

# 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.”*

**August 20, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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

Tues 7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Wed 7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
12:10PM St. Anthony

Thurs 7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
8:30AM Holy Redeemer

Fri 7:30AM Immaculate Conception  
12:10PM St. Anthony

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on  
Corpus Christi Facebook*

[www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa](http://www.facebook.com/corpuschristiparishpa)

## **Weekly Collection August 13, 2023 St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,080.00  
E-Giving.....\$590.00  
Total               \$5,670.00**

### **No Bazaar Collection**

**This week.....\$4,680.00  
Total to Date   \$10,585.00**

## **Corpus Christi**

**Weekly..... \$7,833.12  
E-Giving.....\$3,424.43  
Total               \$11,257.55**

### **No Bazaar Collection**

**This week.....\$1,375.00  
Total to date   \$28,170.00**



## **Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Adult Choir**

Our first adult choir rehearsal will be held on Thursday, August 31st, at 6:00PM at Immaculate Conception Church. As was the practice last season, the choir will travel to one church per weekend to sing one Mass on a rotating basis at St. Anthony (Saturdays 4:00PM), Immaculate Conception (Sundays 10:30AM), and Holy Redeemer (Sundays 9:00AM). We will begin rehearsing for Masses as well as for a special presentation during the Advent/Christmas season.

The first Mass with the choir will be Saturday, September 9th, at the 4:00PM mass at St. Anthony Church. Current members, as well as new members, are welcome and encouraged to attend!

For more information, please contact Christine Katsock, choir director, at [ckatsock@yahoo.com](mailto:ckatsock@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at (570) 654-2753.

## **Social Concerns**

### **“Project, Back to School”**

►All are welcome to join us on **Monday, August 21st, at 6:00PM** in Immaculate Conception Hall as we prepare food bags for the back-to-school giveaway.

►The back-to-school drive-thru pick up will be held on **Sunday, August 27th, from 2:00PM to 3:00PM** in Immaculate Conception parking lot. We welcome teens to help with this project.



## **Corpus Christi/St. Barbara Visitation Ministry Meeting**

All are welcome to join us on **Thursday, August 24 at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory.** The mission of this group is to reach out to our parishioners who are homebound and those residing in nursing homes to be sure their spiritual needs are met.

## **Grief: Comfort Through Sharing**

Grief is real. It is the emotional cross you bear after losing someone you love. Grief is a challenging and intensely personal experience. Our program is offered to help care for you through group sharing to facilitate healing. Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be hosting a monthly bereavement program in Immaculate Conception Rectory beginning **Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.** We will meet the

first Wednesday of each month. To sign up, contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or email [icecconi50@gmail.com](mailto:icecconi50@gmail.com).

The program leader, John M. Samony, Sr, CGSS, a University of Wisconsin Certified Grief Support Specialist, will facilitate the sessions. John is the author of “The Morning After-Surviving the Loss of Someone You Love.” Available on Amazon, West Bow Press or his website [www.johnmsamonsr.com](http://www.johnmsamonsr.com).



**St. Barbara Flea Market & Potato Pancake Sale**

Thank you to everyone for the many hours spent setting up, organizing and selling at the flea market and to those responsible for making & selling the delicious potato pancakes. The final profit from this event is **\$12,309.02.**

**Food Drive**



Life Scout Drew Dixon of Troop 302 is conducting a "Food Drive" for his Eagle Scout Project. Drew has placed food boxes in Immaculate Conception, Holy Redeemer and St. Anthony Churches. Let's all show our support of Drew's project by filling these boxes with non-perishable foods. All food donated will fill our food shelves as our Social Concerns Committees begin preparing for our Thanksgiving and Christmas food give aways. On behalf of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Social Concerns, thank you, Drew!

**Autographed Penn State Football**

Tickets for the football autographed by the Penn State Football Team (including local high school graduates) are still available. Donation is \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. Profit from this raffle directly benefits the children from our parishes through the Holy Name Society's donations toward gifts and parties for all children. The drawing will be held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 7:30PM. You do not need to be present to win

**Corpus Christi Parish Twilight Bingo.**

Save the date! Our fall "Twilight Bingo" will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023. A planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:00PM in Immaculate Conception Rectory. All are welcome to attend.

**Religious Education News**

Beginning this year, all Religious Education classes for Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church site. Classes, which are held on Sundays from 9:00AM to 10:10AM, will begin on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Classes include children in kindergarten thru grade 8. Boys and girls who attend a Catholic school do not have to attend Religious Ed classes.

This week a mailing was sent to all students who attended class last year at Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish. If you did not receive a mailing which includes a letter, a registration form for each child who will be attending class and a Religious Ed calendar, please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at [jcecon50@gmail.com](mailto:jcecon50@gmail.com) and we will gladly send one to you. Additional Religious Education registration forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches

When writing out checks for the Religious Education fee, if you belong to Corpus Christi Parish, you must make your check payable to Corpus Christi Parish and if you belong to St. Barbara Parish, please make your check payable to St. Barbara Parish. You must always make the check payable to the parish where you belong because we are linked and the finances are separate.



**August 21 thru 27, 2023**

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC)** **Charles Gibbons**  
By Mary & Michael Burke
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC)** **Patrick Cawley**  
By Eileen & Patrick
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Carol Gamble**  
By Joan Hennigan
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC)** **Beverly Byington**  
By Family
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Bruno, Sr & Velia Ferretti**  
By Bruno, Jr & Santino
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC)** **Lorraine & Angelo Portelli**  
By Family
- 8:30AM (HRC)** **Joseph Massara**  
By Carl Alles & Family
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC)** **Helen Butera**  
By Anthony & Patricia Scalzo & Family
- 12:10PM (SAC)** **Guy Fasciana**  
By Theresa Colella
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC)** **Mary Lou Gillespie**  
By Eileen Slavinski
- 5:30PM (ICC)** **Michael & Jennie Champi**  
By Family
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC)** **Hortense Oschal**  
By Helen C. Oschal
- 9:00AM (HR)** **Dorothy Coolbaugh**  
By Julie Angeli Mancus
- 10:30AM (ICC)** **Christopher Lewis**  
By Family

**Candles**

These candles will burn August 20 thru 26, 2023, in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC**  
**Cheryl Devers.....**By Rosella Fedor
- Holy Family Candle at ICC**  
**Harry O'Dell.....**By Wife, Marianne & Family
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC**  
**Dec'd Membs of Brown, Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families...**By John & Maryellen Serafin
- Sanctuary Candle at SAC**  
**Dec'd Membs of Cerulli Family.....**By Margaret Cerulli

**•Parish Mail**

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