

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 27, 2023

Twenty-First 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

**Weekly Collection
August 20, 2023
St. Barbara**

**Weekly.....\$5,036.77
E-Giving.....\$255.00
Holy Day.....\$695.00
Total \$5,986.77**

**No Bazaar.....\$3,315
Total No Bazaar....\$13,900.00**

Corpus Christi

**Weekly..... \$6,619.40
E-Giving.....\$1,813.93
Holy Day.....\$783.00
Total \$9,216.33**

**No Bazaar.....\$550.00
Total No Bazaar....\$28,720.00**

Second Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend, September 2 & 3, we will take up an emergency special collection at all Masses. This collection will benefit the immediate needs of the Hawaii Island of Maui while they begin to recover from the devastation caused by the deadliest wildfire in the United States in more than a century.

**Mass Honoring Wyoming Area
Football Players & Cheerleaders**

Next Sunday, September 3, 2023, at the 10:30AM Mass in Immaculate Conception Church, we will be honoring the Wyoming Area Football players and cheerleaders. All are welcome!



Religious Education

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. All children attending Religious Ed classes must be registered. Please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com and we will gladly send forms to you. Please be sure to make your check payable to the church where you belong...Corpus Christi Parish or St. Barbara Parish.

Social Concerns Back-to-School Project

Thank you to everyone for your extremely generous donations of back to school supplies, backpacks, hygiene products, food and monetary donations. Because of your kindness, each of the 140 children on our list will receive a backpack jam packed with school supplies and personal hygiene products. **Dive-thru distribution will take place today, Sunday, Aug. 27 between 2:00PM and 3:00PM. Volunteers should be here around 1:30PM to help direct traffic and fill cars with supplies.**

Social Concerns Fork Over Love Dinners for Homebound

This Tuesday, August 29th, Fork Over Love will arrange for us to receive 100 dinners from a local restaurant which we will deliver to the homebound parishioners from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. Volunteers are asked to meet at the rectory on Tuesday at 4:00PM. Thank you!

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 **Prepared. For Life.®** 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!

Please leave the food donations in the boxes in the churches because to complete his project, Drew must document the foods received and put it in our food pantry. Thank you!





Corpus Christi & St. Barbara 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 or call the parish office at (570) 654-2753

Penn State Football

This is the last weekend to purchase tickets after Masses for the autographed Penn State football. Donation is \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 for 15 tickets. You can call the rectory for tickets. 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"



This all cash bingo will be held on **Saturday, October 7, 2023** in Immaculate Conception Church Hall. Doors open at 6:15PM and bingo starts at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased

in advance. Ticket order forms have been mailed to all parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish.

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.

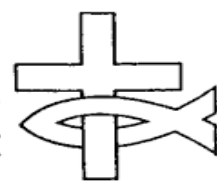
Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes will be hosting a monthly bereavement program in Immaculate Conception Rectory beginning **Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00PM to 8:00PM.** We will meet the first Wednesday of each month. To sign up, contact Joyce at 570 654 2753 or email icecconi50@gmail.com.

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.iohnmsamonysr.com.

New Combined Parish Website

We are in the process of designing a new website which will encompass both Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes. It should be up and running shortly.

Liturgy Intentions For The Week



August 28 thru September 3, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Dec'd Membs of the Gryscavage Family**
By Mary & Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Janet Kolmansperger**
By Joe & Debbie Walsh
- 8:30AM (HRC) Jane R. Landau**
By Bob & Jean Boos
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Robert Bugelhoff**
By Judy Sokach
- 12:10PM (SAC) Rose Tokash**
By Gene & Janet Havran
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Pearl Day**
By Sue & Paul Shovlin
- 8:30AM (HRC) Anthony Luczak**
By Dan Kulich & Warnecki Families
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Gini Ciampi**
By Sue & Mike Fanti Family
- 12:10PM (SAC) Marcella M. Fountain**
By Ross & Ann Marie Livingstone
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Anita Wanat**
By Husband & Family
- 5:30PM (ICC) Catherine Dwyer**
By Joan Hennigan
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Richard Trotta**
By Wife, Lucille
- 9:00AM (HR) Mildred & Joseph Tona**
By Diane & Joe Tona
- 10:30AM (ICC) "Beno" Borzell**
By Mom, Dad, Julianna, Family & Friends

Candles

These candles will burn August 27 thru September 2, 2023, in loving memory of the following:

- Altar Candles at ICC In Honor of Bill & Tina Anzalone's 50th Anniversary.....**By Sam & Karen Aritz
- Holy Family Candle at ICC Frances Fasciana.....**By Family
- Sanctuary Candle at ICC Mary E. Oliveri.....**By Judy Neri
- Altar Candles at HR Dolores Dziedzic.....**By Husband & Children
- Sanctuary Candle at HR Dolores Dziedzic.....**By Husband & Children