



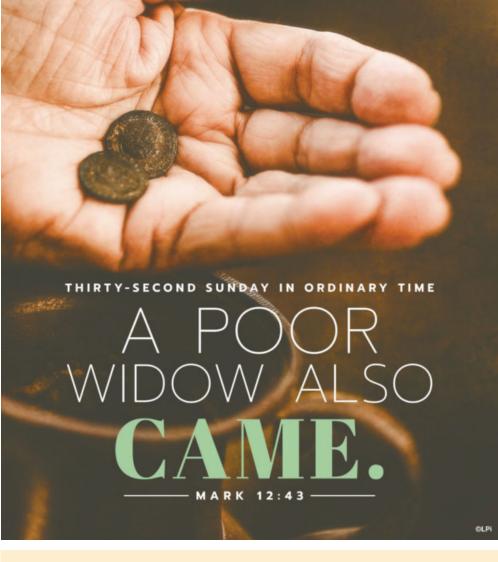
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IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY, THE PARISH & FAITH FORMATION OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOV. 11.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Heavenly Father, King and Lord, You instill in all of Your creation an order and value. You call Your children "very good." We surrender to You the conflicts that tear Your family apart. We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed, power, and selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love. We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor. We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war. Let Your Kingdom come! Amen.



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A MESSAGE FROM FR. REY:

Our Path Forward Together

Dear Parish Family,

I wanted to take a moment to inform you that we are embarking on a new journey of growth and renewal through a 5-year pastoral strategic plan, aimed at enriching our parish's ministries, strengthening our community bonds, and deepening our collective faith.

On October 26, we held our first strategic planning meeting, gathering 32 dedicated staff members and ministry leaders in the Parish Center. We began with prayer and an introduction to the goals and expectations of this planning process. Together, we revisited our mission statement and reflected on how it continues to guide us as we work toward a shared vision:

Corpus Christi Catholic Church strives to be a welcoming community, proclaiming the love of God and fostering a lifelong, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through Scripture, Sacraments, and Service.

Our Strategic Planning Journey

During this first meeting, we conducted a SWOT analysis, where we identified key strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential threats that will shape our priorities for the next five years. Through open discussion, we highlighted areas where we excel, addressed areas for growth, and determined new opportunities for service. This collaborative spirit truly set a foundation for a strong, united effort moving forward. Here's what lies ahead:

- **November**: Formation of a Strategic Planning Committee of 10-12 members, who will meet to develop specific goals, objectives, and action steps.
- **December-March**: The Strategic Planning Committee will meet regularly to flesh out the full plan, integrating clear objectives and timelines.
- **April**: The finalized strategic plan will be communicated to all stakeholders, marking the beginning of our journey toward achieving our identified goals.
- **November 2025**: A follow-up with the Strategic Plan Committee to assess progress and make any necessary adjustments.

Roles and Responsibilities

We are grateful to Mueller Educational Solutions for their expertise in facilitating these discussions, preparing agendas, documenting our progress, and developing our final strategic plan.

This journey is not just for our leadership; it's a partnership with each of you. We invite everyone to stay connected and engaged as we work toward a stronger, more vibrant parish.

Thank you to all who have taken part so far. May we trust in God's guidance as we move forward together.

With gratitude,

Fr. Rey

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OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

	Mornings	Afternoons
Mon	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Tues	9-11:30am	3 -5pm
Wed	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Thurs	9-11:30am	1-5pm
Fri	9-11:30am	Closed
Sat & Sun	Closed	Closed

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Mon:	10:00 am-3:00pm
Tues:	2:30 pm-7:45pm
Wed:	10:00am-4:30pm
Thurs:	10:00 am-3:00pm

GIFT SHOP

Open after the Saturday Vigil Mass & the Sunday morning Masses.

MASS SCHEDULE WEEKEND MASS

Sat Vigil: 4pm **Sun:** 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

DAILY MASS

Mon-Sat: 8:15am Tues: 6:00pm Fri: 6:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues: 5:00-5:45pm **Thurs:** 7:00-8:00pm **Sat:** 2:30-3:30pm

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS OCTOBER 27, 2024

TITHING

Weekly Total	\$28,145.25
Weekly Budget	\$29,295.00
Weekly Deficit	(\$1,149.75)
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$504,719.79
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$512,570.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Deficit	(\$7,850.21)

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Support our Parish

through Online Giving

Miscellaneous	\$95.45
Building Fund Collection	\$660.75
Building Fund Balance	\$86,094.77

ONLINE GIVING:

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Thank you for your generous gifts to our parish! We are using a new tool for online giving that makes tithing more secure and simple for you. You don't need to

create a password or even log in to donate each week! You can set up a one-time or recurring gift by credit card, debit card, or ACH in just a few clicks. Simply scan the QR code here or click the green **Give Now** button at <u>corpuschristiphx.org</u>.



Regardless of how you choose to give, thank you for your continued generosity! Your support not only makes a difference within our own parish, but also throughout our local community!

As the Body of Christ — Becoming Disciples, we are called to serve each other in many ways. As a family of families, we know the needs are great. Together, we can do more than any one person or family could do alone.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, November 10

7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am All Souls Novena 10:30 am † Dora Gonzalez

5:00 pm † Megan Wenker

Monday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours 8:15 am † Bob Lemme

Tuesday, November 12

St. Josaphat 8:15 am † Kathy & † Jim Brieur 6:00 pm † David Ivich

Wednesday, November 13

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini 8:15 am † Bonnie Fitzgerald

Thursday, November 14

8:15 am † Claudia Schumacher

Saturday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude 8:15 am † Cris & † Ron Cabrera 4:00 pm † Eugene & † Angeline Koukal Sunday, November 17 7:00 am † Melinda &

Friday, November 15

6:30 am † Ana C. Gomez

8:15 am † Betty Martin

del Castillo

St, Albert the Great

	† Stanley Lisiecki
8:30 am	† Janet Hild
10:30 am	Anne & David
	Campbell
5:00 pm	Parishioners



Mark Blayney-Moore, Christopher Brassington, Randy Booth, Barbara Danielson, Patrick DiLeo, Kathleen Fordyce, Rosie Grover, Lori Klipfel, Pat Koling, Patrick MacFarland, Jackie Manning, Mike MacFarland, Sandy McVeigh, Antonio Mejia, Michael Mejia, Peter Nielsen, Carole Oeverndiek, Dee Peterson, Carol Picco, Bob Radcliffe, Manuel Rivas, Elena Rodriguez, Nancy Shores, Dcn. Phil Simeone, Chuck Simmers, Chester Stanislawski, Trisha Stuart, Jeff Trojan, Cheryl Ureta, Bryce Weinheimer

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The Poor Widow's Poverty of Heart

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He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had her whole livelihood. - Mark 12:41-44

In today's gospel, we hear the story of the poor widow who gave everything she had and became a powerful example of selfless giving and unwavering faith. This brief passage holds implications for our understanding of generosity, faith, and the nature of true sacrifice. Let's explore further how the poor widow's example relates to our lives as faithful Catholics today.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church places the story of the poor widow at the beginning of a section entitled "Poverty of Heart," stating, "The precept of detachment from riches is obligatory for entrance into the Kingdom of heaven" (CCC #2544). The word obligatory is key here, as it means that without detachment from worldly goods, we cannot enter heaven because, after all, we will not be taking anything we own with us anyway. So, think of your most prized possessions. Are you ready to let those go at a moment's notice, just as the poor widow was?

Further, the widow's act was not just about the amount of money given, but about the spirit in which it was given. She exemplified complete trust in God's providence, demonstrating a poverty of spirit that Jesus praised in the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3). Having this type of trust makes it much easier to let go of things because you know that God will take care of you in all circumstances. The widow was able to give away her whole livelihood without anxiety over how she would pay for her basic provisions due to her faith.

The concept of "poverty of heart" goes beyond material poverty and speaks to an interior disposition of detachment within the heart so that it may pursue rightly ordered attachments to spiritual goods. The Catechism states:

All Christ's faithful are to "direct their affections rightly, lest they be hindered in their pursuit of **perfect charity** by the use of worldly things and by an adherence to riches which is contrary to the spirit of **evangelical poverty**." (CCC #2545)

What does this statement mean? "Perfect charity" refers to the fullness of love — both for God and neighbor. This is the ultimate goal of the Christian life to which we are all called. When we are too attached to worldly goods and riches, that love of material things hinders our pursuit of perfect charity by distracting us from spiritual growth, fostering selfishness or greed, and reducing our ability to give generously to others. "Evangelical poverty" goes beyond material deprivation. It encompasses a spirit of detachment from worldly goods, trust in God's providence, a willingness to share what we have with others, and freedom from the anxieties that come with wealth. This "poverty of spirit" is exemplified by Christ himself, who "though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The poor widow exemplifies perfect charity in her generosity by holding nothing back, not even a single coin for herself. She shares everything she has out of love for God and neighbor. She exemplifies evangelical poverty in her detachment from worldly goods, trusting in God's divine providence and care for her every need. It is also evangelical because her act is visible for all to see. While we are not obligated to announce our charitable donations, we are all called to

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live our Christian faith noticeably through our actions, without words, as an act of witness and evangelization to the world.

The Catechism concludes this section on the "poverty of heart" demonstrated by the poor widow with yet another powerful statement:

The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods. "Let the proud seek and love earthly kingdoms, but blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." (CCC#2547)

This statement may make some people bristle a bit, particularly if they have worked hard to build a successful career and obtain a level of financial security or even wealth. However, some clarifications need to be made here. Remember, as mentioned earlier, the Catechism is clear that the requirement for entrance into heaven is *detachment* from riches. In this paragraph, the Lord is grieving the rich who find "consolation in the abundance of goods." So, it is not so much that wealth is the problem; it is the attachment and misplaced love for what wealth provides. Instead, we ought to direct that type of love and attachment to God alone. Ask yourself: "If I lost everything tomorrow — my home, my car, my jewelry, my photographs, my food, all of my money, would I know I would be okay?" You want to be able to answer, "Yes, because I know God will take care of me." That

is exactly the type of detachment to worldly goods the poor widow exemplifies.

Now, let's look at some practical ways in which we can strive to imitate the poor widow in our own lives. Keep in mind that these are merely suggestions for consideration, as everyone's circumstances are different. They can also be accomplished incrementally, taking baby steps along the way. The poor widow likely endured many life challenges to achieve such a level of faith and trust as hers. Of course. each suggestion ought to be approached both thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Cultivate detachment: Regularly evaluate your relationship with material possessions. Do you find consolation in certain things where it would be better to seek that same consolation in Jesus? Are there areas where attachment to things is hindering your spiritual growth?

Practice proportional giving: Consider your donations not just in dollar amounts, but in proportion to your means. The widow gave 100% of what she had. You do not necessarily have to give 100%, but can you increase the percentage? If your income increases, does your donation percentage increase? If your income decreases, is there something you can do without?

Trust in God's providence: Strive to develop a deeper trust in God's care for you, allowing yourself to be more generous with your resources. Is there some worldly good you feel you can't live without? This is an excellent area in which you can increase the practice of fasting more often, such as donating food you would have eaten to the poor, for example.

Expand your concept of giving: Remember that giving isn't just about money. Time, talents, and attention are also valuable gifts we can offer. The more we give of ourselves to others, the less we worry about our own self-interests; then detachment naturally follows.

As you read this, discern if one of these methods appeals to you. If so, try pursuing that approach to increasing your charity and detaching yourself further from worldly

possessions like the poor widow.



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FAITH FORMATION Children | Youth | Adults



Family Mass, Potluck, & Parish Game Night Saturday, November 16

Family Mass: 5:30pm in the Church Followed by Potluck & Games in the Parish Center & Faith Formation Rooms



All are invited to our second Family Mass of the year! This time, we are combining the potluck after Mass with our Parish Game night that will be **open to all ages**! Scan the QR code to sign-up for a dish to bring or to help clean up.



In addition to games in the Parish Center, teens are invited to a trivia night in the Bl. Carlo Center hosted by Laura Celentano and the Core Team. We will also have an option for younger children to watch a movie in rooms 3 & 4. It's sure to be a fun night for the whole family!



Stay and Pray Tues. Nov. 19 at 4:15 & 6pm Wed. Nov. 20 at 2:45pm

Parents of our 1st-5th grade students are invited (and required) to attend our second Stay and Pray session next week! These sessions take place in the Parish Center during our normal class time. The theme for our next session is *Liturgy of the Hours*! Come learn the history and theology behind this daily prayer of the Church!



Women's Leadership and Advisory Team Commissioners Application

St. Paul encourages us to fan into flame the gifts God has given us. Prayerfully consider joining us as a commissioner on our Women's Ministries Leadership and Advisory team. You will not be doing it alone! Our current Women's Ministries

Task Force will find a mentor for you as a leader. Please scan the QR code to fill out an application. Contact Rob Curtis, Director of Faith Formation and Family Ministry, with any questions at rob.curtis@corpuschristiphx.org or 480-893-8770 x 227.





MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

A Ministry for the Men of the Parish

Our Mission: To strengthen and support the men of our parish by deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ through fellowship and catechesis.

Wednesdays from 6:30-8pm

in the Bl. Carlo Center (rooms 7 & 8) unless otherwise noted

Date	Торіс
11/13	<i>The Catechism</i> , presented by Jen Arnold (part 1)
11/20	<i>The Catechism</i> , presented by Jen Arnold (part 2)

Sign up to receive our meeting notices at *corpuschristiphx.org/flocknote*.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY November Meeting



Change of Meeting Date!!

Due to the Parish Office being closed for Veterans Day, our **November meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 pm** in the Cry Room. Join us as we plan events to promote the culture of LIFE!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



The Knights of Columbus are once again offering a *Keep Christ in Christmas* poster contest for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

- Students in Grades K-3: Design a poster that depicts how you and your family "Keep Christ in Christmas."
- Students in Grades 4 & 5: In addition to the poster, on the back, include an essay of approximately 250 words about how you and your family "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Poster sheets will be distributed in Faith Formation classes November 12 and 13 and after Masses on November 16 and 17. Deadline: December 4. Please return completed posters to the FF Office or the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please contact Brendan O'Hare at bohare.kofc@gmail.com or Rob Curtis at rob.curtis@corpuschristiphx.org.

17th Annual Knights' Kids Event Saturday, December 7



This annual event is just over a few weeks away and we need

your support **now** to help the students from Frank Elementary in Guadalupe! We have the potential to clothe over 40 children this year with the help of your donations. The estimated cost per child is \$135, though donations of any amount are appreciated. Make checks payable to: **K of C 10062 Charities, Inc.** and note "Knights' Kids" on the memo line. Mail or deliver checks to the Parish Office:

Corpus Christi Catholic Church c/o Knights of Columbus 10062 Charities, Inc. 3550 E Knox Rd | Phoenix, AZ 85044

Interested in volunteering? Participation is open to all parishioners. Up-to-date Safe Environment Training is required. Participants will meet at the JCPENNEY on Ray Road on Sat. Dec. 7 at 7:30am. For those of us who have participated before, you know that this is one of the most joyful and heartwarming events of the year. For those who have not experienced Knights' Kids, please consider doing so this year either as a participant, sponsor or both. Thank you for your support!



ST. VINCE DE PAUL Fall Food Drive

NEXT WEEKEND, SVdP will be handing out grocery bags after all Masses in hopes to have the bags filled with food and returned the following weekend for the upcoming Fall Food Drive.





Come celebrate the *Solemnity of*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

with a Eucharistic procession around the parish after

the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, November 24.



Office Hours

The Parish & Faith Formation Offices will both be closed **beginning at 11:30am on Wed. Nov. 27** through the entire weekend.

Mass

Start the holiday off giving thanks to God by joining us for Mass at **9:30am on Thurs. Nov. 28.**

Please note, there will be no 8:15am Mass on Thanksgiving, nor confessions that evening.

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Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe & Gingerbread House Contest Save the Date AND Your Christmas Items!

December 7 & 8 After ALL Masses

Join us for our 10th Annual Ye Olde Christmas Shoppe and Gingerbread House Contest! This has become a wonderful parish tradition and we invite you to join us again this year! All proceeds benefit our St. Vincent de Paul conference and area families in need. Bring your gently-used Christmas items to the Parish Center on Sat. December 7 from 7am-4pm. Curbside drop-off will be available from 8am-12pm for your convenience. The Shoppe will be open after the Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday from 7am-12pm during the Pancake Breakfast, as well as after the 5pm Mass. Items will not be priced. Instead, "free will" donations will be accepted to help those in need in our community. If you would like to volunteer to help, please scan the QR code or sign up at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/ go/30E084AAEA823AAFB6-51202482annual#/





Don't forget to bring your gingerbread house creations! All categories are open to both individual and team/family entries. Houses need to dropped off by

4pm on Sat. December 7 as voting will begin after the vigil Mass. If you have questions, email Toni: toniq58@gmail.com or text 480-388-9037.



DECEMBER 9 IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!!!

In 2024, December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9. **Previously**, in the US, when the DATE was transferred the obligation was abrogated. **That will no longer be true.** Upon receiving clarification from the Holy See regarding this matter, it was determined that "the feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." **In light of this new directive, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation.**



Mass Times

Sunday, December 8: Vigil Mass at 7:00pm*

Monday, December 9: 8:15am & 6:00pm

*Please note, if you attend the vigil Mass, you will still need to attend an additional Mass that weekend to fulfill your obligation for the Second Sunday of Advent.



NIGHT OF NATIVITIES Save the Date Saturday, December 14 at 5pm

Attention all parishioners! You are invited to our third annual *Night of Nativities* on Sat. Dec. 14, 2024 from 5-8pm in the Parish Center. It will be a night to celebrate the birth of Jesus and our Catholic Faith by viewing nativity displays belonging to fellow parishioners in our

church community. Come and enjoy this beautiful evening, which will include Christmas music and light refreshments. More details coming soon, with a sign-up link for those who would like to display their nativities. If you shared your Nativity with us in the past, please feel free to do so again! Every year, new faces show up to enjoy this event!



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 146 **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, My Everything by Matt Maher

I've been looking for a reason,
I've been longing for a purpose,
I'm losing all my meaning,
I've run out of excuses.
Lord, it's hard to know you,
I don't always see your plan.
But holiness is calling me so take me as I am.

Refrain

Refrain

'Cause you are my everything, you are the song I sing; I'll do anything for you. Teach me how to pray, to live a life of grace; I'll go anywhere with you. Jesus, be my everything.

Lord, I get so tired of the struggle within. I settle in complacency and I'm weighed down in my sin. So lead me past emotion, 'cause they change with the wind. I want to be a true disciple; to daily choose your hand.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lead Me Lord by John Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit Longing for their Lord For God's coming kingdom shall be theirs Blessed are the sorrowing For they shall be consoled And the meek shall come to rule the world

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord By the light of truth To seek and to find the narrow way Be my way, be my truth Be my life, my Lord And lead me, Lord, today

Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs And the pure in heart shall see their God Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill For I say they shall be satisfied

Refrain

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