0.00
Youth . . . . .	0.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$9,818.00</b>

*Adult: 135 Children: 0 Youth: 0*

**Stewardship Thought**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?”**

*Matthew 16:26*

We must be careful to not use our God-given gifts solely to gain more worldly possessions. While worldly things are not terrible in and of themselves, it is extremely important to set priorities. How are we returning our gifts to God; and how are we using them for things of the material world?

**PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN MARY FOR PROTECTION**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Our Lady of the Assumption, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

With assurances of my prayers for all of you, may you experience, Peace and joy in Christ,

Most Rev. Robert D. Gruss  
Bishop of Saginaw

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

**Blood Drive**

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please call OLC parish office (893-6421) for more information. Call (866)-642-5663 to make an appointment.

**Live Mass to Stream Online Daily**

Saginaw—In the absence of public Masses being celebrated across the Diocese of Saginaw, we invite 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.

**CHECK IT OUT!**  
 Our Parish Website   
[www.corpus-christi-parish.com](http://www.corpus-christi-parish.com)  
 Go to our website for all information concerning bulletins, pictures, minutes, and **CANCELLATIONS.**

We now have the ability for you to do **on-line giving.** Go to our website (listed above) and click on the On-Line Giving tab. **FAST– SAFE—SECURE**

*Information and updates can also be found on the **Corpus Christi Facebook page.***

**Sponsor of The Week**

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**Corpus Christi Parish** is now using MyParishApp. This is a free app that can be downloaded to your smartphone. This is another way that the parish can communicate with parishioners. MyParishApp also is a great resource for prayers and all sorts of information. The weekly bulletin is available through the app and also on our website.

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### Wedding Anniversary Announcements

If you would like to have your **Wedding Anniversary** announced in church **during the intercessions**, please call the **Parish Office at least two weeks in advance**. To avoid announcing mis-information, only those called in to the office will be announced. If you would like it in the /bulletin we need to know a month in advance.



### Food of Faith

Corpus Christi Parish hosted a Food of Faith dinner on August 13th at Messiah Lutheran Church. Mary McGuire was the team leader and the helpers were: Ashlee Taylor, Dalia Boyle, Andy Kolak and Brianna Trares. There were 118 people served. The menu included Sloppy joes, potato salad and corn on the cob and dessert. Thank You!

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### SMILE

In the traffic court of a large Midwestern city, a young lady was brought before the judge to answer for a ticket given her for driving through a red light. She explained to his honor that she was a schoolteacher and requested an immediate disposal of her case so she could get to the school on time. A wild gleam came into the judge's eye.

"You're a schoolteacher, eh?" said he.

"Madam, I shall realize my lifelong ambition. I've waited years to have a schoolteacher in this court. Sit down at that table and write 'I went through a red light' 500 times!"




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### Mass Attendance

Some of the guidelines we will follow are:

- ◆ The number of people attending Mass will be limited due to social distancing. of 6 ft., which must be strictly enforced. Families of the same household may sit together. The cry room, balcony and chapel will not be used for any seating.
- ◆ Parishioners **MUST** call the parish office (893-4073) before noon on Friday to reserve your place at Mass. When the allotted number of persons are signed up for a Mass, no others will be allowed to attend. You are to check in at the door. Additional Masses can be scheduled depending upon demand.
- ◆ **MASKS ARE MANDATORY. ... NO MASK... NO MASS**
- ◆ **Masks that cover the mouth and nose must be worn when on parish grounds and in all buildings. The only time a mask may be removed is to consume the Eucharist.** Those who choose to wear gloves must remove them also to receive the Eucharist.
- ◆ Communion will be received in the hand only. We are sympathetic to those who feel receiving communion on the tongue is important, but for the safety of the priest and all parishioners, that practice will be discontinued for the time being.
- ◆ There will be baskets near the Altar for contribution envelopes so that there is no community basket being passed. We thank those who have continued to support the parish during this time!
- ◆ We will not be using worship aids at this time.
- ◆ Please exit directly from the church. Do not stop to visit or congregate.

It is understood that many may not be comfortable with returning to church at this time; that is why the bishop has given dispensation until the end of August. Anyone who is ill, or those who are over 60 with under-lying health issues such as diabetes, heart or lung issues, etc. making them more vulnerable are encouraged to stay home.

**No admittance or exit from the North Door (by the choir)**



### Worship Aid Dedications



In Loving Memory of  
Catherine (Pat) Engelhardt  
On the 55th Anniversary of Death  
Love, Mark, Diane & Family

In Thanksgiving  
Joe Wachowiak



### Readings September 6, 2020

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10  
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

### FAITH FORMATION

Please pray for us as we work on plans for the 2020-21 faith formation classes and preparation for sacraments. Things may look a little different, but we will continue to learn and grow in our faith together. Watch for more information.

### 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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### 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: \_\_\_\_\_