

The Linked Parishes of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara



“As members of the Body of Christ, the linked parishes of St. Barbara and Corpus Christi celebrate the presence of God in all people through our thoughts, words and deeds. We answer Christ’s call as a community of believers to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless and love one another.”

May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Immaculate Conception Church

Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday

4:00PM St. Anthony

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Sunday

7:30AM St. Anthony

9:00AM Holy Redeemer

10:30AM Immaculate Conception

Confession

Saturday

3:00PM to 3:30PM

St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

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12:10PM St. Anthony

Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on

Corpus Christi Facebook

www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa

Weekly Collection

April 28, 2024

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$5,016.88

E-Giving.....\$135.00

Total \$5,151.88

2nd Collection...\$672.00

Care & Ed for Priests..\$412.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly.....\$6,838.07

E-Giving.....\$1,855.93

Total \$8,694.00

2nd Collection...\$751.51

Care & Ed for Priests..\$927.50

First Eucharist Class 2024

Congratulations to the following boys and girls from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes who received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this weekend. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Gavin Paul Abraham

Luke Matthew Berger

Anthony Joseph Capone

Amara Laura Castellino

Matteo Cella

Delaney Parker Flynn

Carson Anthony Jones

Lilyana Klinefelter

Thomas Joseph Kravulski, III

Molly Elisabeth Lynn

Ryan Patrick McKernan

Isaiah Ming

Michael Joseph Pacelli

Elise Poor

Natalie Anne Ruggles

Erin Shay

Olivia Rae Smith

Greyson John Speicher

Robert Edward Smith Tamburro

Brayden Patrick Upton

Adalynn Marie Williams

Claire Margaret Argenio

Kinsley Grace Brown

Benjamin David Carr

Franco Patrick Cavalieri

Luke Patrick Conway

Harper Austyn Graham

Juliana Elizabeth Keaney

Nora Gillian Knepper

Krosby Lazarowicz

Tommy Cole Mazar

Jonah Michael Miller

Rory Ann Mouallem

Aaron Joseph Pellegrini

Owen Michael Rosengrant

Emma Shay

Brady Michael Sheridan

Gavin Michael Sunday

Addison Rose Terran

Madison Alena Toughill

Gabriel Michael Urban

Aiden Joseph Zupko

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

Masses for the Ascension of the Lord, which is a holy day of obligation, are as follows: **Wed., May 8th-6:00PM Vigil Mass (SAC), Thurs., May 9th-7:30AM (ICC), 8:30AM (HRC), & 6:00PM (ICC).**

Parish Meetings

In order to answer any questions that you have regarding our merger, we will have two Parish-wide Information Sessions. They will take place on the following dates and times:

May 13, 2024 7:00PM St. Anthony’s Church

May 20, 2024 7:00PM Immaculate Conception Church

TODAY, SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

(rain date May 12, 2024)

Corpus Christi Parish

13th Annual Car Show

11:00AM-4:00PM

Holy Redeemer Church Grounds

Antiques, Classics, Customs, Street

Rods, Low Riders, Motorcycles...Car

registration begins 11:00AM.....Food

trucks...Give-A-Ways.....Music All

Day.....Car Registration \$15.00

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!



Church Hours

Please note...St. Anthony Church will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00AM to 2:00PM for prayer and reflection. The church will no longer be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, aside for scheduled funerals. Immaculate Conception Church is open daily for prayer, reflection and communion for the homebound.

St. Barbara Parish Christian Women

Will meet in Immaculate Conception rectory on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:30PM. All women are welcome!!

Sacrament of Confirmation

Will be celebrated in our parish on Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday, at 3:00PM in St. Anthony Church. There will be one practice for students and their sponsors on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00PM in St. Anthony Church. If the sponsor is unavailable, a sibling or parent may sit in for practice.

Flea Market

We are now accepting donations for our flea market which will be held on July 19, 20 & 21, 2024 in St. Anthony's Parish Center. Items can be left at the center by the door next to PowerRail Distribution (formerly Pride). **Please do not leave donations on a rainy day. Please no textbooks, encyclopedias, magazines, exercise equipment, computers, TVs, luggage, stuffed animals, shoes, clothing, live plants or any broken or dirty items. Thank you!**

Social Concerns "Soup Ministry"

Our social concerns "chefs" will be at it again, creating another delicious soup which will be delivered to our homebound. All are welcome to help on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:00AM in Immaculate Conception Church kitchen.

Delivery to Homebound & Nursing Homes

Volunteers who deliver to the Nursing Homes and homebound are asked to pick up their deliveries next Thursday, Friday or Saturday, May 8, 9 or 10. There will be a Mother's Day gift of chocolates for our female parishioners who are residing in nursing homes and who are homebound and homemade soup for our homebound. Thank you!



Mass Honoring 2024 High School Graduates

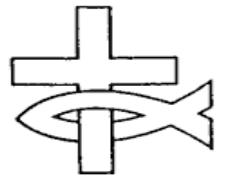
Will be held on Sunday, June 2, 2024 at 10:30AM in Immaculate Conception Church. All 2024 high

school graduates from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are invited to this Mass. Following the Mass all graduates and their guests are invited to join us in the church hall for brunch. Please RSVP to Joyce at 570 654 2753 or icecconi50@gmail.com by May 15th with the number of people who will be attending. Thank you.

Corpus Christi Parish Holy Name Society Family Brunch

Will be held on Sunday, June 9th following the 10:30AM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Our guest speaker is Dennis Bonvie, former AHL/NHL player and current scouting coach for the Boston Bruins. Tickets are available after Masses or at the rectory. Adults over 16 years...\$12.00, children 6 to 16 years...\$6.00, children 5 years and under....Free.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



May 6 thru 12, 2024

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Julius & Irene Parini By John, Richard & Connie
	8:30AM (HRC)	Rita M. Venetz By Margie & John Hovan
	12:10PM(SAC)	Anthony Sakalouckas,Jr By Brother, John
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Winifred Medico By Krista Medico
	8:30AM (HRC)	Bernie Martin By Wife, Chris & Family
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Donald Fetsko By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Christopher Cupp By Mehal Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	William Antos By Wife & Family
	6:00PM (SAC)	George Tomasky By Niece, Anita
Thurs	7:30AM (ICC)	Joseph Cravatta By Daughter, Phyllis
	8:30AM (HRC)	All Intentions HR
	6:00PM (ICC)	Morning Mass Group
		Nellie Parente By Darlene Gubino
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	Louis, Elvera, Anthony & Louis P. Cella By Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Stella Franko By Daughter
	12:10PM (SAC)	Carmen Thomas Santasania By Parents
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Mother's Day Intentions
	5:30PM (ICC)	Mother's Day Intentions
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	Mother's Day Intentions
	9:00AM (HRC)	Mother's Day Intentions
	10:30AM (ICC)	Mother's Day Intentions

Candles

The following candles will burn this week in loving memory of:

Altar Candles at ICC
Michael J. Fino.....By Janice & John Evanchick

Holy Family Candle at ICC
Patrick & Barbara
.....By Eileen & Patrick

Sanctuary Candle at ICC
Elizabeth Hughes.....By Deb & Bob Hughes

Sanctuary Candle at SA
Elmer & Ethel Stella.....By Cynthia & Gerri



Looking Ahead: Maintenance and Upkeep of Parish Property

While the Church is, in fact, the People of God, as Corpus Christi and Saint Barbara parishes move towards consolidation, we must not neglect our physical infrastructure. Last June, our parishes hired Quandel Energy Solutions to prepare a “facility needs assessment” for all of our properties.

The company visited all of the sites and presented us with an independent analysis of the needs of each site (which includes all facilities at each site), along with cost estimates of the improvements. Below we have a basic summary of what the company provided us. While not “fixed costs,” the breakdown below should help us recognize - and continue to plan for - expenses that will be needed in the coming years.

Our Joint Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Councils utilized this information, especially in regard to the roof project that was just completed at Immaculate Conception Church.

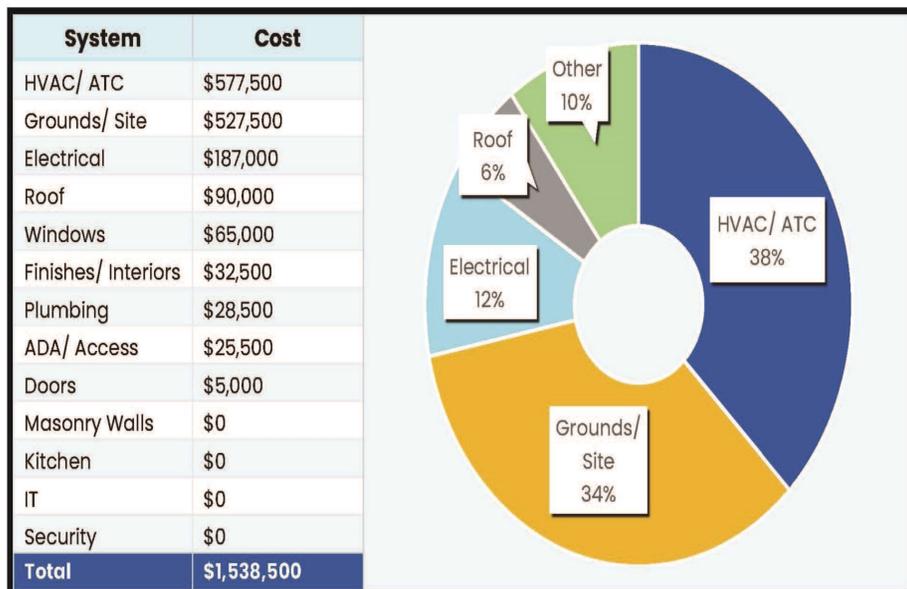
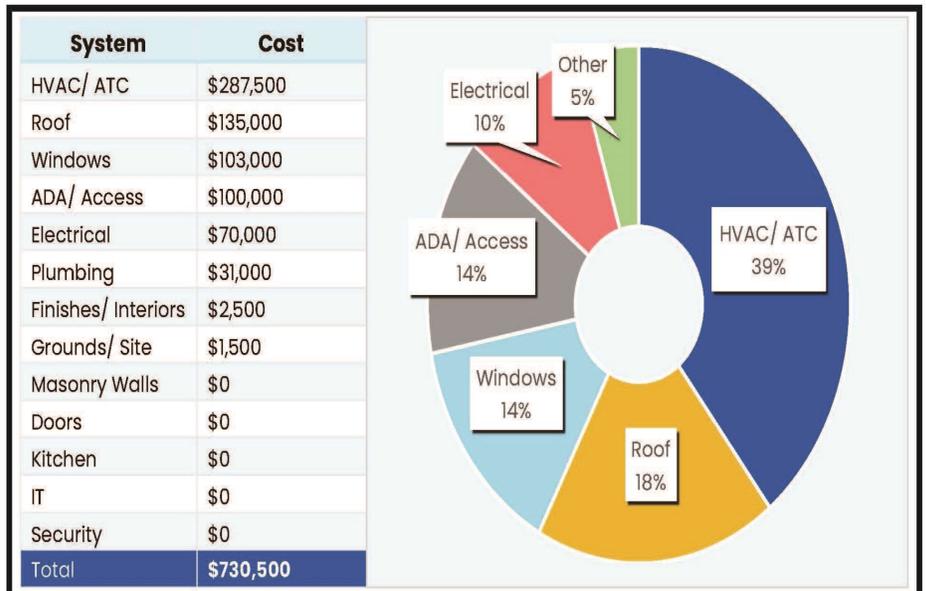
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SITE

At the time of the study last year, surveyors said Immaculate Conception Church would need \$730,500 in capital improvements and energy upgrades within the next decade.

Since that time, we replaced the roof, which was badly needed, which will reduce this overall figure.

The church, which was built in 1952, has some building systems that are at or near the end of their expected life while others remain in good condition or were recently replaced.

The largest needs in coming years will be for HVAC, windows, ADA access, and electrical systems.



SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH SITE

At the time of the study last year, surveyors said Saint Anthony Church would need \$1,538,500 in capital improvements and energy upgrades within the next decade.

The church is 62 years old, and most of the building has existing systems that were found to be at, or nearing, the end of their expected life.

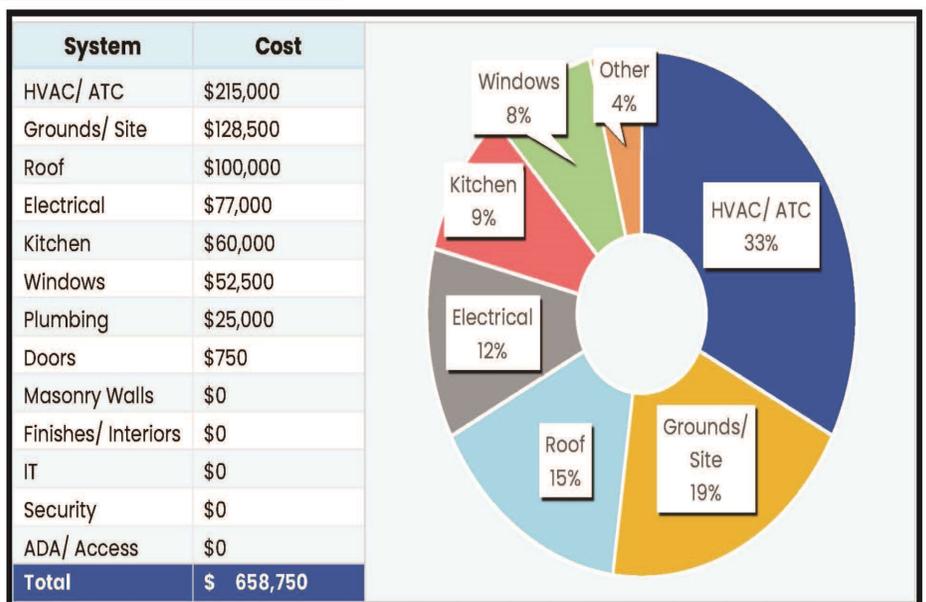
Some of the major expenses identified would be replacing the main power distribution panel for the church and replacement of the Simplex fire alarm system in the Parish Center. The parking lot in the rear of the church needs replacement and the concrete pillars supporting the lights may also need to be repaired.

HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH SITE

At the time of the study last year, surveyors said Holy Redeemer would need \$658,750 in capital improvements and energy upgrades within the next decade.

This church is the newest site, built in 1979, so it is approaching 45 years old.

The oil-fired boiler that supplies hot water to radiators has reached its end of life and should be replaced with a propane or natural gas-fired unit. Likewise, the equipment that provides cooling to the church has also reached its end of life. Furthermore, the two electric water heaters that serve the church will need to be replaced.



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