



Corpus Christi Parish

Mission Statement

We as members of the Body of Christ, through our thoughts, words and deeds, celebrate the presence of God in all people. As a community of believers, we answer Christ's call to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.

**November 29, 2015
First Sunday in Advent**

Immaculate Conception Church Holy Redeemer Church

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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
Sun 10:30AM 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

To follow the readings in your
Gather book: 993

Hymns November 29, 2015

Gathering - #395 O Come O Come
Emmanuel
Responsorial Psalm - #993
Offertory #641 Love Devine, All Loves
Excelling
Communion - #939 Behold the Lamb
Recessional - #395 O Come O Come
Emmanuel

**Weekly Collection
November 22, 2015**

\$8,336.14

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Diocesan Appeal

Parish Goal **\$32,000**..... Pledges received..... **\$26,390... (\$5,610)**
(220 Gifts)

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is a holy day of obligation, therefore Mass will be celebrated at Holy Redeemer on Monday, December 7th at 6:00PM and on Tuesday, **December 8th at 9:00AM (please note time change)** and at Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30AM and 6:00PM.

Social Concerns News

■Thanksgiving Kindness

Many, many thanks for your generosity to our Thanksgiving food program. Through your generosity we were able to help 61 families this Thanksgiving. They received an abundance of non perishable foods, a turkey or a gift certificate to purchase one. Of course, thank you to everyone, including the kids, who showed up to help pack and wrap. **St. Francis of Assisi said "Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words."** On behalf of our parish community, our Social Concerns Ministry did just that....we were able to preach the gospel message of Jesus by helping to feed those in need. May the Lord continue to bless our parish.

■The Giving Tree

Located in the sanctuaries of the churches, beautifully decorated with hundreds of gift tags are our parish "giving trees". On the back of each tag, you will find a "family number" and gift wishes from children/teenagers. You may notice this year we have included our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes. Simply choose a tag (s), purchase a gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it under the Giving Tree. It is very important you securely attach the tag with the family number to each gift. All gifts must be returned by **Sunday, December 20th.**

We realize these are challenging economic times, but we hope you will be able to come through again for us like you always do. With your help, our Social Concerns Committee will be helping approximately 90 families this holiday season. These families are one of us, they are your neighbors, their children attend school with your children, and have the same Christmas wishes as your children. Many of them were referred to us for Christmas help by their teachers, fellow parishioners and friends.

■Christmas Food "Gift Baskets"

Our Social Concerns Committee will be preparing Christmas food "gift baskets" which will be given, along with the gifts from the giving tree to approximately 65 families we are helping for Christmas this year. We hope to provide them with the fixins for a festive Christmas dinner. If you would like to help, we will gladly accept monetary donations, frozen turkeys, hams or gift certificates from grocery stores. We will be accepting donations of all non perishable foods. Please check the weekly store ads and pick up whatever is on sale. These families are most appreciative of whatever foods they get. Don't forget items for baking...flour, sugar, chocolate chips, etc. Many of these families would enjoy baking Christmas cookies together. Please leave donations in church vestibules or drop off at the rectory. Thank You!!

■Homebound and Nursing Home Parishioners

As we continue to communicate with those of you who religiously visit our parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes, it is overwhelmingly evident they all love the visits and whatever little gifts we try to give them, most of them love candy and sweets. For Thanksgiving we delivered 70 Thanksgiving treat bags fill with an assortment of candy including Christmas chocolates and homemade pumpkin

cookies and miniature cakes. Thank you to the Confirmation students who helped deliver. They all do enjoy the visits.

■Christmas Cookie Challenge

For those of you who love to bake, we have a challenge for you. Will you consider baking a few extra dozen for our homebound and nursing home parishioners? If you do, please have your baked goods dropped off at the rectory or IC hall no later than Thursday, December 17th. Thank you.

New Lottery "Jackpot Jingle"

This week you should receive your lottery ticket for our new lottery...Jackpot Jingle. Returns must be made by December 31, 2015. This lottery will run January thru March 2016. For a donation of \$25.00 you can win \$50.00 Monday thru Saturday and \$100.00 on Sundays by matching the evening drawing of the PA daily lottery. On four bonus days, New Years Day, Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter Sunday, if your number is drawn, you will win \$500.00.

Christmas Wafers

Are available in the vestibules of the churches. Donation is \$2.00 for a pack of 4 wafers.

Youth Choir

Will meet today at 5:30PM to begin practicing for the Christmas Eve Mass. New members are always welcome.

Car Show Meeting

Our next planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30PM in ICC rectory. All are welcome!

Night at the Races Meeting

Save the date! Our annual Night at the Races will be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016 in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Our first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30PM in ICC rectory. All are welcome!

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2014

4:00PM ICC Family Mass
5:30PM HR.....10:00PM ICC

Christmas Day, December 25, 2014

7:30Am ICC.....9:00AM HR.....10:30AM ICC

New Year's Eve, December 31, 2014

4:00PM ICC.....5:30PM HR

New Year's Day, January 1, 2015

9:00AM ICC

Altar Servers, EM's, Lectors

As we do not automatically schedule ministers for holiday Masses, you are asked to contact your coordinator to let them know which Mass or Masses you will be able to serve.

Altar Servers:

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Autumn Treasure Lottery Winners

11/19/15	Lisa Yurek	#974	\$50.00
11/20/15	Mary Ann Switzer	#027	\$50.00
11/21/15	No Winner	#966	\$50.00
11/22/15	Brian F. Hritz	#426	\$100.00
11/23/15	No Winner	#706	\$50.00
11/24/15	Karen Ferret	#309	\$50.00

Special drawing winners include:

Adam Kowalczyk 11/21/15 \$50.00 and Pat & Mary Musinski 11/23/15 \$50.00

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Mary Ann Yorina** is donated by her mom and dad.

Altar Family Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Thomas Crispino** are donated by his wife, Dorothy.

Sanctuary Family Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert Kowalczyk** is donated by his family

Weight Watchers

Meet every Monday in the rectory. Weigh in is at 5:15PM and the meeting is 5:30-6:00PM. All are welcome!!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Junior Girl Scout Troop 30245 Wyoming is sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, December 5th at the Wyoming United Methodist Church, Wyoming Avenue. Donate blood between 10:00AM and 3:00PM. Handicap accessible and off street parking. Give the most precious gift of life this Christmas season, give blood!

Taize Service

Rob Yenkowski, music director at Kings, will host a Taize Service at Queen of the Apostles, Avoca on Thursday, December 10th at 7:30PM. All are welcome to join us for this truly beautiful evening prayer.

Mass Intentions

November 30 thru December 6, 2015

Mon	7:30AM	Fred Pello by Mary Margaret & Bill Lesho
	8:30AM	Anthony J. Fino by Kimberly Favata
Tues	7:30AM	Decd Members of Ristagno Family by granddaughter, Carol & family
	8:30AM	Carmelita Maira by Joan Speziale & family
Wed	7:30AM	Bill Musto by wife, Sally & Billy
	8:30AM	Carmella Chimento by M/M William Morris
Thur	7:30AM	Joseph P. Kelly, Jr. by Carl & Connie Rosencrance
	8:30AM	Caroline Ciampi by John & Patty Morgan
Fri	7:30AM	Dr. Paul Niezgoda by Dr. & Mrs. Peter Andrews
	8:30AM	Martin Cirelli, Sr. by family
Sat	4:00PM	Mary Ann Moreyunas by Peter & Debbie Musinski & family
	5:30PM	Charles Foy by daughter, Mary & family
Sun	7:30AM	Jane & Francis Stets by Wilbur & Mary Dotter
	9:00AM	Michael & Christopher Kozloski & Frank Poluski by family
	10:30AM	George Menn, Jr. & Joseph Butera by wife & sister