

Corpus Christi Parish



“As members of the Body of Christ, Corpus Christi Parish celebrates 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.”

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Immaculate Conception Church

**Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church**

**Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor
Rev. Michael Drevitch
Assistant Pastor**

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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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

5:30PM Immaculate Conception

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception

8:30AM Holy Redeemer

12:10PM St. Anthony

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Watch Sunday & Daily Mass at

www.corpuschristinepa.com

Weekly Collection

February 23, 2025

Weekly.....\$12,772.90

E Giving.....\$2,250.00

Total \$15,022.90

Thank you everyone, for your generous support of our parish.

Lent is Approaching

The season of Lent is a Catholic liturgical season consisting of forty days of fasting, prayer, and penitence beginning on Ash Wednesday and concluding at sundown on Holy Thursday.

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2025

Our Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows:

7:30AM	Mass & Ashes Immaculate Conception
8:30AM	Mass & Ashes Holy Redeemer
12:00PM	Drive thru Ashes Immaculate Conception
3:30PM	Ashes Only Saint Anthony
5:00PM	Ashes Only Holy Redeemer
5:00PM	Mass & Ashes Saint Anthony
5:30PM	Mass & Ashes Immaculate Conception

► **Daily Mass during Lent** Beginning Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, in addition to our daily morning Masses, there will be a Mass at 5:30PM Monday through Friday at Immaculate Conception Church.

► **Stations of the Cross** On Fridays during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross after the after the 5:30PM Mass at Immaculate Conception Church.

► **New Daily Mass Schedule** Beginning Monday, March 10, 2025, daily Mass at Holy Redeemer Church will be celebrated on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30AM. There will no longer be a daily Mass on Monday, Wednesday or Friday at Holy Redeemer Church.

► **The Light is on For You** Beginning Monday, March 10, 2025, Msgr. Sempa or Father Drevitch will be in the confessional at the following churches every Monday during Lent:

The Light is on for You

March 10th	Immaculate Conception Church	6:00PM
March 17th	Saint Anthony Church	6:15PM
March 24th	Immaculate Conception Church	6:00PM
March 31st	St. Anthony Church	6:15PM
April 7th	Holy Redeemer Church	6:15PM

► **Lenten Soup & Scripture Series** Beginning Tuesday, March 11, 2025, following the 5:30PM Mass, our Lenten Soup & Scripture Series will take place in Immaculate Conception Church hall. Each week a different guest speaker will be featured. The soups and sandwiches will be provided by volunteers from various ministries of our parish. All are welcome to attend.

Social Concerns Lenten Activities

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

● **9:00AM** Our “Soup Ministers” will be in the kitchen at ICC hall making a delicious soup for our homebound. All are welcome to help.

Wednesday, March 5, 2025 (Ash Wednesday)

● **9:00AM** Volunteers will meet in ICC kitchen to package the soup for delivery to our homebound parishioners

● **1:00PM and later** Volunteers are needed to deliver the soup and distribute ashes to our homebound parishioners. If you can help, please contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com. Thank you!

Candles

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

Altar Candles at ICC

Caroline Simmons Kudasik.....By Cindy, Dawn, Debbie, Deneen, Eileen, Maria & Michele

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Jim Wiedl.....By Family

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Michael J. Fino.....By M/M Phil O'Boyle



“Rectory, Set, Cook!”

This diocesan anti-hunger and anti-homelessness fundraising initiative will begin on Ash Wednesday.

Priests from the eleven counties of our diocese have volunteered in the making

of cooking videos. Viewers are invited to vote for their favorite videos on line by contributing \$10 per vote.

This year, Father Michael Drevitch and Msgr. Sempa teamed up with Msgr. Sempa’s sister Cheryl and a few children from our parish, to whip up some delicious desserts. Please take a moment to watch our video. You can vote anytime from March 5 through April 15, 2025.

Half the proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services’ food kitchen, food pantries, and their men and women shelters. The other half of the proceeds will come directly to our parish Social Concerns Committee!!! Stay tuned for further information.

Paschal Candle

If you are interested in donating the Paschal candle at St. Anthony Church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com or call the rectory 570 654 2753.

Bereavement Group

Our Bereavement Group will begin a series of 8 weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 6:00PM in the rectory. All are welcome to attend. **The series will begin on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.** For more information, please contact Rita Wall at 570 388 6967.

“Roof Repair” Envelope

For the month of February 2025, we received **\$1,893.00** in donations from the “Roof Repair” envelope. This was deposited back into our Diocesan savings account and the amount we owe ourselves is now **\$166,927.68** Thank you for your donations.

Care & Education for Priests Envelope

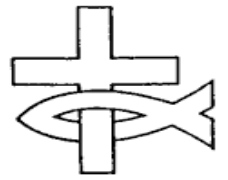
For the month of February 2025, we received **\$1,377.00** in our “Care and Education for Priests” envelope. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Winter Lottery Winners

Listed below are this weeks 2025 “Winter Lottery” winners. Congratulations to all.

2/19/25	Frank Fosko	#157	\$75.00
2/20/25	Joann Patoka	#953	\$75.00
2/21/25	Tammy Noone	#684	\$75.00
2/22/25	Paula Panzitta	#530	\$75.00
2/23/25	Patrick Cannon	#862	\$100.00
2/24/25	Bob/Barb Konopka	#858	\$75.00
2/25/25	Charlotte Mahavits	#371	\$75.00

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



March 3 through 9, 2025

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Dominick Aritz**
By PJ Pribula & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Lois Yatsko**
By Charlotte & Ky
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Dec'd Membs of Ristagno Family**
By Martha
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Kathleen Bestider**
By Paul & Dolores Hoover
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Mariano Fanelli**
By Lisa & Mia
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Sal Grasso**
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Adam & David Panek**
By Romaine
- 5:00PM (SAC)** **Connie Skoronski & Jim Payne**
By Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Carmen Colarusso**
By Michael & Lorraine DeFrancesco
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Barry Hosier**
By Leonard Insalaco & Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Amelia “Emily” Grigalonis**
By Sara Howanietz
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Joseph Cunningham**
By Nardell Family
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Frank Colella**
By Theresa & Children
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Theresa Gavigan**
By Dave & Children
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Sarah O’Neill Kilcullen**
By Bob & Celeste Calpin
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Joseph Agolino, Sr.**
By Saitta Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Ann Louise Ross**
By Husband, Children & Grandchildren
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Caroline Kudasik**
By Mom
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Ralph Nardell & Elizabeth Kneeream**
By Grandchildren
- 9:00AM (HRC)** **Elizabeth Hughes**
By Deb & Bob Hughes
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Kimberly Vensky**
By John & Carol Reedy

Youth Choir

Practices are today, **Sunday, March 2 and Sunday, March 16 at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. All children are welcome!

Living Stations of the Cross

First rehearsal is today, **Sunday, March 2 at 4:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Church. All students in grades 6 through 12 are welcome!



REVERSE LENT CALENDAR

Lent is a Christian tradition that takes place over the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday each year. During Lent, Christians are called to commit acts of sacrifice and alms giving that honor the sacrifice they believe Jesus made for them, and help draw them closer to God. Some people choose to fast or “give up” certain luxuries, while others add spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional, praying through a Lenten calendar or giving to others.

Your participation in our “Reverse Lent Calendar” will enable our Social Concerns Committee to fill our food shelves with a variety of non perishable foods. You may bring your donations when you come to Mass on the weekend and place them in the baskets in the sanctuary of the churches. We thank you, in advance, for your continued and generous participation in this project.

March 5	Canned/Box Soup	March 28	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 6	Peanut Butter/Jelly	March 29	Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
March 7	Beef Stew/Chili	March 30	Canned/Boxed Soup
March 8	Boxed/Canned Potatoes	March 31	Granola/Breakfast Bars
March 9	Juice/Non Dairy Milk	April 1	Pancake Mix/Syrup
March 10	Hot/Cold Cereal	April 2	Non Dairy Milk/Juice
March 11	Juice/Non Dairy Milk	April 3	Peanut Butter/Jelly
March 12	Mac & Cheese/Tuna	April 4	Cake Mix/Frosting
March 13	Canned Fruit/Vegetables	April 5	Canned Vegetables/Fruit
March 14	Granola/Breakfast Bars	April 6	Coffee/Tea
March 15	Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta	April 7	Rice/Pasta
March 16	Peanut Butter/Jelly	April 8	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 17	Hot/Cold Cereal	April 9	Cookies/Crackers
March 18	Box/Bag Stuffing	April 10	Beef Stew/Chili
March 19	Cake Mix/Frosting	April 11	Peanut Butter/Jelly
March 20	Box/Bag Stuffing	April 12	Crackers/Snacks
March 21	Canned Beans	April 13	Hot/Cold Cereal
March 22	Crackers/Snacks	April 14	Mac & Cheese/Tuna
March 23	Granola/Breakfast Bars	April 15	Muffin Mix
March 24	Canned/Boxed Soup	April 16	Box/Bag Stuffing
March 25	Coffee/Tea	April 17	Pancake Mix/Syrup
March 26	Rice/Pasta		
March 27	Flour/Sugar		