

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation founded in 1999 — 300 N. Tanque Verde Loop Road, Tucson, AZ 85748

The Mission of Corpus Christi

We, at Corpus Christi, seek
to experience God in Scripture,
the Sacraments, our prayer,
studies, one another
and all of God's creation.
We aspire to embody
God's presence
by sharing our gifts
and welcoming all.



March 23, 2025 *Third Sunday of Lent*



The Woman at the Well *John 4:5-42*

Fr. Christopher Orndorff, Pastor
Fr. Richard Kingsley, Pastor Emeritus
Deacon Mark Cesnik
Deacon Dennis Scalpone

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Parish Office Hours:

Mon.-Fri., 8:30am-4:30pm

Web Page: www.cccctucson.org

Celebrating



Years

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY: 4:30PM

SUNDAY: 7:45AM

9:45AM

HOLY DAY VIGIL: 6:00PM

HOLY DAY: 8:00AM

MONDAY through FRIDAY: 8:00AM

Rosary: 7:15AM

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From the Desk of Fr. Chris



"Give me a drink" begins the transformational relationship between Jesus and the Woman at the Well. "Give" is an important word for a disciple, as in "the giving of oneself." Giving in any form, be it time, skills, or resources, is something done out of love, gratitude, or thanksgiving for a disciple and not out of guilt or obligation. Otherwise, it just causes resentment. I don't know about you, but I'm pretty good at spur of the moment giving of self. But I find if I don't plan and consciously commit to giving of self in one way or another, I never follow through or even start! I give myself an out. I can always come up with some excuse and put off not just the giving of time and resources, but all aspects of discipleship. That's just the opposite of how we began this journey with Paul on Ash Wednesday – "Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

Fr. Chris 

We welcome all who are visiting our Corpus Christi Faith Community for the first time or are frequent visitors. We are honored by your presence. If we can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

If you would like to become a member, complete a registration form located at the back of the church, parish office, or visit:
www.cccctucson.org/becomeamember



Ways to Donate to your Parish

Use your weekly envelope; contribute by Visa or MasterCard; credit or debit card; recurring weekly or monthly donations through your bank. For more information on using one of the alternative methods of donating, please

contact John Salapski at the Parish Office at 520-751-4235.

Would you like to receive monthly Donation Envelopes?

New Members: in order to process your request we ask that you please complete the Parishioner Registration Form which can be returned in the collection basket at mass or brought to the parish office. Forms are located at the back of the church, in the parish office, or on the website at www.cccctucson.org

Registered Members: please call the parish office or turn in a Parishioner Registration Form (circle "Members Updating Information"). Envelopes will be assigned (or reactivated) when the completed form is received in the office for processing.

Have You Moved?

Do you have a new address, phone number or family changes? Updating this information helps us serve the parish more effectively and saves on the cost of returned postage. Please call the Parish Office at 520-751-4235 to update your information.



Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper



Each Friday during Lent we have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm with a Soup Supper following! Members from our Parish Ministries, Staff, Parish Council and Youth Group take a turn hosting a Soup Supper and lead Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

Schedule: March 28

April 4 & 11

Soup of the Week

If you have a favorite Lenten soup recipe to share with our Corpus Christi community, submit your recipe to bulletin@cccctucson.org and it will be featured in an upcoming bulletin edition during the Lenten Season!

Celebrating CORPUS CHRISTI'S 25th ANNIVERSARY Parish Founded August 6, 1999



Come Join the Fun
at our

Monthly 25th-Anniversary Community Events

March 22.....K of C Golf Tournament

May 4.....Intro to Non-Profits/Ice Cream Social

June 21.....Fiesta de Corpus Christi

July 26.....Anniversary Potluck & Bingo Finale



CORPUS CHRISTI WELCOMES...

Newly Registered Members:

Daniel J. Miller

Save the Date—Kid's Camp 2025!

June 9 - 13, 11:30am-2:30pm

July 7- 9, 11:30am-2:30pm

More information in future bulletins!

Virtual Rosary

Please join us for the Rosary online using Zoom. We will be praying at **9:00am on Wednesday and Friday**. You must have Zoom on your computer (it's easy to download from [zoom.com](https://zoom.us)!). If you would like to join us please contact Theresa Romanelli at (520) 373-5442 or grandma.romanelli@gmail.com. Once you give your email to Theresa, she will send you an invitation to the Zoom meeting on Thursday. It will have a link you click on to join the meeting on Friday.

*Wednesday Zoom meeting ID: **86975406196** / Passcode: **USA**

*Friday Zoom meeting ID: **81859009428** / Passcode: **JESUS**.

Evening Prayer & Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration, along with Evening Prayer (from the Liturgy of the Hours) will be held at 6:00pm on the Thursday before each First Friday. Prayer in the presence of the Eucharist has long been a source of peace and consolation for members of the church. The service will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, community participation in Evening Prayer and conclude with a period of silent prayer while the Eucharist remains on the altar.

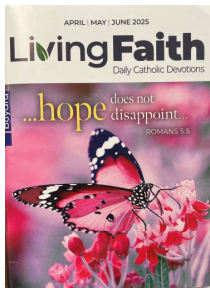
The next Evening Prayer & Adoration will be April 3, 2025.

Lectio Divina

"Morning after morning He opens my ear that I may hear"
- Isaiah 50:4

Lectio Divina is held on Wednesday, at 9:00am in the Chapel. We will learn the prayer method of letting God, our Divine Friend, speak to us through the scriptures. Join us anytime as these are ongoing groups. For more information call Donna Celenza-Sweet 520-370-9507.

Living Faith Booklet



Living Faith provides daily reflections based on a Scripture passage from the daily Mass. With readings for daily Mass listed with each devotion, this booklet helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year. Citations are from the Mass Lectionary, which is based on the New American Bible. Booklet covers 3 months and newly arrived is the April-June 2025 edition! Limited supply in the parish office. Cost is \$1.

The Pima East Vicariate Penance Schedule:

St. Pius X - March 10 at 6:00pm
St. Rita in the Desert - March 27 at 6:00pm
St. Francis de Sales - April 2 at 9-11am & 5-7pm
St. Cyril of Alexandria - April 8 at 6:30pm
Our Mother of Sorrows - April 9 at 6:00pm
Corpus Christi - April 16 at 6:30pm



Please remember to let the Parish Office know when you are on campus during business hours. Thank you.



We remember in our prayers those who have moved deeper into God's Life:

Johnny Candler

Elizabeth Siegel



Prayer Chain

If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain, or have a prayer request, all that's required is to have a computer with internet access, an email address, a compassionate heart, and willingness to pray for others (no phone trees). Send requests to prayerchain@cccctucson.org



Homebound Eucharist

If you have a family member or know of a parishioner on the eastside of Tucson in need of having Eucharist brought to them regularly, please contact the Parish Office at 751-4235.

Grief and Loss Support Group

Grief and Loss group sessions will provide an opportunity for individuals of all ages to express feelings, build rapport, get support, and be heard. The intent is to create a safe place to connect, learn about grief, understand how grief affects us, and identify coping strategies to assist with experiencing grief. The group will provide encouragement, strength and support through the use of reflection, sharing, and prayer to assist with the healing process of grief and loss. Group sessions will be held in the Chapel the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month. ****Please contact Dr. Thouin at 520-240-3599 or tanis@qualityoflifecounseling.net to register before attending a session.**

The following is the current session schedule for 2025:

10:00am—11:30am in the Chapel (*peer facilitated)

April 4
May 2 & *16
June 6 & *20
July 18
August 1 & *15
September 5 & *19
October 3 & *17
November 7 & *21
December 5 & *19

Reminder for Parents

We would like to remind parents to please accompany their children to the restrooms. We are a growing parish and would like to continue to be a safe parish. Thank you.



Youth Group



Weekly Schedule:

ID/Password for all meetups

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Monday: no meetings

Tuesday - Horses w/ Wings team, in-person assist at equine therapy program 5:30-6:30pm. Contact Stacey for details.

Wednesday - Innovative RE, 4:30pm

Thursday - Confirmation catch up class (evening session on Zoom)

Friday - Guided Meditation on Zoom at 4:00pm.

Saturday - no meetings

Sunday - Children's Church - 2nd Sunday during 9:45 Mass.
YG/Confirmation, 11am—2pm

****Innovative Religious Education Youth Volunteers****

Innovative Religious Education on Wednesday, in-person from 4:30 to 5:30pm. Contact Stacey Beste to join the team of helpers.

**** Tuesday Night Horses with Wings—Limited group sizes.
Weather Permitting! Contact Stacey for details.**



"Service is Love & Joy. Service is being who you are. Service will flow naturally from you. It will freely be given and freely received. And know what you do will really help." - Journey to the Heart

For information on Youth Group please contact Corpus Christi Youth Minister, Stacey Beste at sbeste@cccctucson.org
Like us on Facebook: **Corpus Christi YouthMinistry**

Religious Education the Family Way Family Faith Formation

We all know about Lent, but how much time do we honestly spend on the Trinity? This month's Family Faith meeting focused on those two topics.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's something we say and hear over and over again, which might be why we tend not to give the Trinity much thought. It's always there and always has been. But go a step further and pretend that you are going to teach that concept to a child, or even a more challenging task, to an adult. Then questions about how can three things be one, and different, and not the same? Yet, this is what we believe and profess so boldly.

Words can help define and explain the Trinity, but they will always fall short. Our experiences speak much more clearly and reveal to our hearts all the ways God is with us, around us, and within us. Trinity insists that we must know God from the inside out and the outside in. Lent is a 40 day journey designed to help us get closer to knowing God and ourselves. Now is the time to contemplate how much Jesus insisted that God is a loving and forgiving father. Now is the time to remember that such intense love comes from within us and, despite our failings, never dims.

For more information about Family Faith Formation contact Suzanne Hensel, Coordinator of Family Ministry and Children's Sacrament Preparation at shensel@cccctucson.org



Cub Scout Pack 747 is back!

Corpus Christi's Cub Scout pack is back! Kindergarten through 5th grade. Pack 747 is a family pack for both boys and girls.

For more information, please reach out to Rick Robertson at 520-313-5286 or by email at tucsonpack747@gmail.com

Youth Group Spring Plant Sale!

March 29th & 30th after all Masses

Funds raised will go to Youth Group Outreach Programs - ie. Pima Animal Care Center; Equine Voices; Children's Clinic!



Blood Drive - April 13, 2025 Donors Needed!

Corpus Christi Parish is sponsoring our second blood drive of 2025 on **Sunday, April 13, from 7:30am to 12:30pm.** The Red Cross has gone into the "critical need" status. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter Sponsor Code: **corpuschristi**

*Please be on time for your appointment and check in first at the blood drive table in the community center before proceeding to the bloodmobile. Remember to bring a photo ID. You won't be able to donate without it. Thank you!



Altar Servers!

We have a wonderful crew of altar servers, but we could use your help! If you are between the ages of 8 and 18, and have received your first communion, you are eligible to serve! Please call Marcy Block at **520-401-0403** or email: blockmarcy@yahoo.com for more information.

Innovative RE (Religious Education)



Teaches religious and spiritual lessons using prayer and meditation, Bible Study, relatable, fun projects, and community outreach services. The class is for ages K—5th grade, and Junior Youth Group 6th—8th grade. Sessions are held on Wednesday, 4:30—5:30pm, year-round with breaks for camp and holidays. Contact Stacey at sbeste@cccctucson.org for more details.

Corpus Christi Youth Service Scholarship Award

Corpus Christi High School Seniors. The scholarship application is now available on the church website at:

www.cccctucson.org

Application deadline is MONDAY, April 7th by 4:00pm. Interview will be held Saturday, May 3rd.

Requirements:

- History of volunteer service to the Tucson Community and/or Corpus Christi Catholic Church.
- Will be attending an accredited university, college, trade or technical school beginning fall 2025.
- You and/or your family are registered parishioners of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Dominga's Dignity Bag Project An Invitation to Provide Hope!

Please join the Outreach Ministry for the monthly sewing of "Dominga's Dignity Bags" on **Thursday, March 27, 9:00am** in the community center. All bags will be donated to Kino Center—El Comedor & Casa Nazareth Women's Shelter in Nogales, Sonora. You do not need to sew to participate. Bring a sewing machine if you have one. Donations of sewing supplies are appreciated—**Fabric (heavy, not light) Material Needed!** Contact Alma for information at aschlar@cccctucson.org.



Did you know...

There is a hiking/nature trail around the Corpus Christi property with Stations of the Cross? Please be cautious while walking along the nature trail as you may encounter wildlife. Also, for prayer and meditation, walk the Labyrinth and enrich your Lenten journey!

Lost and Found

If a personal item(s) is thought to have been left in a pew at Mass or possibly dropped in our plaza or parking lot, check our Lost & Found box located on the community center table along the south wall, next to the Riser Room (closet). Your item(s) might have been found and turned in! You can also check with the parish office at 520-751-4235.

*(*per Arizona law, after 30 days any unclaimed property is free to be destroyed, sold, retained for parish use, or donated to an appropriate charity.)*



Our Facebook page...

"like" us on Facebook at "**Corpus Christi Parish**" and be part of increasing our faith community presence!



To submit an article for the bulletin or pulpit announcement send it via email to bulletin@cccctucson.org or drop it by the Parish Office. Submissions must be received by 12 pm Monday.

Corpus Christi Website

To hear homilies from Father Chris (with an occasional homily by Deacon Mark Cesnik) or if you would like more information about our Corpus Christi Catholic Community and Community Events please visit our website at www.cccctucson.org. Be sure to click on "**This Month's Calendar**" tab for an at-a-glance calendar of meetings and events!



2025 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift to the appeal supports the ministries and service in this diocese from which you and this parish benefit. If you have not yet made your gifts, please consider doing so. Completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket or dropped in the mail. You may also visit www.cathfnd.org/donate

Progress Report as of 3/21/2025

	Goal	To Date	% to Goal
Amount	\$70,000	\$113,054	162%
Participation	385	304	79%
Registered Parishioners		950	



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Good News on 25th Anniversary Shirts!

We have a limited supply of these shirts for sale in the office, each shirt priced as follows:

- * 2 Small, Style A.....\$10
- * 1 Medium, Style B.....\$10
- * 2 Large, Style B.....\$10
- * 2 2XL, Polo.....\$22
- * 1 3XL, Polo.....\$23

Attention

Our buildings and grounds are "maturing" with use and time which means there are occasional, usually minor, hazards popping up. For example, tree roots in the courtyard have begun to move brick paving in some areas so that it is no longer perfectly flat. Please be attentive to possible changes while using any of our facilities.

The Holy Rosary For VOCATIONS



*First
Fridays* **7:15am**

*Please join the Corpus Christi faith
community as we pray for vocations
through the intercession of our
Blessed Mother.*

Mass Intentions

The custom of requesting a priest to offer the Mass for a specific intention, even when one cannot be physically present at the Mass, is a longstanding tradition in the Church. An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday or anniversary), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Mass Intentions at Corpus Christi are scheduled Monday—Friday, 8:00am daily Mass. If you would like to schedule a weekday Mass for your loved one(s), or have a special intention, please contact the parish office at 520-751-4235.



**Catholic Tuition Support
Agency**

Invest in a child's future
today! Redirect your
Arizona state tax liability to
a child's education

The time of year is upon us to remind our supporters to take advantage of the State of Arizona's Tuition Tax Credit. The State allows taxpayers to receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on their 2024 state taxes while providing much-needed funding for deserving students enrolled in Catholic schools in the Diocese of Tucson and other private schools within Arizona. Tax Credit Brochures are available in the vestibule and parish office, or visit the CTSO website at www.ctso-tucson.org.

Make your contribution by April 15, 2025 for the 2024 tax year.

Community News

Taize Prayer Service

Take time out for meditative prayer this Lent! You are invited to a Taize Prayer Service.

St. Francis de Sales Church

1375 S Camino Seco—Tucson

6:30pm, Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Taize, an ecumenical service, is a form of Christian contemplative worship. Using just a few words, chants are sung which express a basic reality of faith. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being.

Pilgrimage Opportunity with Bishop Kicanas & Deacon Ed Sheffer

Greece & Turkey—The Footsteps of St. Paul.

A Religious Pilgrimage of a Lifetime April 30-May 11, 2025

Come join Bishop Kicanas & Deacon Ed and explore the crucial impact St. Paul had on our faith. Please feel free to call if you have any questions! 520-577-8780 x111

Invitation to Play Bocce

We invite guys and gals to join us to play Bocce on Monday and Thursday mornings. We play at St. Augustine High School at 9:00am. Contact Aldo at 520-891-4930.

Catholic Community Services—Tax Clinic

For a tenth year in a row Catholic Community Services is offering its Low-Income Tax Clinic. The LITC, as it's referred to, is available beginning now. "The program has been an invaluable resource for the community, offering assistance and educational workshops on tax issues for low-income taxpayers", said Elena Dwyre, CEO of Catholic Community Services. The free program also supports limited-English speakers. Dwyre said since 2015 the program has provided vital support to individuals and families facing tax-related challenges. To schedule an appointment call 520-416-4759 or email Anna Burke at annab@ccs-soaz.org.

2025 Pilgrimage to the Shrines of France

Join Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry and Father Bala Kommathoti on a pilgrimage to the Shrines of France—Paris; Lisieux; Mont Saint Michel; Poitiers; Nevers; Lyon; Lourdes. November 4-14, 2025. For a brochure and more information visit www.vineofgrace.org or call Erin at 520-631-1408.

Catholic Cemeteries Monthly Masses

The Diocese of Tucson Catholic Cemeteries will hold the Monthly Masses at both Catholic Cemeteries:

Holy Hope Cemetery

3555 N. Oracle Road

Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery

2151 S. Avenida Los Reyes

Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery Mass is every 1st Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM. Holy Hope Cemetery Mass is every 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 AM.

"For it is in the giving that we receive" ~ St. Francis of Assisi

Donations: General / Designated
 March 16, 2025 \$ 16,044 \$ 2,403

Thank you for your generosity!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Isa 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Deut 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sunday: Josh 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; St. Turibius de Mogrovejo; National Tamale Day
 Monday: St. Irenaeus
 Tuesday: Blessed Margaret Clitherow; National Medal of Honor Day
 Wednesday: St. Brulio
 Thursday: St. John of Egypt
 Friday: St. Tutilo
 Saturday: St. Rupert; National Vietnam War Veterans Day



Sunday, 3/23 All Corpus Christi Parishioners
 Monday, 3/24 Fr. Chris Orndorff (L); Fr. Matthew Spahr (L)
 Tuesday, 3/25 Adam Montaño (L); Anne Jones (D)
 Wednesday, 3/26 Mike Scherb (D); Jackie Garvin (D)
 Thursday, 3/27 Charles Keller (D); John Aiello (D)
 Friday, 3/28 Paul McCort (D); Jackie Garvin (D)
 Saturday, 3/29 All Corpus Christi Parishioners

Registered Households: 949

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Mandatory Reporting Information – Safe Environment

In accordance with the Mandatory Reporting law of the State of Arizona, all employees and volunteers are responsible to immediately report reasonable suspicion of the abuse of any vulnerable person/minor, regardless of the source of the abuse. For Diocesan information please visit <https://diocesetucson.org/our-call-to-protect-1>.

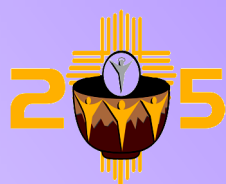
Law Enforcement: 9-1-1 or the local Law Enforcement
 Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS): (888) 767-2445
 Arizona Adult Protection Service: (877) 767-2385
 Diocese of Tucson OCAAP: (520) 838-2513 or (520) 838-2567

Corpus Christi Ministries

Activities	Ceil Woodruff	751-4235
Altar Linens	Cathy Cristo	401-9140
Altar Servers	Marcy Block	401-0403
Altar Server Robes	Kathy Cullinan	480-206-5976
Becoming Catholic	Sylvia Olberding/Dc Mark	751-4235
Church Decorations	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Eucharistic Ministers	Dave Baker	290-9064
EM Training	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Funeral Receptions	Dee / Lisa / Mary / Pat	751-4235
Greeters	Angie Buchanan	730-0249
Grief & Loss Support	Tanis L. Thouin, Ph.D.	240-3599
Homebound Eucharist	Theresa Romanelli	751-4235
Hook, Needles & Yarn	Rose Britt	906-3301
Infant Baptism Prep	Dc Dennis Scalpone	751-4235
Knights of Columbus	Mike Kwinn	751-4235
Labyrinth	Jennifer Van Boxel	443-690-5147
Lectors	Tom Louis	396-9248
Liturgical Life	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Outreach	Maura M. / Cheryl P.	751-4235
Parish Council	Dave Ronquillo	751-4235
Parish Librarian	Kay Dahms	751-4235
Prayer Chain	Lyn Diehl	751-4235
Quilt Ministry	Diane Arnold	990-7490
Scholarship Ministry	Gaby Lochner	751-4235
Scrip (Gift Cards)	Bill Wierschem	369-9662
Time & Talent	Linda Calandrella	749-9171
Ushers	Al Scionti	204-5961
Vocations	Georgene/Nancy	751-4235
Welcoming Ministry	Georgene Fromm	647-0036
Widowed Women	Theresa Harth	751-4235
Women's Ministry	Donna Celenza-Sweet	370-9507

Corpus Christi Groups

Blood Drive Coordinator	Dee Veale	751-4235
SA Troop 747	Chaz Elsten	991-0429
Bridge	Barb McElroy	885-4996
Cub Scout Pack 747	Rick Robertson	313-5286
Hiking Club	Cheryl Pruett-Fimbres	237-5879
Let's Talk Travel	Brian & Karen McKenna	751-4235
Out to Lunch Bunch	Theresa Romanelli	373-5442
Texas Hold'em	John Gulli	245-2149



Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Celebrating 25 Years



Ministry Spotlight



Each Ministry/Group at Corpus Christi is responsible for a specific mission. If you would like to join their mission, please contact their leader for details or attend a scheduled meeting.

Spotlight on the Altar Server Ministry

This ministry is open to kids and teens, boys and girls, who have received their first communion



What do they do?

- *Assist the priest at mass
 - *Serve at mass you usually attend
- Training is provided



Parents must be committed to bring the child to mass on days scheduled or help them find a substitute.

With questions or to volunteer: Contact the ministry leader, Marcy Block (520) 401-0403

Why We need to Advocate and Pray for Vocations

Vocations are integral to the life of the Church. The vocation of marriage produces religious vocations, and religious vocations are the human means for the entry point of all Catholics into a grace-filled sacramental life. Fostering strong and courageous vocations in the modern world is the lifeblood of the future of the Church.

Yet, currently 3,500 parishes in the United States are without a resident priest, in addition to the more than 1,700 parishes without a priest in Canada, and many dioceses anticipate a staggering 50 percent drop in priest numbers by 2025. Simultaneously, the ranks of religious sisters have dwindled to levels last seen a century ago, and sacramental marriages, the foundation of all vocations, have plummeted by 55 percent since 1990. The crisis in North American vocations is unmistakably clear.

The mission of the Vocation Ministry, is to create an environment in our faith community that encourages and allows men and women to easily say "YES" to God's call in their lives to the priesthood, consecrated life, sacramental marriage, or the single life. Everyone discerning this important decision should feel supported, **whenever or wherever they hear the call!**

We must actively and intentionally promote and build up vocations. Each person's vocational calling is imprinted on their heart by God. Together we can rekindle that call within every heart and ensure the future of the Catholic Church.



*"Let us be quite frank: the ability to cultivate vocations to the priesthood and the religious life is a sure sign of the health of a local Church. **There is no room for complacency in this regard.** God continues to call young people: it is up to all of us to encourage a generous and free response to that call."*

~ Pope Benedict XVI