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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in
peace for those who cultivate peace.

-- James 3:18



Daily Mass

Week of September 24th – 29th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Wally Langner
 Tuesday: 8:00 Joyce Huppert+
 Wednesday: 8:00 Patricia Whalen+
 Thursday: 8:00 Special Intentions
 Friday: 8:00 Scott MacPherson Stapleton+
 Saturday: 8:00 Terry Riley+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially David Dion, Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, Ed Heinemann, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection

September 16, 2018

Plate

\$10,421.50



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

Aiden Michael Iverson, son of Rebecca Glover and Aaron Iverson.

Welcome to Our Family

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Men's Club News!

The Dads of Corpus Christi are invited to join the Men's Club on Monday, October 15th, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. for their Annual Crab Feed Kickoff Dinner. The place is the Z Café & Bar, 2735 Broadway in Oakland. This is an important meeting where they begin the planning process for the Annual Crab Feed and Auction. This event raises funds for programs such as Meet the Master's Art Program, the drama program, technology improvements, classroom remodels, tuition assistance and much more. It's your participation that makes this event a success! To help plan for the next Crab Feed, register at: <https://2019-crabfeed-kickoff-dinner.eventbrite.com>.

Proper Posture!

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet if it doesn't get on its knees.
-- Anonymous

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon over 100 members of our Parish Family met to share their feelings and thoughts about the crisis afflicting our Church. They expressed: hurt, anger, fear, disillusionment, confusion, doubt, defiance, despair, hope and determination. Critiques and analysis of the current state of the Church were offered, as well as recommendations of what should be done locally, nationally and worldwide to correct, heal and improve our Church.

I left those meetings feeling emotionally drained and somewhat overwhelmed by the daunting tasks that awaits us. But, I also felt inspired by the love and concern that the parishioners showed for our Church. I remember the statement that the opposite of love is not hate, but indifference. No one at the town hall meetings was indifferent of our present crisis. That gives me hope! St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans: "*If God is for us, who can be against us?*" As we take the next steps as a Parish Family to assume greater responsibility to fulfill our call to be disciples of Christ, I propose that these words of St. Paul's become our motto.

I met with the Pastoral Council last Tuesday evening to select some dates for our next meetings. When we meet again, we will begin to develop strategies for moving forward. I suggest that we place the issues facing us into three categories: things that we can do here at Corpus Christi to strengthen our faith community; recommendations to the bishops of what we feel needs to be done to protect our children and those who are vulnerable; and our hopes for structural reforms that will reflect who we are as the *People of God*. But, we need your input; please read the summaries of last weekend's town hall meetings that are on the credenzas in the Church. Come to the next town hall meetings prepared to share your recommendations. If you are not able to attend one of the meetings, please email me your comments at: lleioon@gmail.com. Lastly, please don't loose hope we can do this, after all:

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Love, Leo

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting!

The next Town Hall Meeting will be Sunday, October 7th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Gibson Center. Please bring your comments and recommendations as to how we, as a Parish Family, can move forward. Hope to see you there!

How Can I Think of Becoming Catholic After the Latest Sex Abuse Reports!

There are people out there who are still drawn to the Catholic Church for many good reasons, even though they are conflicted about joining an institution that has once again been implicated in a massive cover-up of horrific crimes. If you are one of those people who appreciates the Catholic prayer traditions: the music, the sacraments and the challenge to really, really live out Jesus' teachings of justice and love, come join us in the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). We'll explore what God is calling us to and how we are invited to live lives of faith and integrity within a Church that doesn't always practice that itself. Our meetings are on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please contact Ann Naffziger, RCIA Director, at: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

How Can I Remain Catholic After This Latest Church Crisis!

In light of the latest revelations of the bishops' cover-up of horrific crimes perpetrated by Church officials, many people are questioning their place in the Church. How can we remain in an institutional Church that has this history? For some people, the answer is "the primacy of conscience," a helpful but little known teaching that we are each called to follow our conscience, even if that means disagreeing with Church teachings or Church authorities. Come learn more about this teaching at a presentation by Ann Naffziger, MA, MDiv. The first one will be on Thursday, October 4th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. It will be repeated on Monday, October 8th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., both in the Gibson Center. There is no need to pre-register, but RSVPs are helpful: ann@gospelliving.org or call 521-8011.

Lori's News!

Family Faith Formation classes have begun, but it is not too late to register. Forms are available on the Parish website. This year, we are excited to be part of the Corpus Christi Annual Parish Picnic on September 30th at Roberts Park! Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for activities and games for all ages. For more information, please contact Lori at: corpuschristisundayschool@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry & Confirmation News!

Young parishioners are being called to Christ: compassion, humanitarian excellence and great faith. Join us for one of our information sessions to learn how Corpus Christi plans to nurture this call. If you are interested in being confirmed in the faith, are confirmed already and would like to continue to walk with the community in fellowship and prayer, desire to be a youth leader or simply want to hear more about our hopes and plans, please consider attending one of the following information sessions to be held in the Gibson Center: today at 1:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00 p.m. Stay tuned for information about our Middle School Kick-off in October!



Annual Parish Picnic!

Everyone is invited to the Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 30th, at Roberts Park in Oakland. The event begins with activities led by the Family Faith Formation Ministry at 10:00 a.m. Fr. Leo will celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. Buy your tickets early to receive a discount: prepaid \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for kids ages 4-12, \$20.00 for family; at the door: \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for kids and \$25.00 for family. (There is also a \$5.00 parking fee at the Park.) Pick up a flyer on the credenzas in the Church for more information or contact Daryl Grace at: dgrace64@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Annual Walk-A-Thon!

The 39th Annual Corpus Christi School's Walk-a-thon Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 13th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sponsorship in the form of contributions from local businesses enable the event's success and help support our School. Please consider supporting this neighborhood event and have your business recognized by local families and friends. Please contact Yolie Domingo at: yolie1432004@gmail.com for more information.

Prepare to Save a Life!

The Piedmont Fire Department will be providing CPR/AED classes on Saturday, October 6th and the 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Gibson Center. The cost is \$20.00 for Piedmont residents and \$30.00 for everyone else. Sign-ups and class fees will be taken after all the Masses this weekend, September 22nd and 23rd. You can also donate towards purchasing an AED for the Church at the same time. These are tax deductible; make checks payable to Corpus Christi Church with "AED donation" in the memo line.



2018 School Supplies Drive!

Join the Outreach Committee for the 2018 School Supplies Drive to benefit the Community Education Partnerships (CEP), the children of the refugee families we are helping and the Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. Much needed items include: backpacks, staplers, scissors, protractors/compasses, folders, pencils, pencil boxes, pencil sharpeners, rulers, binder paper, erasers, colored pencils, mead composition notebooks, glue sticks, calculators, crayons, ballpoint pens and multi-subject spiral notebooks. Feel free to add other items that you feel would be useful and appropriate. Drop off your donations in the marked container in the Gibson Center through September. Please contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304 if you have any questions. Thank You!

