

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday – December 12
 3:30-4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm People of Corpus Christi

Sunday – December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)
 7:30 am Jenna Baranczyk
 10:30 am Bob Pomerville
1:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
5:00 pm NO MASS

Monday – December 14
 *5:05 pm Marvin J. Vandertie

Tuesday – December 15
 *5:05 pm William & Dorothy Mieler

Wednesday – December 16
***8:20 am Rose & Ray Schommer**

Thursday – December 17
 *5:05 pm People of Corpus Christi

Friday – December 18
***8:00 am Dale Buschmann**

Saturday – December 19
 3:30-4:00 pm Confessions
 4:30 pm Kathleen Kerscher

Sunday – December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 7:30 am Walter Nault
 10:30 am People of Corpus Christi
5:00 pm Fr. Bob Konkel

*The Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before Mass.

Scripture Readings: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Sunday Zephaniah 3:14-18A, Isaiah 12:2-3,4,5-6,Phil. 4:4-7,Lk. 3:10-18
Monday Numbers 24:2-7,15-17A, Ps.25:4-5AB,6&7BC,8-9, Matthew 21:23-27
Tuesday Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13,Ps.34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19&23, Matthew 21:28-32
Wednesday Isaiah 45:6C-8,18,21C-25,Ps.85:9AB&10,11-12,13-14, Luke 7:18B-23
Thursday Genesis 49:2,8-10, Psalm 72:1-2,3-4AB,7-8,17, Matt. 1:1-17
Friday Jeremiah 23:5-8, Psalm 72:1-2,12-13,18-19,Matt. 1:18-25
Saturday Judges 13:2-7,24-25A,Ps.71:3-4A,5-6AB,16-17, Luke 1:5-25

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PARISH NEWS

"Family Choir"

Do you and your family plan on attending the 4:30pm Mass on Christmas Eve? If so, please consider joining the "FAMILY CHOIR"! We are looking for families (parents, children, grandparents, etc.) to lead the congregation in song! No experience necessary, just a desire to join in the Christmas Celebration in singing traditional Christmas carols. If you are interested, or if you want to play an instrumental prelude prior to Mass, please contact Brian Fogarty, Director of Music at 495-5024 or bfogarty@gmail.com. This ministry guarantees your family the BEST seat in the church on Christmas Eve!



WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday – December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)
Retirement Collection
 1:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass w/social
 5:00 pm **NO MASS**

Monday – December 14
 3:00-4:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice

Tuesday – December 15
 4:30 pm Boys Basketball Home Game
 5:30 pm Holy Hour

Wednesday – December 16
 Noon Ministerial Luncheon/Parish Office
 5:45-7:00 pm Genesis @ St. Joe's
 6:00-7:15 pm Edge @ Corpus Christi
 7:30-8:45 pm Confirmation Class @ Corpus Christi

Thursday – December 17
 6:30 pm St. John Bosco Christmas Concert/ In Church

Sunday – December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)
 5:00 pm Mass
 6:00-8:00 pm **NO LIFE NIGHT**
 7:00 pm Men's Group

PARISH REPORT

Deposited this week, Nov. 30- Dec. 06, 2015 Week (23)

Parish Support.....	\$6,810.00
Offertory Collection	\$622.61
Votive Candles	\$23.25
Technology & Capital Improvements	\$485.00
Donations.....	\$558.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT	\$8,498.86
Budgeted Expenses for the Week.....	\$9,181.37
Weekly Shortfall	(\$682.51)
*St. Francis Cathedral Collection.....	\$1,147.60

\$CRIP REPORT

Sales for Week of: Nov. 30- Dec. 06, 2015	\$8,225.00
Profit for the Week:	\$405.08

MAINTENANCE FUND

Cash on hand (12/07/2015).....	\$27,841.68
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PARISH NEWS

Retirement Collection

Today, through the Retirement Collection, we are able to SHARE IN THE CARE of our retired sisters, brothers and religious order priests through the National Retirement Fund for Religious, as well as of the senior priests of our own diocese. Please be generous in helping those who have given so much over the years.

Year End Contributions for 2015

As the year end is fast approaching, please be aware that any contributions for 2015 need to be to the parish office **by Dec. 27th** to be recorded for this year. **So, any mailings received after Dec. 27th will be for 2016.**

NOTES FROM FR. CARL.....



This weekend we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete meaning rejoice!! Through all the hustle and bustle, Christmas parties, shopping, decorating and other Christmas duties let us take time to rejoice in the real meaning of Christmas. As we gaze upon the manger scene we get a great sense of what this season is all about. A humble child born in a manger. This humble child saves the world. That is a reason to rejoice!!

Please pray for Lincoln Ingrum and his parents Adam & Hayley, who was baptized this past weekend.

Have a blessed week! Fr.Carl

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK.....



As we are well into the Advent season, you have no doubt heard the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" by now. This is, of course a song about someone receiving lots of gifts from their 'true love'. Did you know this song refers to the twelve days *after* Christmas? Day one starts with Christmas day and day twelve is January 5th, the traditional feast of the Epiphany. Each day in-between we celebrate a saint's feast day. Too often folks are anxious to take the tree and decorations down soon after December 25th. Perhaps we should keep those decorations up for the twelve days of Christmas to remind us of the amazing gift of Jesus Christ, given to us by God, our 'true love'. God Bless! Deacon Ray

OTHER PARISH NEWS

Thank You: KC Jodi Pierzchalski Georgenson Benefit

Jodi and her family wish to thank the Knights of Columbus members for planning and holding the benefit on Dec.5th. Also, thank you to the following: Jason & Laura Estes, Sonny's Italian Restaurant, Fr. Carl, Corpus Christi, Joanne Guillette, St. Ann's, Businesses, Dawn & Steve Partyka, and Tina Lauder-Boucher. Thank you for all the donations and the numerous volunteers who made this a memorable night. We appreciate your continuous support and most important your prayers. God Bless!

Christmas Wreaths Available

Help spread the joy! Purchase a Christmas wreath! Call Penny at St. Joe's at 743-2062. The cost is \$17.00 for 24".



Lighthouse CD Discussion Series @ St. Joe's Center

Mon., Dec. 14, 6:30 pm: The Jesus Question"

Jesus was walking along the road one day when he asked his disciples two questions: The first question "Who do people say I am?" The second question: "Who do you say I am?" Matthew Kelly calls this "The Jesus Question." How you answer this will affect your life.

GENESIS NEWS

Wed. Night Genesis Classes: 5:45-7pm @ St. Joe's

December 16; No Classes Dec. 23 & 30

Edge and Life Teen

Middle & High School Religious Education

Remember our Life Teen schedule has changed this week! There will be NO 5pm Mass! Instead, please go to the 1pm Mass at Corpus Christi (counts as your Sunday obligation) and help celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe with our Hispanic brothers and sisters! This is a lively Mass with traditional dancing and Mariachi music. After Mass will be the "Life Night" aka a celebration with traditional Mexican food and refreshments! Think of this as a "Cultural Life Night". This is NOT a night/day off of Life Teen! We really want to see all high school students at this event! We are very blessed to have this opportunity to learn about our Catholic faith and special devotion to Our Lady from different cultures!

Next weekend, we sing! We will meet at Corpus Christi at 1pm, hop on the bus, and Christmas Carol at local nursing homes until about 4:30pm. We will then head back to Corpus for chili and Mass! Who wants to donate some chili for the chili dump? NO Life Night on the 20th! **Edge AND Life Teen students are welcome!** Permission forms necessary! Please see Sarah for details.

In other news...

Don't forget: The Giving Tree gifts (wrapped with ornament attached) are due by the 13th! That's THIS weekend! Please, no exceptions, we must deliver those gifts! Thank you for your donation/support!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Shelter the Homeless Service Project! We had a very educational day learning about how we can serve those in need. We were able to donate a lot of food/items because of you!

Edge this week: Dec. 16 from 6-7:15pm. We are asking that all families bring a dish to pass! Dessert, fruit/veggies, chips, or whatever! We are having a Christmas social with a purpose!

Confirmation class this week: Dec. 16th from 7:30-8:45pm! We are nearing the end! We had such an incredible retreat experience last weekend. Laughter, fellowship, games, videos, talks, reflection, sacraments and prayer!

OTHER NEWS

Breaking Open the Word: Exploring Sunday Scriptures

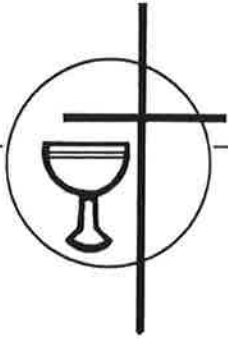
Tues., Dec. 15, 9:45 am in the Faith Formation Center at St. Joseph. Thurs., Dec. 17, 9:15 am at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish Center. **No bible study for two weeks beginning Mon., Dec. 21 – Fri., Jan.1. Classes will resume on Jan. 5.**

Matinee: "The Nativity Story"

Starring Oscar Isaac & Keisha Castle-Hughes

Join us Mon. Dec. 14, at 1:15 pm at Anna's Healthcare located at 839 N. 18th Ave.





CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

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December 11, 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Once in great while, an opportunity comes forth to create a special place to allow for a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and spend some time in quiet reflection in this chaotic world we live in.

I am happy to announce that we have plans for such a place. The prayer and reflection garden will be constructed between the parish center and the south side of the church. The garden is designed to allow you to follow the 14 Stations of the Cross and spend time at the grotto in reverence to the Blessed Virgin Mary surrounded by a beautiful rose garden!

We are pleased to announce that the reflection garden will be named the Father Tony Birdsall Prayer and Reflection Garden. Through generous donations, we plan to break ground in the spring of 2016 and dedication later in the year.

If you feel that it is in your heart to contribute to the construction of the Fr. Tony Birdsall Prayer and Reflection garden, please contact me for additional information.

Thank you for your generous support and may God Bless you and your family!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Carl Schmitt".

Father Carl Schmitt
Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish

*Fr. Tony Birdsall
Prayer &
Reflection Garden*

A place for
spiritual
respite
and
reflection.



Entrance



Grotto



Plaques



Prayer Bench



Your Support

With your financial support, we will make the **Father Tony Birdsall Prayer and Reflection Garden** a reality. The Prayer and Reflection garden is planned on the site between the church and the parish center. The garden is designed to promote a quiet prayerful time throughout the site as you stroll to each of the 14 Stations of the Cross embedded into the walkway.

Financial Donation

Become a Patron or Benefactor of the Prayer Garden. Donations for construction of the garden will allow us to move forward with groundbreaking in the spring of 2016. Please take a brochure and review the garden design. If you are so inclined, contact Fr. Carl Schmitt to discuss a pre-construction donation to enable the project to move forward.

Continuing Financial Support

Opportunities will be made available to purchase a memorial plaque or granite benches that will provide funding for long term maintenance of the garden. Additionally, our youth ministry programs will receive 50% of the annual memorial donations made to the Prayer and Reflection Garden for maintenance assistance in the garden. The remaining 50% will be held in escrow for continued professional oversight and maintenance/upgrades to the garden.

Become a Fr. Tony Birdsall Prayer and Reflection Garden Oversight Committee Member

Are you called to provide time and talent serving as an Oversight Committee member? Please contact Fr. Carl Schmitt at 920-743-4715 or Pastoral Council President Bill Sauve at 920-746-7656 for additional information concerning the Father Tony Birdsall Prayer and Reflection Garden.

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