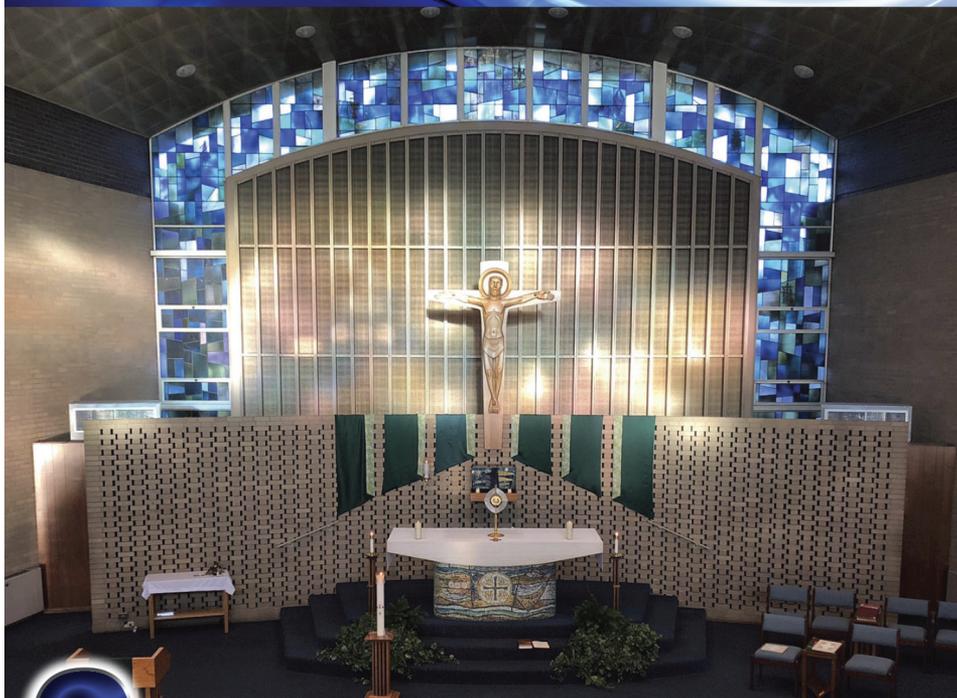


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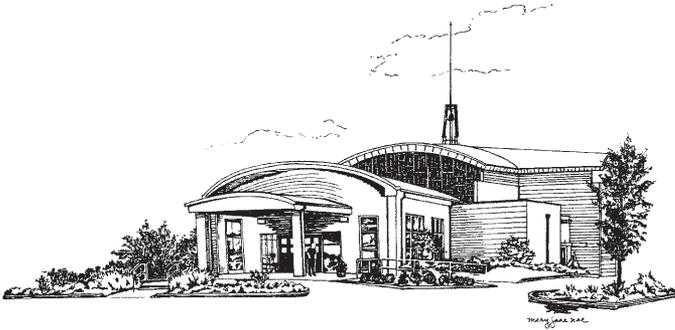
# Corpus Christi

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*Corpus Christi*...translated from Latin, means “The Body of Christ.”

Corpus Christi Church is a building, where the Holy Spirit gathers us in joy, where we prayerfully and enthusiastically proclaim the awesome love and mercy of God. But our Parish is much more than a building.

Corpus Christi was founded by Franciscans in 1958, and led by Archdiocesan Priests since 2002, who continue to be inspired by the life and example of Christ.

Corpus Christi is a family that gathers to be fed by the Word and the Eucharist, then is sent forth to live the Good News.

Corpus Christi is a community where the very young, the very old, and everyone in between, experience new life in the love of God.

Corpus Christi is an assembly that consoles the sorrowing and gives new hope to the despairing.

Corpus Christi maintains a deep commitment to everyone’s lifelong journey of learning, devotion, service, and spiritual nourishment.

Corpus Christi has a long and fruitful history of serving people in need.

Corpus Christi is a place where all are acclaimed and welcomed.

We hope this Guide Book will give you more information about our Parish Life and opportunities to serve. You may also wish to visit our website, [www.corpuschristicommunity.org](http://www.corpuschristicommunity.org), for additional information.

## Corpus Christi Mission Statement

*The mission of Corpus Christi is the mission of the Church,  
which is that of Jesus Himself to bring about God's Kingdom.*

*We do this by proclaiming and teaching God's word,  
celebrating the sacred mysteries, and serving people in their need.  
Thus our three basic ministries are WORD, WORSHIP and SERVICE.*

## Pastors Serving Corpus Christi

### **PASTORS:**

Father Barnabas McAlarney, O.F.M.....	1958-1964
Father Louis Rohr, O.F.M. ....	1964-1970
Father Jordan Telles, O.F.M.....	1970-1971
Father Stephen Schneider, O.F.M. ....	1971-1978
Father Basil Westendick, O.F.M. ....	1978-1985
Father Noel William, O.F.M.....	1985-1993
Father Don Holtgrewe, O.F.M.....	1993-2002
Father Jim Meade .....	2002-2015
Father Kyle Schnippel .....	2015

### **ASSISTANTS:**

Father Elgar Nadon, O.F.M.....	1962-1965
Father Gabriel Buescher, O.F.M. ....	1965-1966
Father Benjamin Roebel, O.F.M.....	1966-1968
Father Bruno Kremp, O.F.M. ....	1966-1972
Father Arthur Meyer, O.F.M.....	1968-1973
Father Roch Farland, O.F.M.....	1972-1978
Father Randall VandenEynden, O.F.M.....	1973-1976
Father Frank Davied, O.F.M. ....	1976-1978
Father Ronnin Einhaus, O.F.M.....	1977-1978
Father Ray Chappa, O.F.M.....	1978-1983
Father Greg Friedman, O.F.M.....	1978-1980
Father Aldric Heidlage, O.F.M. ....	1980-1985
Father Bruce Hausfeld, O.F.M.....	1983
Father Daniel Havron, O.F.M.....	1983-1985
Deacon Mike Montgomery, O.F.M. ....	1983-1986
Father Bryant Hausfeld, O.F.M. ....	1985
Father Paul Desch, O.F.M. ....	1986-1991
Father Leonard Foley, O.F.M.....	1987
Father William Farris, O.F.M.....	1991-1993
Father Fridolin Voegele, O.F.M. ....	1993-1998
Father Bruno Kremp, O.F.M. ....	1998-2002
Father Anthony Vinay .....	2019

## Parish Staff

Father Kyle Schnippel.....	Pastor
Father Anthony Vinay.....	Parochial Vicar
Bill Marshall.....	Pastoral Associate, Administration, Music & Liturgy
Deacon John Corson .....	Pastoral Staff
Deacon Larry Day..	Pastoral Associate, Adult Faith Formation/Pastoral Ministry
Pam McLaughlin .....	Pastoral Associate, Children's Faith Formation/Youth Ministry
Patti Baechle .....	Pastoral Associate, Office and Communication
Bruce Niebling .....	Maintenance and Grounds
Rose Schmidt .....	Office Assistant
Jackie Marshall .....	Office Assistant
Sr. Jane Frey, OSF .....	Certified Pastoral Counselor

## Worship and Sacramental Life

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday .....	5:00 p.m.
Sunday .....	8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
Holy Days .....	To Be Announced

### Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (Church) .....	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday (Chapel) .....	6:30 a.m.

**Confessions** ..... 4:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., every Saturday

### Baptisms

Please call the Parish Office at 825-0618 to arrange for Baptism.

**Sick Calls**..... Any time

### Communion to the Homebound

Please call the Parish Office, 825-0618, to arrange.

### Marriage Preparation

Call the Parish Office six months to a year prior to the wedding to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor or Deacon. Either the bride or groom MUST be a registered parishioner.

## Parish School

### St. John the Baptist School:

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Dan Minelli .....	Principal
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## History of Corpus Christi

Corpus Christi Parish was established in 1958 by the Archbishop of Cincinnati, Karl J. Alter. The parish was entrusted to the care of the Franciscans of St. John the Baptist Province, Cincinnati, Ohio with Fr. Barnabas E. McAlarney OFM, named as the first pastor. The new parishioners were from Assumption Parish, Mt. Healthy; St. John's, Dry Ridge; St. Ann's, Groesbeck; and Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenhills. The Chapel of St. Francis Seminary (the former Franciscan seminary on Mill Road) was to be used for Masses until a new church building could be constructed. The first Corpus Christi Parish Masses at St. Francis were offered on Sunday, September 14, 1958.

On Sunday, April 5, 1959, Fr. Barnabas announced that permission had been given for the building of a new church. The groundbreaking ceremony took place on September 27, 1959. This was a unique church — the first of its kind in the Cincinnati area. The Greek Cross plan had been chosen by the building committee. It would seat 482 in the nave and 160 in the balcony. The church would have a large Undercroft equipped with a kitchen.

The altar was made of highly glazed mosaic topped with white marble. The tabernacle was made of bronze with enameled doors showing wheat for bread and grapes for wine. A beautiful crucifix hung in the center of the sanctuary, and on either sides were shrines to the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph holding the child — all hand carved by John Giglio.

Stained glass windows on all sides of the Church building depicted scriptural and liturgical symbols: those on the East (above the altar), icons representing the Sacraments; those on the North, the Old Testament; those on the West (balcony), the Twelve Apostles; and those on the South, the New Testament.

The Church building was dedicated on April 30, 1961. Ground was broken on the south side of the church for the Rectory on October 4, 1962. The completed Rectory was dedicated on April 17, 1963.

The plan was for children to attend Grade School at the former Hamilton Catholic High School building until a permanent school could be built. Corpus Christi Grade School opened at this location September 12, 1966.

Groundbreaking for the Convent (now the Parish Center) took place on October 21, 1965. The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, moved into the Convent August 12, 1966. Auxiliary Bishop Edward McCarthy blessed the Convent on November 10.

Crowded offices, fewer Franciscan Sisters and increased enrollment in CCD religious education programs necessitated changes to the Convent and Rectory. In August, 1976, the Convent was converted into the Priests' residence, Parish Offices, and classrooms. The Sisters moved into what was previously the Rectory.



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With the need for additional storage space, members of the Parish (with the leadership of the Men's Society and Scout Troop 603) built the McAlarney Building in 1979, designating the West side room for the Boy Scouts' use.

In late 1979, after consultation with two neighboring Parishes (St. Bartholomew and the newly formed St. John Neumann), it was decided that, rather than building a new school building for Corpus Christi Parish, a Consolidated School would be formed. St. Bartholomew Consolidated School began serving the three Parishes, beginning in the academic year 1980-81.

The Parish celebrated its Silver Jubilee celebration with an outdoor Mass on Sunday, September 11, 1983. The theme was "Without U, Christ and I, There Would Be No – Corp-US Christ-I." The Jubilee Mass was followed by many activities – a picnic, square dancing and movies.

In the mid 1980's the church was a beneficiary of a substantial bequest, which allowed the Parish to make several major capital improvements. These included air conditioning in the church, many needed repairs, a new roof, an updated cry room, storm windows, a new stove in the Undercroft, a transition from oil to gas heat, and blacktopping the parking lot.

The Food Pantry began to operate in the mid-1980s in the lower level of the Parish Center. Previously volunteers of the Food Pantry distributed food to the needy out of their own homes.

In March of 1994, the Franciscan Friars returned to reside in the original Rectory. This allowed the original Convent building to be completely converted to the Parish Center with a daily Chapel.

Corpus Christi celebrated its 40th Anniversary on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, 1998 with a Liturgy followed by a reception and a pictorial history of the Parish in the Undercroft.

Once again, the church and buildings went through renovations: a new sound system, carpeting in the sanctuary, an upgraded sewage system, improving the terrain to allow for adequate water drainage, new lighting fixtures, and a large screen TV for catechetical and educational purposes. The cry room was equipped with a video camera and TV screen for easier viewing of the sanctuary.

On July 1st of 2002 the Franciscans returned the administration of the Parish to the Archdiocese.

Beginning in 2002, Corpus Christi and St. John Neumann Parishes were formed into a Pastoral Region, of working together in a spirit of collaboration. Our two Parishes also entered into a special relationship with St. John the Baptist Parish in Colerain Township, forming a Pastoral Area. Children from Corpus Christi and St. John Neumann began attending St. John the Baptist Pastoral Area School in the 2008-09 academic year. Also, a successful Summer Religious Education program for the three Parishes began serving students and families who were not able to receive formal Religious education from the Pastoral Area School.

Beginning on September 8, 2007 was a year-long celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of Corpus Christi Parish. The year of Jubilee began with a special Liturgy. A 50th Anniversary Committee planned many celebrations and activities, both spiritual and social. The year-long celebration culminated with a Mass on September 14, 2008 with Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk presiding. A wonderful dinner at Donauschwaben Hall ended prematurely when the high winds of Hurricane Ike caused one of many power outages (some lasting for several days in parts of Greater Cincinnati).

In 2009, Parishioners generously responded to a Capital Campaign entitled "Renew the Face of Corpus Christi." On October 11, 2009, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, ground was blessed and broken by the Parishioners for a renovation project to create a new Gathering Space, an elevator, new restrooms and a new Baptismal Font. The cabinets in the sacristy, usher area, and ambry were crafted by Jerry Armbruster, and a hand carved wooden sculpture (John the Baptist) and statue (Risen Christ) were each carved by Norb Hartmann.

Several major capital improvements were made during the years 2011-2016. Mr. Robert Collins designed and crafted new Stained Glass windows for the Gathering Space (on both sides of the entrance door). Mr. Collins was an apprentice in the stained glass craft in the 1960s, and his very first project was assisting in the stained glass window project at Corpus Christi in the early 1960s. A generous donation enabled the restoration of the church bell. A very extensive renovation of the Undercroft was completed, and it was renamed Francis Hall. New air conditioning units were installed in the church. The Food Pantry, in the lower level of the Parish Center, was significantly expanded and remodeled. The exterior of the Church was painted, the parking lot and driveways were repaved, and updated phone and computer systems were installed (including internet connectivity across three buildings).

In 2017, many significant changes to the Corpus Christi campus occurred. A very generous donation funded new lighting and a newly engineered sound system in church. Many years of successful fundraising campaigns enabled the installation of a new boiler, conversion to LED lighting throughout the campus, and significant building repairs and computer upgrades.

More Improvements continued in 2018 and 2019. The Parish Center boiler failed unexpectedly just before the winter months in late 2018, but Parishioners quickly raised enough money to purchase and install a new boiler. Parishioner Mary Jane Noe designed a beautiful new glass door to the entrance of the Parish Center Chapel. Mary Jane also designed four new stained glass windows in the Gathering Space. Robert Collins began crafting these new windows in 2018; sadly, he passed away in March 2019, but his assistant, Randy Faber, completed the project in July 2019. Also, the fields on the west side of the campus, which had been used many years for sports activities, were tilled and seeded with native grasses and wildflowers, the first step in developing a meditation garden/prayer path in this peaceful corner of our property.

Corpus Christi continues to flourish!

## Spiritual Life and Worship

**Altar Servers:** Youth, 4th grade or older. Servers assist the priest and deacons in carrying out the rituals of the liturgy. To be a server means you are taking a very special role in the Church by being one of the leaders of our liturgical prayer. Training is required and we have 2 meetings a year for additional training. Contact: Rick Gaige (742-5257).

**Art and Environment:** Using the principles of design & composition, the Art and Environment Committee's main focus is to develop the physical appearance of the church. The objective is to direct the attention of the assembly to the ambo, the altar and the presence of the Eucharist. The liturgical seasons of the church year are symbolized by changes in color and decorations mainly through the use of fabric, plants and flowers. Contact: Mary Jane Noe (284-4990).

**Baptism Workshop:** This quarterly program prepares parents and sponsors for the Rite of Baptism and the commitment of faith formation of their children. We are always looking for others to be a part of this process. Training will be provided for anyone interested. Contact: Paul & Becky Seibert (742-1556).

**Cancer Support Ministry:** This non-denominational ministry provides support to cancer patients. Meetings are scheduled throughout the year as the need arises. Spouses and caregivers are always welcome. Contact: Eileen Armbruster (923-2127).

**Eucharist to Care Facilities:** Several members of our community faithfully serve our local nursing homes as Eucharistic Ministers. Currently we serve Burlington House, The Home at Taylor's Pointe, Triple Creek Retirement Community, and Sanctuary Pointe. Communion Services are offered on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at Triple Creek Retirement Community, 2:00 p.m. at Burlington House, 2:15 p.m. at The Home at Taylor's Pointe. The Communion Service at Sanctuary Pointe is on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Interested volunteers are always needed and welcomed. Contact: Deacon Larry Day (825-0618).

**Eucharistic Minister\*:** Assist in distributing communion at weekend, Holy Day and special liturgies. Training is required. Contact: Debbie Day (828-5142).

**Hospitality Ministry\*:** (Greeter): Ministers offer a welcoming smile and handshake to all as they enter church, answer any questions from newcomers and make sure that all feel welcome, and work with the Ushers to find gift bearers for the presentation of the gifts. (Usher): Responsible for greeting and seating parishioners, passing collection baskets and distributing bulletins at the end of Mass. Contact: Bill and Pat Doll (741-7644).



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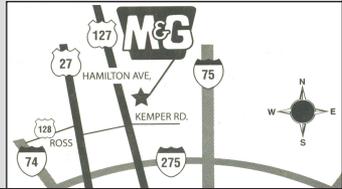
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**Intercessory Prayer Ministry:** This ministry is one of prayer for the members of our parish and their families daily, but especially during times of emergencies, surgery, illness, or other special needs. Contact: Doug and Michele Knowlton (860-1841) or Patti in the Parish Office (825-0618). Special prayer is also offered following the Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses.

**Lector\*:** Responsibility to prepare for and proclaim the first two readings of weekend and Holy Day Masses. Training is required. Contact: Kurt Blum (310-3715).

**Liturgy of Word - Children:** Catechists present the weekend Scripture readings to children at their level of understanding. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 4 are encouraged to participate. Volunteers work in teams of two and are provided with teaching materials and training. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).

**Marriage Ministry\*\*:** Married couples assist the Parish Marriage Preparation program by meeting several times with engaged couples. Training is provided. Contact: Kathy and Mike Rademacher (742-1117).

**Men's Prayer Breakfast:** All men, young and old, are invited to attend a prayer breakfast every Saturday morning, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center for coffee, donuts, prayer, and fellowship. Contact: Tom Gerrety (825-0752).

**Music Ministry\*:** Corpus Christi has a long tradition of praising God by lifting our voices in song. Singers and instrumentalists come from a wide variety of musical backgrounds, but all play a very important role in leading and inspiring the congregation. Members of the Corpus Christi Liturgical Music program believe that quality music enhances the experience of our community's prayer. Faith, enthusiasm and commitment are just as important to the success of the music program as individual musical talent. Rehearsals are held in church on weekday evenings at 7:15 p.m. (usually Wednesdays). Musicians also arrive at least 30 minutes before Mass to prepare. New members are always welcome. Contact: Bill Marshall (825-0618, ext. 106).

**Parish Outreach Eucharistic Ministry (POEM):** This ministry seeks to provide extended spiritual and communal support to our permanently and temporarily homebound parishioners, who, as a result of personal illness, personal disability, or age considerations, are unable to regularly participate in community activities. Volunteers are needed to bring Holy Communion to those members of our community who are unable to regularly attend Sunday liturgy. They also provide support by offering personal and telephone visits to homebound members; praying for and with such members; and, helping them remain connected to the life of the parish in various ways. Contact: Mary Juniet (671-1238).

**Prayer Group:** Meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center Chapel. The purpose of Prayer Group is to foster a daily relationship with God, to encourage taking our needs to God each day, and to see and share where God is active in our lives. Contact: Doug and Michele Knowlton (860-1841).

**Sacristan (Mass Coordinator):** The person in this position is responsible for making necessary liturgical preparations before Mass and assuring that there are sufficient Liturgical Ministers for Mass. Contact: Debbie Day (828-5142).

**Stewardship Council:** The Stewardship Council helps remind all of us that all of our gifts and blessings are from God and that one of the ways we honor Him is to share of ourselves throughout the community through Prayer, Time, Talent and Treasure. Through our witness of how our involvement has helped us grow in Faith, Love and Service, we seek to educate all of our fellow parishioners about the opportunities to be involved in parish life and encourage them to discover the benefits of commitment to stewardship. This Council interacts with the Pastor, Pastoral Council and Pastoral Staff. Contact: Lynne Vettel (937-859-6161).

**Worship Commission\*:** The purpose of Corpus Christi Worship Commission is to serve our parish through liturgy, helping to build the faith of our community through an understanding of our church's rituals and traditions, and through the education and development of our liturgical ministries. Contact: Lynne Vettel (937-859-6161).

## Faith Formation

**Bible Study:** There are two Bible studies at Corpus Christi. One meets in the afternoon on Tuesday, 12:00-2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Library; the other meets in the evening on Thursday in Francis Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Contact: Deacon Larry Day (825-0618)

**Catholics Come Home:** This is an opportunity for inactive Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. The five-week session allows an individual to come and ask questions, learn about changes since the Second Vatican Council and share faith. Contact: JoAnn Denzler (648-9072).

**Early Childhood Teacher\*:** Teachers and assistants plan lessons and conduct classes for the Early Childhood Program - 3, 4 and 5 year olds, on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Contact: Jennifer Wietmarschen (771-3932).

**Early Christian Writings:** This adult group reads writings from the early Church Fathers and discusses the historical and cultural elements present when they were written as well as their impact on the development of the Church. The format is group discussion and reading materials in advance of the meeting. Meetings are held on Monday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. throughout the year. Contact: Deacon Larry Day (825-0618).

**Elementary School Volunteer:** St. John the Baptist School serves the parishes of Corpus Christi, St. John Neumann and St. John the Baptist. The school provides a quality Catholic education for our children. Corpus Christi members serving on the School Board are John Hudepohl, Laura Monti, and Jenni Young. For further information about enrollment, volunteer opportunities, etc., contact the Parish Office (825-0618) or the school (385-7970).

**Rite of Christian Initiation:** This process offers adults who are unbaptized or those who are members of other Christian communities, an opportunity to meet Corpus Christi parishioners, ask questions about the Catholic Church, and explore the message of Jesus Christ as experienced here. Adults who enter the process hopefully will make a final commitment to become full members of the Catholic Church. Contact: Deacon Larry Day (825-0618).

**Rite of Christian Initiation For Children:** Catechists assist in his process for children over the age of 7 to prepare for Baptism or to be welcomed into the Catholic Church. This process takes several months with regular gatherings, leading up to the Easter Vigil. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).

**Sacramental Prep - Children:** Catechists assist with special events during the preparation time for First Communion, First Reconciliation and Confirmation. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).

**Small Communities of Faith:** This is a parish renewal process which encourages reflection on the spiritual life of the individual as well as the community. Parishioners gather together in small groups to share faith with one another. These groups meet for 6 week intervals twice per year. Contact: Deacon Larry Day (825-0618).

**Religious Education - Grades 1-8:** This model of educating our students is a combined effort with St. John the Baptist and St. John Neumann. It incorporates a one week intense education program and 9 Monthly Family Faith Formation events. Volunteers are welcomed on an as-needed basis. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).

**Vacation Bible School\*:** Teachers/aides and helpers assist during a week of learning, crafts, prayer, food and fun in the late summer. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).



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**Youth Ministry Program\*\*:** This ministry strives to include youth in all aspects of Parish life. Youth at the Junior High and High School levels are served by helping them develop a relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, faith formation, religious education and social and service opportunities. The success of the program depends on the dedication of adult volunteers who are willing to develop healthy relationships with teenagers through sharing of faith, time and energy. This is an ideal ministry for married couples to share together. Ongoing training is available from both the parish and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Contact: Pam McLaughlin (825-0618).

## Outreach Ministries

**Bereavement Ministry:** The Bereavement Ministry assists the family of the deceased in several areas: planning a meaningful & appropriate funeral liturgy, planning & preparing for a funeral lunch, All Soul's Day liturgy (early November) and special correspondence throughout the year. Volunteers serve in the various facets of this important parish ministry. Contact: Sylvia Corson (851-1188).

**Blood Drive:** The parish, in conjunction with the Hoxworth Blood Center, conducts a blood drive twice each year, in March and August. The donation site is at Corpus Christi, so it is convenient and you are in the company of fellow parishioners. Your donation of blood is an opportunity to share a gift of love and life. Contact: Deacon John Corson and Sylvia Corson (851-1188).

**Healing Christ Ministry:** This ministry provides sessions for those seeking physical, mental, emotional and/or spiritual healing, through the intercession of our Healing Christ. Ministry sessions are usually scheduled on the 4th Wednesday of each month in the former Parish Rectory building. Morning Sessions: 9:30 & 10:10 a.m./Evening Sessions: 6:30 & 7:10 p.m. Please call the Parish Office with questions at 825-0618.

**Fair Trade:** Through the sale of coffee, tea, chocolate and other products, Corpus Christi Parish helps people around the world. Every time any Fair Trade product is purchased, it is with the knowledge that the farmer, grower or laborer is receiving fair compensation for his/her work. By cutting out the middleman and selling directly to the Fair Trade Organization, workers throughout the world receive fair wages as well as medical benefits for themselves and their families. Fair Trade products are sold the first weekend of every month after each Mass in the Parish Center Marketplace and are available throughout the month during parish office hours. Contact: Sally Lechler (245-9498).

**Grief Support Ministry:** Losing a loved one is a difficult and confusing time for family and friends of the deceased. The recovery time is different for each individual. The survivors of the deceased talk about their loneliness and wonder if life will ever get back to normal. Recovery is unique for each grieving individual. However, this doesn't mean you have to travel this road alone. Corpus Christi, St. John the Baptist and St. John Neumann have formed a Grief Support Group. This support group meets on the fourth Monday of each month in the Chapel at Corpus Christi. John and Diana Camardo, parishioners of Corpus Christi, and Mary Ellen Thome, parishioner of St. John the Baptist, facilitate the group. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and end around 8:30 p.m. with an informal gathering of food and drink. The group provides a safe non-judgmental place where individuals can express how they feel. Feelings of grief cannot be denied and attendance at our grief support meetings may help with your recovery. If you are struggling following the death of a loved one, consider joining our program. Contact: John and Diana Camardo at 939-2551 or at [camardojd1@aol.com](mailto:camardojd1@aol.com).

**Food Pantry:** The Food Pantry has many facets: it provides groceries for immediate needs; distributes turkey dinners at Thanksgiving; provides gifts and dinners at Christmas for those less fortunate in our community. Food Pantry volunteers regularly assist those in need of food and directs clients to other organizations to further assist them in their non-food needs (St. Vincent de Paul, other community organizations, etc.). Volunteers pick up food donated to the Pantry by local organizations. The success of the Food Pantry relies on the generosity of our parishioners to carry on this important parish ministry. Contact: Diane Arnold (742-2060).

**St. Vincent de Paul:** In collaboration with St. John Neumann Parish, volunteers assist those who have needs other than food. Contact: Sylvia Corson (851-1188).

**Tender Mercies:** This ministry prepares and serves dinner to residents of Tender Mercies in downtown Cincinnati on the 1st Sunday of each month and each month that has a 5th Monday. Volunteers prepare the meals and serve them. Donations are welcome, as well as volunteer cooks and servers. Contact: John Faig (741-4139) for Sundays and John Slewitzke (349-4037) for Mondays.

## Parish Life

**Finance Council:** The Finance Council meets on a regular basis to review the fiscal needs of the Parish. The Council, by overseeing assets and maintaining the financial stability of the parish, enables the ability to worship and continue to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Contact: Bill Marshall (825-0618).

**Forever Young Seniors:** Parishioners over 55 years of age meet on the second Thursday of each month, March-December, at 11:30 a.m. in the Francis Hall to enjoy lunch, each other's company, and offer mutual support and friendship. Together they plan monthly meetings and events for all to enjoy. Contact: Kevin Epplen (513-829-0798).

**Fundraising:** Financial profit is not the reason our Parish exists. However, expenses are necessary in order to maintain our operations. We are grateful for all Offertory donations received, and we also rely on Fundraising ventures to supplement our income, especially when considering the cost of large-scale repairs and Capital Improvements. Our Fundraising projects include dinners and other events planned by a group that meets several times each year. We also sponsor a raffle (the "2500 Club") with drawings twice a month for \$100 cash prizes. We also partner with market research firms, soliciting volunteers from the area to give feedback on new consumer products; the Parish is compensated for the volunteers' time. Volunteers are always needed to help organize and implement fundraising projects! Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**God's Housekeepers:** Cleaning teams work weekly to clean the Church and Gathering Space. Contact: Mary Lou Hartman (741-8742) or Anita Gross (532-2779).

**Grounds Clean-Up - Spring/Fall:** Volunteers help maintain parish grounds and assist with other special projects. Contact: Bruce Niebling (825-0618).

**Knights of Columbus:** This is an organization of Catholic Men whose works are founded on four core principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. It is a council jointly formed by men of Corpus Christi and St. John Neumann parishes. For information you may contact Grand Knight, John Slewitzke at 349-4037 or jslew1@aol.com.

**Library:** The library is located in the Parish Center Dining Room and makes available to parishioners a collection of resources (books, DVDs, audio cassettes, and video cassettes) for spiritual growth, education, and fun. Library hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon and 1:00-5:00 p.m. Friday hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Contact: Joyce Swallow (729-1715).

**Outdoor Nativity:** Assist with setup of the Outdoor Nativity scene in mid-Advent. Contact: Parish Office (825-0618).

**Parish Picnic Volunteer:** Held annually to thank parishioners for their Parish Stewardship gifts of Prayer, Time, Talent and Treasure. Contact: Parish Office (825-0618).

**Parish Office Volunteer:** There are many opportunities to volunteer in the Parish Office throughout the year - answering telephones, assisting with large mailings, stuffing the weekly bulletin, just to name a few. Contact: Parish Office (825-0618).

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**Parish Receptions:** Several times throughout the year the parish celebrates with a reception following the Sunday liturgies. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve and clean-up. Contact: Vicki Schaefer (407-1437).

**Pastoral Council:** Pastoral Council advises the Pastor on administrative and policy making procedures, and also assesses Parish needs and helps implement programs to better meet those needs. It serves as a channel of communication among the total Parish community. Pastoral Council meets regularly, or as necessary, on the third Tuesday of the scheduled months.

\*Opportunities for Youth

\*\*Married Couples

***Any new volunteers who work with children in our parish MUST attend an orientation session for the Decree on Child Protection and be fingerprinted in order to be in compliance with Archdiocesan regulations.***