



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Parish Ministry Booklet

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add you to our weekly [Evangelus](#) email list.



A Winter's Aire Concert

This concert, typically held the first weekend of December, benefits the music ministry program. It includes a live concert, wine tasting, and appetizers with our famous homemade soups. Additionally, a silent auction is held to benefit Fr Matthias' Operation Orphan Program in Uganda.

Bereavement Ministry

Offers comfort and healing presence to those experiencing the death of a loved one. This may extend from the time of death, through the wake service, the funeral and beyond. A member of the ministry may attend the wake service or funeral Mass to provide prayers and assistance. Information on dealing with grief is sent home to the family as well. Family members are encouraged to attend our annual All Souls' Procession and carry a candle.

Book Club

The book club is open to readers of all ages who are interested in reading a book once a month and then engaging in a discussion of the book. The club typically meets on the 4th Thursday of the month. Members alternate hosting duties.



Boy Scout Troop #533

Boy Scout Troop 533 is chartered under Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The troop meets on Monday or Tuesday nights in Grooten's Hall.

Cornerstone Scripture

The Cornerstone Scripture Study is for Catholics who would like to learn about the Bible, leading to spiritual growth that transforms you little by little. The group meet on Thursday evenings in the parish center.

C3M (Corpus Christi College Ministry)

C3M seeks to provide programs to keep our college students and parish informed about the students' lives via email and mail. This ministry also maintains contact with the Diocese of Belleville's seminarians. The group makes homemade cards for birthdays and holidays as well as sending out exam goodies for students & gift cards to the seminarians.



NOTES: Annual/Biannual Events & Programs

Adult Faith Formation Programs, Partnership Mass and Picnic, Ladies' Night Out Dinner, Rummage Sale, Box of Joy, Easter Egg Hunt, Mardi Gras Dinner, Ladies' Courtyard Dinner, Parish Clean Up Days, and more; these events are organized by one of the groups listed. Watch the bulletin and website for details on how to get involved.



Mardi
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Finance Council

The Finance Council is a consultative body of parishioners established to advise the Pastor in matters pertaining to the financial affairs of the parish. The council's function is to assist the pastor in the prudent planning and administering of all parish financial matters and in setting of policy and procedure to provide effective management of parish assets. Typically, the council meets 2-4 times a year.

Joint Liturgy Committee

The liturgy committee is a joint committee with members from Corpus Christi and St Joseph parishes. The committee helps plan, prepare, and evaluate the worship life of the parish communities to promote active, prayerful, and meaningful participation in religious services like the Mass and sacraments. Key functions include overseeing liturgical preparation and planning, forming and educating liturgical ministers, developing the church's environment and art, and providing formation for the entire community about worship. The committee works with the parish priest to advise on liturgical issues and ensure the celebration of faith honors tradition and liturgical norms while engaging the faithful. Committee size is limited.

**Membership on parish leadership teams is one in which you need to discern if it is the right fit for you.*

Chicken Dinner Committee

The parish's semi-annual chicken and pasta buffet dinner is held on the 4th Sunday of April and October. The dinner is organized by a committee that oversees the various parts of the dinner. The dinner also includes a raffle. Workers, desserts, and prizes are needed in order to make this fundraiser a success. Volunteer to be on the committee, help on the weekend of the event, or donate a raffle prize.



Funeral Luncheons

The Funeral Luncheon Ministry helps make a very difficult day a little easier for family and friends following the death of a loved one. Through the generosity of many volunteers in the parish, we are able to provide a meal after funerals in the parish center. We are continually looking for cooks to donate a side dish or dessert as well as people to set-up, serve, and clean up the luncheon.



Gardening Help

Though not a large property, the church grounds include a significant amount of landscaping that needs weeding and tending from early March through late October. No set schedule. You can work at your own pace when time allows.



Holiday Hilltop

Each year, this fundraiser is held to benefit a sick child from the community. Though the Holiday Hilltop is organized by a committee separate from the parish, it has been hosted and supported by Corpus Christi since its inception. The event includes a 5K run, half mile fun run/walk, silent auction, raffle, bake sale, and more. The Holiday Hilltop 5K has had over 6,000 runners & brought in around \$500,000 for its recipients over a 13-year span. Volunteers & donations are always welcomed.

Joseph House

Joseph House is a gathering space for students from McKendree University in Lebanon. The house is supported by St Joseph Catholic Church and Corpus Christi Catholic Church. The students meet in the rectory at St Joseph's on Monday evenings during the school year. Fellowship and food are provided at no charge to the students. The churches provide a meal each week and alternate hosting duties.



Hosts and cooks are always needed. A sign-up sheet can be found in the gathering space & on the parish website. Monetary donations accepted for paper goods and food.



Knights of Columbus

The modern Knights of Columbus is a service organization that provides an outlet for its members to better serve their church, country, and community. The Knights participate in charitable works, raising money and providing support for groups in need throughout our communities. They provide fellowship, reinforcing our beliefs and strengthening the ties between family and friends. Though we don't have our own chapter, parishioners are invited to belong to St Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, O'Fallon council.

Ladies' Club

Ladies' Club is a social, service, and spiritual organization. It exists to promote Christian fellowship through social gatherings, encourage the involvement of the women in the parish and to provide modest financial support to the parish. The calendar is established in January and includes many fun activities as well as service projects plus the annual rummage sale. Additionally, the club organizes the Box of Joy project and co-sponsors the Ladies' Night Out Dinner. Any task or duty that is asked is never considered too small, too big, too difficult, or unmanageable. Come to one event or all; you decide.

Live Stream Team



Are you tech savvy? Would you be interested in helping behind the scenes broadcasting our liturgical events? Commitment time varies.

Men's Club

Men's Club is a social club to promote the camaraderie among the men of the parish. The club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6 pm. Most events include dinner. The club offers support to "Our Brothers' Keeper." Come to one event or all; you decide.



Mouse Races

Each year this event is held to benefit the parish. Participants can support their favorite "live" mice for each race. Race winnings are converted to tickets allowing participants to have a chance at prizes such as a TV, gift cards, lottery tickets and more. Help is needed

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church's Parish School of Religion Program is a partnership between the parish and your family. Classes are held for children in kindergarten through 8th grade. First Reconciliation & First Communion are typically celebrated in a child's 2nd grade year and are held every year. Confirmation is typically celebrated in a child's 7th or 8th grade year and is held every other year in odd numbered years. PSR sessions are from 10-11 AM on Sundays. The PSR year runs from the 4th Sunday in August through the 1st Sunday of May.

New students are welcomed year-round.

PSR teachers are always needed and welcomed.



OCIA—Becoming Catholic

The Catholic Church provides a process for formation in the Catholic Christian way of life called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This process is for unbaptized adults and children (over the age of seven) and those baptized in another faith. It is a gradual process inviting an individual to learn & understand the teachings of the Catholic Church. During the process people have the opportunity to ask questions about the Church & study Jesus' message of salvation and learn how Catholics try to live out that message. Adults seeking to become Catholic, who were validly baptized in another Christian denomination, also need an understanding of Catholic beliefs and the liturgical life of the Church before making a commitment to the Catholic Church. Each person's situation is evaluated, and his/her needs are met in an appropriate way. Adults needing the Sacraments of Confirmation or First Eucharist are also invited to join us. Team members are always needed and welcomed.



PARISH LEADERSHIP

Parish Council

The parish pastoral council is a consultative body, pastoral in nature, comprised of individuals from within the parish community who discern whether they have a calling to be involved by the Holy Spirit. The council also includes parish staff and trustees who have pastoral care by reason of their office. The council's primary job is to serve as an advisory body to the pastor about pastoral issues as well as promoting pastoral action within the parish. Council meets on the third Tuesday of odd numbered months.

bulletins. A friendly demeanor and a pleasant attitude are a must. Children who are 5th grade and above and families are welcome to join. Training & regular renewal sessions required. Scheduling requests must go through the parish office.



Liturgical: Environmental Arts

The members help to decorate the worship space in preparation for Mass for holidays, Holy Days, and special liturgical events under the guidance of the liturgist. Time commitment varies by time of year. This group works in conjunction with the liturgy committee.

Ministry to the Homebound and Sick

This ministry extends care by making weekly personal visits to the homebound, bringing them Jesus in the form of Holy Communion. Ministers must have empathy and remember that these individuals have personal needs and few visitors. Time commitment is approximately ½-1 hour per week. Volunteers must be a Eucharistic minister though they do not have to be actively scheduled if they prefer.

Music: Cantors

A cantor is a trained vocalist who leads the congregation in song at Eucharistic celebrations and other services. Training provided.

Music: Instrumental

Do you play an instrument? Are you interested in lending your talents to making our Eucharistic celebrations and other services more beautiful by ministering with song whether on a regular basis or just for special events?



FAITH FORMATION

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW)

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 9 AM Mass for children ages 3 years old through 2nd grade (those who have not yet made First Communion). Children are dismissed prior to the first reading so as to engage in the readings through age-appropriate activities. The children return before the Eucharistic Prayer. The program is open to parishioners and visitors. The program runs from the 2nd Sunday in August through the 2nd Sunday of May.

organizing and executing this event which is held during the spring prior to Easter. Workers are needed on the night of the event.



Parish Clean Up & Maintenance

Volunteers perform repairs, maintenance and cleaning of the parish facilities and grounds on a semi-annual basis or as needed. We are always looking for those with skills in plumbing, electrical, carpentry and more for repairs to the buildings. There is work for all ages and the more volunteers the better our parish looks and works.

Prayer Chain

Corpus Christi Prayer Chain has members eager to pray for those in need. You do not need to be a parishioner to participate or to be included on the prayer chain list.



Prayer Hour for Vocations

On the first Thursday of the month, prayer hour is offered for vocations. The service includes Adoration, prayer, and Benediction. Everyone is invited to make a commitment to join their parish family for this hour.

Rosary

The rosary is offered as a community in church on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 4 pm prior to the Saturday evening Mass. We are always looking for leaders for the rosary.



St Vincent de Paul Society

This group consists of members of St Clare, St Nicholas and Corpus Christi parishes who serve individuals and families experiencing poverty in our local community through a phone call and/or a home visit to offer assistance. Consider joining the group to help address needs and causes, making no distinction in those served.

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Additionally, we have members actively involved with the Outreach Center in East St Louis, where they accept all types of donations including food and goods. Volunteers are always needed.

Serra Club

The Serra Club is an organization that promotes and supports vocations to Catholic priesthood and religious life. It is an association of

Catholic laypersons who dedicate themselves to fostering vocations and furthering Catholicism. The Serra Club of St Clair County meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month at Corpus Christi in Shiloh.

Social Committee

As people of hospitality, the social committee works to support the parish and maintain a social community life by assisting the pastor with the pastoral and social well-being of the parish. The committee helps with the Mardi Gras potluck, Holy Saturday reception, coffee and donut events, and graduation appetizer reception, to name a few.

Snow Shovelers

Clean snow and ice from sidewalks around the church and buildings before weekday and weekend Masses.



Super Bowl Sunday Fundraiser

Since the inaugural chili event in 2023, giant “crumble” cookies were added to the menu in 2024. Be a part of the team to determine what sells better—chili, chicken wings or some other food item. A small group of people are needed to make and sell the product.

Traveling Chalice

This program raises awareness for vocations. It reminds families to pray for vocations by sending a chalice to their home. Any household in the parish can receive the chalice for a week. One chalice is used and distributed over the two Masses. Sign up throughout the year to be involved. See the list in the gathering space or use the link on our website.



Trivia Night

This fundraiser is held to benefit the parish and is somewhat newer to our annual list of events. This event is being moved to January in 2026. Workers are needed to help with the planning and execution of this event. Event includes trivia, silent auction, and raffle.

Youth Ministry—sjandcc.youthgroup

Youth Group is for the teens (7th thru 12th grade) of the partnership parishes to gather and participate in various activities. Come spend

some time relaxing and reflecting on scripture. Food always included. Youth are invited to help with different church events including the annual Easter Egg Hunt, Box of Joy (shoeboxes for needy), Chicken Dinner, decorating at Christmas and more. The teens have enjoyed a flashlight Easter egg hunt, pumpkin decorating, gingerbread house making, movie night, and more. Team members are always needed to help with organizing events. Come to one event or all.



LITURGICAL

Eucharistic Ministers

Assist the celebrant of the Mass in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Extraordinary ministers must be knowledgeable and willing to comply with diocesan guidelines for this ministry. Men and women must have received Confirmation prior to being accepted as a Eucharistic minister. Training & regular renewal sessions required. Scheduling requests must go through the parish office.



Lectors

Proclaim the Word of God during Eucharistic celebrations. Lectors must be able to speak in public & be able to project their voices. Children who are good speakers and are 5th grade and above are welcome to join. Training & regular renewal sessions required. Scheduling requests must go through the parish office.



Servers

Boys and girls of the parish assist at a variety of liturgical events including Sunday and Holy Day celebrations of the Eucharist. Servers must be conscientious, reverent, attentive, punctual, and well behaved. Children must be in the 3rd grade or higher and have received First Communion. Adults are welcome to join this ministry. The adult servers are especially important for funerals, daily Mass, and Saturday evening Mass. Training & regular renewal sessions required. Time commitment is once or twice a month. Scheduling requests must go through the parish office.



Usher/Greeters

Usher/greeters offer a welcoming presence to those who attend Mass. Besides welcoming all attendees, usher/greeters take up collections, carry up the gifts as well as distribute worship aids and