



Corpus Christi Parish

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

Saturday 3:00PM - 3:30PM

Immaculate Conception

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Holy Redeemer

December, 2016

Follow the readings in Gather #1003
Gathering #439 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Responsorial Psalm #1003
Offertory #424 Hark! The Herald Angels
Sing

Communion #441 Silent Night
Recessional #437 Joy to the World

Weekly Collection

December 18 2016

\$10,031.01

Second Collection

\$1,170.40

Diocesan Annual Appeal

Our parish goal **\$32,000.00**

To date we raised \$

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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.

December 25, 2016

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

CHRISTMAS LESSONS

When you constantly ask me what I want and what I'm going to get,

I learn that Christmas is **GETTING**

When you tell me I'd better be good, I learn that Christmas is

CONDITION

When you make promises and don't keep them, I learn that Christmas

is **DISAPPOINTMENT**

When you are short tempered and make idle threats, I learn that

Christmas is **UNPREDICTABLE**

When you hit and scream, I learn that Christmas is **SCARY**

When you are mean and loose control, I learn that Christmas is

DISASTER

When you drink or eat too much, I learn that Christmas is

INDULGENCE

When you hurry around, get up early and stay up late, I learn that

Christmas is **BUSY**

BUT

When I see the lights and smell the cookies, I learn that Christmas is

PLEASURE

When you do things for other people and help me to do the same, I

learn that Christmas is **SHARING**

When you buy or make things for others, I learn that Christmas is

GIVING

When you go to church and take me with you, I learn that Christmas is

WORSHIP

When you hum to yourself and smile at strangers, I learn that Christ-

mas is **PEACE**

When you stop in your busy day and spend time with me, I learn that

Christmas is **LOVE**

To all our parishioners, especially those who are homebound and residing in nursing homes.....may the peace of Christmas be with you, always.

Giving Trees-Tears of Joy

The outpouring of gifts from our parishioners and friends this year was just amazing and ever so generous. Just when it looks like you have reached your max of giving....you outdo ourselves. This year your generosity made Christmas brighter for **81** local families which includes over **200** children. The reactions from the families included a mixture of joy and relief. Tears were shed as these parents experienced the joy of receiving. Many expressed profound gratitude that through the kindness of this parish, their children will have gifts to open on Christmas morning.

Homebound & Nursing Homes

This year, through your generosity, members of Social Concerns were able to put together and deliver a lovely Christmas package to **78** parishioners who are homebound and residing in nursing homes. They received a Christmas tin of home made cookies (made by parishioners), a lovely wreath handmade by the members of our St. Clare Sewing Ministry, a Christmas decoration handmade by Monsignor's sister Barbe, boxes of chocolates, cards made by children of the parish and cards from students of Wyoming Area Builders Club. Thank you to our faithful volunteers who make the deliveries to our homebound and nursing homes.

St Clare's Sewing Ministry

A special thank you to the ladies of our St. Clare's Sewing Ministry for making well over 100 "Christmas Mice" which will be given to the children on Christmas Eve at the 4:00PM Family Mass.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation

On Saturday, **March 4, 2017 at 10:00AM in Holy Redeemer Church**, children in 2nd grade will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in our parish. Recently we mailed an information form which is to be filled out and returned to the rectory. If you did not receive one, contact us and we will send one to you. If your child was NOT baptized at Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer, you must send us a copy of his/her baptism.

Altar Servers & Student Lectors

Please note there is a Christmas envelope for you in the sacristy of the church at which you usually serve.

New Ministry Schedule

A new ministry schedule will soon be printed which will run from January 14-15 thru April 29-30, 2017. If you wish to make changes in your mass preferences, please contact the appropriate coordinator soon. Thank you

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Jackpot Jingle Lottery

Thank you to everyone for your continued participation in our parish lotteries. The final date to make returns for our current lottery, jackpot jingle, is December 31, 2016.

Night at the Races Meeting

A planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30PM in the rectory. All are welcome.

Rectory Office Closed

In observance of Christmas, the rectory office will be closed on Monday, December 26th. We will reopen on Tuesday, December 27th At 10:00AM.



SAVE ~ THE ~ DATE

A Night at
the Races



Saturday - February 11, 2017

Corpus Christi Parish Annual Fund Raiser

Horses on sale for \$10 each starting in January.

"Autumn Treasure" Lottery Winners

12/15	Janet Kolmansperger	#489	\$50.00
12/16	Joe & Donna Berti	#905	\$50.00
12/17	Ross A DeNisco, Jr	#335	\$50.00
12/18	Margaret Burke	#653	\$100.00
12/19	Angeline Donnora	#239	\$50.00
12/20	No Winner	#701	\$50.00
12/21	M/M James Dolhon	#342	\$50.00
Special drawing winner: Ellen Brown 12/20			\$50.00

Altar Candles at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Robert G Helme** are donated by his Family.

Altar Candles at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Tony Denisco** are donated by his wife and family.

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Kosty and Helen Harzinski** is donated by their daughters, Marie & Maureen.

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Samuel Angelella** is donated by Connie Angelella and family.

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Which will burn this week in loving memory of **Daniel Smitka** is donated by Katie Bodnar

Weight Watchers

A new 8 week session of Weight Watchers will begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. The group meets in the rectory on Mondays at 5:00PM. All are welcome!

Mass Intentions

December 26th thru January 1, 2017

Mon	7:30AM	Leonard Charney, Sr by John and Mary Occhiato
	8:30AM	Nicholas Chabala by Cirelli Family
Tues	7:30AM	Helen Cerza by children
	8:30AM	Mary Carpenter by Ray and Dianne Smith
Wed	7:30AM	Frank and Nellie Parente by son Frank & family
	8:30AM	Gregory Marranta by Marie & Jody Marranta
Thurs	7:30AM	Kenneth Williams by family
	8:30AM	Ronald A. Van Sichel by Bruno Ferretti, Jr
Fri	7:30AM	Cheryl Devers by co-workers
	8:30AM	Mary & Jan Berg by daughter, Dianne & family
Sat	4:00PM	Leonard & Helen Brown & Geraldine Serafin by John & Maryellen Serafin
	5:30PM	Thomas Romanoski, Sr by Erin Yurish & family
Sun	7:30AM	Lorraine Zielinski by Mary & Leonard Tabone
	9:00AM	George Mizenko, Jr. by M/M Frank Long
	10:30AM	Paul A. Laure by Tom & Maria Elena Petro