

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.”

November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Immaculate Conception Church
Holy Redeemer Church
St. Anthony Church
Msgr. John J. Sempa, Pastor**

**Corpus Christi/
St. Barbara Parishes
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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
8:30AM Holy Redeemer
12:10PM St. Anthony

*Watch Sunday & Daily Mass on
Corpus Christi Facebook*

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**Weekly Collection
November 121, 2023
St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,966.40
E-Giving.....\$360.00
Total \$6,326.40
No Bazaar \$520.00
Total to date.....\$18,007.00**

Corpus Christi

**Weekly.....\$8,068.75
E-Giving.....\$3,134.93
Total \$11,203.68**

Second Collection This Weekend

This weekend at all Masses we will take up the Diocesan collection which benefits “Catholic Campaign for Human Development.” Your generosity is always appreciated.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Please note....there will be only one Mass at 9:00AM at Immaculate Conception Church on Thanksgiving Day,

Bereavement Mass

In the sacristies of Immaculate Conception and St. Anthony’s Churches are the personalized candles and pictures from the recent Bereavement/Memorial Masses that were not picked up. If you or someone you know did not get theirs, you can take it today. Thank you!

Delivery to Homebound & Nursing Homes

We wish to thank our faithful volunteers who have delivered quarts of delicious homemade chicken soup to our homebound this weekend, along with a Thanksgiving gift of delicious chocolates from Stopay Candy Co. The soup was made by our dedicated group of Social Concerns chefs from both parishes. Our parishioners residing in nursing homes received a gift of the Stopay chocolates.

The Giving Tree

As you enter the churches this weekend, whether you come to St. Anthony’s, Immaculate Conception or Holy Redeemer, you will see a Christmas tree loaded with hundreds of red and green tags. On these tags members of our Social Concerns Committees have written the Christmas wishes of boys and girls from over 160 less fortunate local families.



On the tag you will find the child’s first name, age, his/her size (we included sizes for anyone who wishes to purchase clothing) and an item from his/her Christmas wish list. Just choose a tag, purchase the gift/gifts, wrap them and securely attach the tag to the gift. On each tag is a family number which is how we identify the child who will receive the gift. **If you have multiple gifts, please be sure to put the family number on each package.** Questions regarding this Christmas project can be referred to Joyce at 570-654-2753 or jceconi50@gmail.com.

The success of this Christmas project, organized by the members of our parishes’ Social Concerns Committees, depends on the generosity of the entire parish community as well as our friends and neighbors. Thank you for allowing us to share the spirit of Christmas.

Thanksgiving Food Pick-Up

Today Sunday, November 19th, between 1:00PM and 2:00PM, between 150-160 local families will be participating in our drive-thru pick-up of Thanksgiving food gift packages, turkeys and winter coats which were collected by our Knights of Columbus Council 18246.

Family Mass & Donut Sunday

Sunday, December 3rd, the 10:30AM Mass will be a "Family Mass" followed by donut Sunday in the church hall. At this Mass, boys and girls of our parishes will be doing the lecturing, bringing up the gifts and participating in the collection and passing out bulletins.

No Religious Education Classes

Please note....Next Sunday, November 26 there are **NO** Religious Education Classes.

EM's Lectors and Altar Servers

The new ministry schedule will begin in January. If you have any changes to your preferred Mass serving times, please contact your coordinator before December 10th.

EM's and Lectors, contact Teresa at 570 357 3985 or tacross5@comcast.net

Altar servers, contact Donna Mason at 570 903 9142 or toddler.dm@gmail.com

Lectors....Please contact Teresa if you would like a copy of the 2024 Workbook for Lectors. Thank you.

Upcoming Meetings

► Knights of Columbus Council 18246 Meeting

All men from both parishes are welcome to attend this meeting on **Monday, November 20 at 7:00PM** in the rectory.

► Social Concerns Meeting

All are welcome to join us for our next planning meeting on **Monday, November 27 at 5:30PM** in the rectory.

► Visiting Ministry Meeting

All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00PM** in the rectory for our next planning meeting.

St. Barbara Parish Christian Women

We wish to thank everyone for your support of our bake sale last weekend. Whether you baked, donated or purchased baked goods, thank you. Our profit was **\$1,077.25.**

Christian Women Christmas Party

All women from both parishes are invited to join us at 6:00PM on December 5th at Fox Hill Country Club. Cost is \$35 per person. Payment for reservations payable to St. Barbara Parish can be dropped off at the rectory or in the collection basket. Donations of hygiene items, men's and women's hats, scarves, socks and gloves will be accepted for Rachel's Closet at WA Secondary Center.

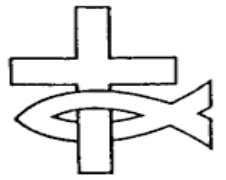
Lessons & Carols an Advent Concert

Save the date! **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. The combined choir of Corpus Christi & St. Barbara Parishes will host a concert followed by a social at Immaculate Conception Church beginning at 3:00PM. All are welcome!

Corpus Christi Parish Winter Lottery

For a \$25 donation you have the chance of winning \$50 Monday thru Saturday or \$100 on Sundays during January, February & March 2024. Or you can win \$150 on the following bonus days...January 1 & 15, February 1 & 15 and March 1 & 15. For additional tickets, please e-mail need-tickets123@gmail.com and we will gladly mail them to you

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



November 20 thru 26, 2023

Mon	7:30AM (ICC)	Josephine Yozwiak By Brian & Michaelene Murphy
	8:30AM (HRC)	Robert Malloy By Robert & Annette Connors & Family
	12:10PM (SAC)	Mary Kemko By Doreen & Russell Keeler
Tues	7:30AM (ICC)	Thomas Gilmore By Cynthia Hizynski
	8:30AM (HRC)	Margaret Hoover By Ray & Ann Washko
Wed	7:30AM (ICC)	Al Semenza By Daughters
	8:30AM (HRC)	Tamra Smith By Steven Nalewajko
	12:10PM (SAC)	Mary Lou & Anna McNally By Margaret Cerulli
Thurs	9:00AM (ICC)	God's Blessings for All
Fri	7:30AM (ICC)	Christopher & Helen Manganiello By Charette Family
	8:30AM (HRC)	Ann M. Rollman By Monica Lessard
	12:10PM (SAC)	Walter & Frances Leshney By Daughter
Sat	4:00PM (SAC)	Thomas Vaxmonsky By Frank & Maria Parra
	5:30PM (ICC)	Robert & Ellen Brown & Children By Sr. Susan
Sun	7:30AM (SAC)	David Voda By Lorraine Harmanos
	9:00AM (HR)	Robert Kowalczyk By Wife, Son & Family
	10:30AM (ICC)	Martin Dooley By Paul Kamor & Family

Candles

These candles will burn the week of November 19 thru 25 in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Tillie & Nick Arcola.....By Denisco Children

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Dec'd Membs of Brown Bishop, Serafin & Pasternak Families.....By John & Maryellen Serafin

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Michael Simko.....By Children

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Michael Simko.....By Wife & Children

Altar Candles at SAC

Joseph T. Pellegrini.....By Marion & Family

Sanctuary Candle at SAC

Charles, Antoinetta & Carm.....By Tina & Ray