

August 24, 2014
21th Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*“Feed The Hungry,
Clothe The Naked,*



*Shelter The Homeless,
Love One Another”*

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WEEKEND CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST
Sat 4:00PM Immaculate Conception
Sat 5:30PM Holy Redeemer
Sun 7:30AM Immaculate Conception
Sun 9:00AM Holy Redeemer
Sun10:30AM Immaculate Conception

WEEKDAY CELEBRATION
OF THE EUCHARIST
7:30AM - Immaculate Conception
8:30AM - Holy Redeemer
CONFESSION SATURDAYS
3:00PM - 3:30PM
Immaculate Conception

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
WEDNESDAYS 9:00AM - 3:00PM
HOLY REDEEMER

Parish Mission Statement

To promote and
improve the community of
God by living the
Gospel message;
caring for the elderly, youth,
sick, needy, and participating
in the liturgy.

Weekly Collection
August 17, 2014 \$8,764.50
Holy Day 1,130.35
Total \$9,894.85

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To follow the readings in your Gather book, please see #1152

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic Organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. To learn more visit www.usccb.org. Please give generously.

Taking Ownership of Liturgy

We are used to thinking of the priest as the person who holds the responsibility for the parish and the liturgical celebrations. This is especially true if we come from a pre-Vatican II experience. Vatican II opened up ministry for all of us. It made ministry not only a possibility, but said that it is our right and responsibility by virtue of our baptism. There are many different ministries in the parish. We can all pick something that suits our time, talents, and abilities. Even if we do no other ministry, we can be active members of the assembly. This is the most important ministry in the liturgy. It is important that we take it seriously and do our part with energy, enthusiasm, and focus.

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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

At every parish Mass the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion have the great privilege of administering, along with the ordained ministers, the Body and Blood of Jesus to those who come forward to receive the Lord. This is a very prayerful, joyous, and humbling ministry. Many people say, “Oh, I could never do that. I’m not worthy.” None of us are worthy. If only those who were worthy could serve, we’d have no ministers at all! Most parishes need additional ministers both at liturgy and to visit the sick and homebound. Those who perform this ministry are quick to tell how their service is a gift that is returned many times over. This is one way to serve your parish community.

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If you would like to become an extraordinary minister of communion at liturgy and/or visiting the homebound, please contact one of the following coordinators:

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Elaine Pendleton 570-388-2204

Lectors/Readers

We used to call them lectors, but the new terminology is readers. This designates those whose ministry is to proclaim the word of God During liturgy. Being a reader requires a time commitment to study the word and to practice it so that the meaning is understood by the reader and therefore communicated to the listening members of the assembly. The ministry required prayerful reflection of the word. It is a witness of faith. The responsibility is to make the word of God alive within the gathered assembly.

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To become part of this ministry, please contact one of the following coordinators. We welcome and encourage high school students to consider this ministry.

Donnie Minnick 570-212-8774/sokach-minnick@verizon.net
Paula Panzitta 570-388-6129/ppanzitta@msn.com

A Little Parable

Once upon a time, there was a kingdom, right here on earth. In this kingdom lived many people, both big and little. Once a week, all the people were invited to come to a celebration. All the people (well, almost all) would gather together for the celebration. You see, at the celebration, there were many gifts to be unwrapped and some of the big people would unwrap a few of their gifts. The little people of the kingdom had grown a little reluctant about attending the celebration. There were never any gifts for them to unwrap and they felt left out. The big people were beside themselves as to what they could do. They all met to discuss the problem. No one could come up with a solution. Then suddenly, through the doors of the meeting hall, a lone little person entered. The little person came up and stood in front of all the big people and announced in a loud voice, “The problem with all of you big people is that you lost too much of your little.” The little person then walked out and the hall was filled with silence. So the big people thought and thought and then they all came up with a great idea.

It was time again for all the people to go to the celebration. Everyone was invited to come, especially the little people. They were told there would be many gifts for even the little people to unwrap. The little people couldn't wait to get to the celebration. Upon arriving, the little people were asked to open any gift they wanted to. Some of the little people opened the gift of hospitality because they loved to smile and welcome all the people as they arrived. Some of the big people even enjoyed the laughter and happiness they were greeted with when they entered the gathering place. Other little people unwrapped the gift of singing, and their gift of song filled the gathering place with beautiful music. Some of the little people unwrapped their gift of serving and carried up the candles and prepared the table for the meal. A few little people unwrapped the gift of gift-bearing and carried the gifts of bread and wine up to the leader during the celebration. There were gifts of eloquent voices unwrapped by some and shared by all the people during the storytelling time. When the time came for the leader to talk, gifts of drama, mime and puppetry were unwrapped and shared. The big people couldn't believe all the many gifts that were unwrapped that day.

When the celebration was over, there was a new and exciting atmosphere both inside that gathering place and outside where all the big people met to share. This time, though, all the people, both big and little, were sharing the Good News—for of such is the kingdom.

The Beginning

Family Liturgy Committee

The Church has made it quite clear that children's preparation for and participation in liturgy is important. We are looking for a team of volunteers who would be instrumental in planning and implementing liturgies that speak to children. **A meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26th at 7:00PM in ICC rectory.** Please join us as we explore and share ways and ideas to make Church especially welcoming to children.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Education classes will begin in our parish on Catechetical Sunday, September 21st. Classes at Holy Redeemer will be held following the 9:00AM Mass from 9:45AM to 10:45AM in the church hall and rectory. Classes at ICC will be held prior to the 10:30AM Mass from 9:15AM to 10:15AM in the school, church hall and rectory.

Redner's 1% Save-A-Tape Program

When you shop at Redner's Warehouse Markets use your Redner's Pump Perks card for every purchase. Then submit your receipt to us and we will receive 1% rebate for all items purchased (excluding milk and tobacco products). Your receipts can be dropped off at the rectory or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked Attention Lori. Thank you!

Holy Family Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Carmella Ciampi Salerno** is donated by her sisters, Dolores & Evelyn.

Vigil Candle at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory of **Leonard Cumbo** is donated by Sam Scalzo.

Altar Candles at ICC

which will burn this week in loving memory **Frank Skibinski** are donated by his wife, Betty & daughter, Joanne.

<u>Upcoming Meetings</u>	
Finance Committee	Mon, Aug 25 6:00PM ICC rec
Family Liturgy	Tues, Aug 26 7:00PM ICC rec
Cantor Meeting	Wed, Aug 27 7:00PM ICC rec
Building & Grounds	Thurs, Aug 28 6:30PM ICC rec

ShurSave Community Rewards

Corpus Christi Parish is now set up in the ShurSave Community Rewards program which will give back to the parish \$.03 for every Shurfine and Western Family brand item purchased by registered Gold Card members. To register, go to www.shursavemarkets.com. If you do not have on line access and would like to participate, just call Lori at the rectory and she will gladly register you or fill out the form below and place in the collection basket. ***Please note that we had a lapse in the program and are just restarting it so you will need to re-register your card and choose corpus Christi Parish for us to get credit.*** Thank you for taking advantage of this opportunity to help our parish.

ShurSave Number _____

Last Name _____

The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

Will be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 1 at the Oblates of St. Joseph Chapel, Route 315, Laffin with a Solemn Mass at 11:00AM. Serving as celebrant and homilist will be Bishop John M. Dougherty, D.D. auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Scranton. Cencelebrants will be the local Oblate Fathers. St. Joseph's Bread will be blessed and distributed following the Mass as a "symbol of the fruit of our labor". The special intentions include: workers' thanksgiving, the unemployed and special blessings for students, teachers and administrators. All are welcome.

Mass Intentions		
Aug 25th thru Aug 31th		
Mon	7:30AM	Grace Simone by Ann Manganello & Family
	8:30AM	Carl G. Ihnat by E. R. Staff at W. B. G. H.
Tues	7:30AM	Ross Sr, Anna Maria & Rita Ann DeNisco by Ross & Rosemary
	8:30AM	Mildred Orts by Arlene & Katie Orts
Wed	7:30AM	Rose Shurmanek by Garden Village People
	8:30AM	Richard Alan Mirro by Mom, Dad and Jeff
Thur	7:30AM	Angela & Frank Parente by daughters, Theresa & Patty
	8:30AM	Louis Cella by Marguerite Dixon
Fri	7:30AM	Charles Abromitis by Family
	8:30AM	Sam Graci by Cefalo Family
Sat	4:00PM	Eugene Hammill by M/M Gerald Stofko
	5:30PM	Ed Slatky, Sr. by Justave Family
Sun	7:30AM	Rose Ambrosino by Aurelia Menichini
	9:00AM	Robert McDonough by Family
	10:30AM	Sam & Sarah Alfano by Children