

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL

PILGRIMS *of Hope*



Corpus Christi
CATHOLIC PARISH

A Steward's Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from Your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.



Joyful Mission in *Christ's Presence*

As we enter this season of stewardship renewal, I invite you to reflect deeply on the blessings God has poured into your life. Stewardship is a way of life rooted in gratitude, responsibility, and faith. Each of us is called to use our time, talents, and treasure in service to the Gospel and our parish community. When we give of ourselves joyfully and sacrificially, we participate in Corpus Christi by showing how we are an active part of the Body of Christ.

This year holds special significance, both for the universal Church and for our own parish. In addition to participating in the Jubilee Year 2025, proclaimed by Pope Francis as a time of hope and renewal, we joyfully celebrate our own parish Jubilee, 25 years at our present campus and in our beautiful church. This milestone invites us to remember all who have come before us in faith, and to recommit ourselves to the mission entrusted to us: to be a vibrant, welcoming, and generous community of disciples.

May this renewal be a grace-filled time for our parish. Let us move forward together, united in Christ, confident in God's providence, and joyful in our shared mission. Thank you for all the ways you support our parish family. I am deeply grateful for your faith, your witness, and your love.

In Christ,

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Hebrews 10:23

Time

Just as our bodies need healthy, physical nourishment to survive and thrive, so too do our spiritual lives require nourishment. We are called to use the gift of time above all to nourish our souls. So, we must take an honest look at ourselves. Do we put our spiritual life first, or do we focus more on the cares of the world or on escape from those cares? Do we use our time to obtain the lasting “food” of good spiritual nourishment that Christ and the Church offer to us? When we commit time each day to seeking spiritual food, our loving and generous Father will transform our lives. How will you commit to use your time in the year ahead so that God can truly feed you?



Consider these ideas to help you get started:

- Consider attending one extra Mass each week, making a mid-week visit to Jesus in the tabernacle or attending Eucharistic Adoration.
- Prepare yourself for Sunday Mass by reflecting ahead of time as a family on the lectionary readings that will be proclaimed. Even five or ten minutes will change you!
- Commit to saying grace before meals and have every family member mention one way they were “fed” by God that day.
- Every night before bed, pray slowly and lovingly the prayer that Jesus Himself taught us, the “Our Father.”

Talent

We are one in Christ, yet uniquely distinct. As St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, **“There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord”** (1 Cor. 12:4-5). As one body in Christ, we are unified in our mission to build up the Kingdom of Heaven. And within our unity, we are given countless gifts and talents. Have you considered the gifts God has blessed you with? Are you using them to His glory?



Pray about the following possibilities:

- Get involved in a service ministry at our parish that stretches you to be more selfless.
- Pray for our ministries, our parish staff and leaders and all parishioners.
- Commit to do an extra act of service every day for a family member as a concrete way to serve the Lord.
- Consider ways you can serve right from home – helping with phone calls or emails for a ministry or offering skills like sewing or baking for parish events. There are countless ways to serve God’s kingdom.



Treasure

For the true steward, money has a spiritual component. When used according to God's will, our income becomes a sort of prayer – a prayer that demonstrates our love and gratitude to God, and our real trust in His plan for our lives. Our spending habits are also a reflection of who and what we truly love. God asks us to love Him above all else. Do we?

“From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the collection, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich” (CCC, 1351).



Try challenging yourself in the following ways this year:

- Take a look at your current spending habits, and assess what expenses are preventing you from offering your treasure more selflessly.
- Ask yourself if your family budget reflects what you love most in this life so that your spending is a reflection of that love.
- Commit to giving a percentage of your income to God through the parish offertory as an expression of your love for God, who withholds nothing of Himself from us.

Pilgrims of Hope Through Hospitality

CHAT-N-STITCH

Contact: Joann Schaffer, (620) 253-1027, mjschafe@gmail.com

This group meets off campus at members' homes. This group makes our baptismal gowns and helps with any special sewing projects we have. This ministry meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m.



COFFEE & DONUTS

Contact: Ann Wright, (785) 843-6286, awright@cccparish.org

Coffee & Donuts ministry serves after both Sunday Masses every weekend except the third weekend of the month.

EMPTY NESTERS

Contact: Flo & Gabriella Rothbrust, (816) 506-6209, florianrothbrust@gmail.com

Whether you are an empty nester, an almost empty nester or a no nester, the Empty Nesters ministry include parishioners - married, single, divorced, widowed, and other wise - middle aged and beyond. This ministry allows one to embrace their current life's status and share their talents with the Corpus Christi community through spiritual, educational, and social endeavors. Meeting times and days vary.

FREE BIRDS

Contact: Kelly & Cristy Sullivan, (785) 760-4428, cristyllynn@sullivan@gmail.com

The Free Bird Ministry is a community for adults ages 40-60 who are entering a new phase of life. Whether your children have recently headed to college, moved out, you're nearing retirement, or you're simply looking to reconnect and grow in your faith and fellowship. Meeting times and days vary.

FRIDAY MORNING COFFEE GROUP

Contact: Cristy Sullivan, (785) 843-6286, cristys@cccparish.org

This fun group meets every Friday after daily Mass in Fr. Jim Shaughnessy Hall for fellowship, a light snack, lively conversation, and spiritual encouragement!

GREETER AT MASS

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

Welcome all those who come to the doors of Corpus Christi Church.

USHER

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

Ministry of hospitality, ensuring people in the church feel welcomed, are comfortable, and feel a sense of belonging.



WELCOME COMMITTEE

Contact: Debbie Smith, (785) 813-3098, dlouises1960@gmail.com

Welcome Committee hosts a welcome table after masses on the first weekend of each month. Our group makes personal calls to every new parishioner and those who express interest in joining our faith community. We offer to help navigate various ministries and clubs, introduce them to Father and other parish staff.

Pilgrims of Hope Through Formation

BOOK CLUB

Contact: Sara Morris, (785) 856-0292, irishsmiles98@yahoo.com

Book Club ministry assists in the formation of social groups to discuss books by the group. Second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m.

CYO ATHLETICS

Contact: Kyly Bateman, (785) 331-8188, gosaints@cccparish.org

The Catholic Youth Organization fosters athletics for our young people. All children in the parish in 3rd - 12th Grade may participate. Volunteers are needed to support this program. VIRTUS training is mandatory for all volunteers involved with minors. Varies by sport and schedule.



FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

Contact: Gina Dahlstrand, (785) 843-6286, ginad@cccparish.org

There are so many ways to help with families of young children. Please consider the following: hospitality (event set up, food, etc.) catechist (teaching religious education for grades 1-6), OCIA team member, Vacation Bible School, and sacramental formation. All volunteers must be VIRTUS trained to work with minors. Meet monthly or as needed.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Contact: Donna Myers, (785) 218-3324, chucky@sunflower.com

The Social Concerns ministry creates space and opportunities for all the members of our parish to participate in social justice activities that allow our hearts to be touched. Catholic social teaching is paramount to our faith and one of the church's greatest contributions to the Christian tradition. This ministry exists to encourage and support all parish social justice ministries; including Mental Health Awareness, LINK, Family Promise, and Gift From the Heart. The leadership works to encourage living out the Gospel's social teachings through participation in charitable works. The ministry oversees outreach to Catholic Charities, DCCA, Ballard Center and Just Foods to name a few. First Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Contact: Paul Owings, (785) 741-5480, owings.paul.c@gmail.com

The Stewardship Committee is at the heart of what we do as a parish and strives to lead, educate, and empower our parishioners in the pillars of Stewardship (service, formation, prayer, and hospitality). It helps coordinate our parish efforts, sets up ministry fairs, hosts an annual Stewardship Dinner, and helps form and execute all elements of stewardship at Corpus Christi. Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

Pilgrims of Hope Through Formation

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Contact: Chelsea Picha, (504) 649-1417, corpusyoungadults@gmail.com

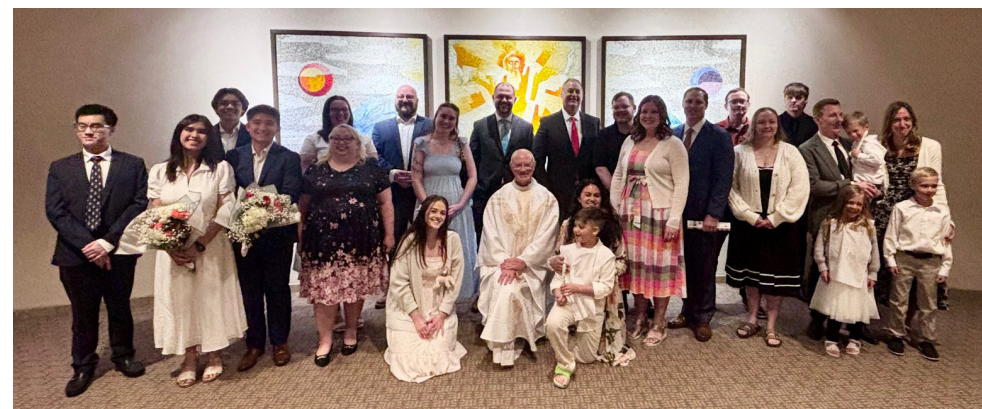
The Corpus Christi Young Adults are a growing, dynamic group of individuals ages 23-30, who have a desire to grow in holiness through community and friendship. This ministry meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. as well as for various service and social activities outside of regular meetings.



YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Contact: Gina Dahlstrand, (785) 843-6286, ginad@cccparish.org

Using the Gospel Truth as our guide, Corpus Christi Youth Ministry will walk with teens and support them in deepening their faith in a safe, trusted environment, surrounded by a community of like-minded peers. Volunteer with our Confirmation preparation or high school youth group. There are several ways you can help including hospitality, being a small group leader or a substitute. Mandatory VIRTUS training for all volunteers involved with minors. Meeting monthly.



ALTAR SERVERS

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

The Altar Servers assist the priest during Holy Mass. This is open to youth 5th grade and older and includes adults as well.

CANTORS

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

The cantor serves to lead the responsorial singing with the congregation. Cantors should have some musical knowledge and be comfortable singing in front of the community.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

Parishioners in 2nd-8th grade are welcome to join the childrens choir. Our praise and worship wouldn't be what it is without these talented youth. Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

CHOIR

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

We are continually looking for talented choir members and singers! Beautifully prepared and executed music elevates and encourages congregational prayer and singing during Mass. Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

COMMUNION TO RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES & HOMEBOUND

Contact: Kathleen Johnson, (785) 760-1726, kbjohnson5331@gmail.com

Communion to the Homebound is a ministry that brings spiritual healing to those who are unable to attend Mass through the power of the Eucharist. In bringing Communion, the Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the entire church community. Prior to any visits the ministry leader will train you and ensure you have what is needed for a successful visit. Visits are weekly on an agreed upon day and time. As needed.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Contact: Margie & Doug Hinrichsen, (785) 979-1894, mhinrichsen2017@gmail.com

This is an opportunity to spend some time alone in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament; offer your spirituality the opportunity for growth. Adoration is weekly on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

Open to all members of the parish who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Catholic Church and are free to receive communion.



FAMILY ROSARY

Contact: Rodrigo Alfaro, (785) 727-6299, rj.alfaro.lopez@gmail.com

The Family Rosary meets to pray the Rosary every Monday at 3:45 p.m. in the church. We encourage the parishioners to pray the Holy Rosary at least once every week and develop an active prayer life to support spiritual growth in our community. Come and pray together with our Blessed Mother, Mary.



HANDBELL CHOIR

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

A crucial element to our most meaningful Masses and prayer services, we're always looking for talented Handbell Choir percussionists. Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

We are always looking for talented organists, pianists, guitarists, flutists, and all other instrumentalists to help us enhance our liturgies.

LECTOR

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

The Lectors proclaim the scriptures during Holy Masses and other liturgies after prayer and careful preparation, so as to bring the Word of God alive for others.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Contact: Michael Berry, (785) 231-8421, mberry9989@outlook.com;

Kevin Roush, (785) 220-5436, kroush@sunflower.com

Encourages men to become better fathers and husbands by growing in knowledge and practicing their Catholic faith and seeking Christ through prayer, scripture, and the sacraments. Saturday mornings 6:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact: Margie Hinrichsen, (785) 979-1894, mhinrichsen2017@gmail.com

Ministers of prayer are needed to keep the intentions of our loved ones in daily prayer.



ALTAR SOCIETY MINISTRY

Contact: Debbie Kurtz, (785) 331-9359, debkurtz51@yahoo.com

Do you appreciate the sparkle of a clean house? Have you ever used a broom or dust rag around your house? Congratulations! You have all the experience necessary to join the Altar Society ministry! The mission of this new ministry is to give God's house a humble touch of cleanliness and to help care for our beautiful worship space. Supplies will be provided. Meets on the last Friday of the month.

ART & ENVIRONMENT

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

This ministry helps plan and execute the art and environment plans throughout the Liturgical year including all special liturgies. As needed.

ASSIST WITH CEMETERY CARE

Contact: Al Mauler, (785) 843-0109, sfarmboy46@yahoo.com

Maintains grounds at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Lawrence. Work outside and keep our Catholic cemetery beautiful. St. John's leads the ministry; Corpus Christi assists. As needed.

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Contact: Greg Pavlyak, (785) 764-6263, gregory.pavlyak@gmail.com

Counting teams meet after 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday to sort, count, and audit the Offertory. Each team is assigned approximately one Sunday per month.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH & DONATION NEEDS

Contact: Cristy Sullivan, (785) 843-6286, cristys@cccparish.org

The parish supports three local agencies with food, supplies, and urgent donations. Food Pantry Ministries: Just Food and Catholic Charities. You may use the blue bags at the back of the church or feel free to just bring non-parishable foods. Wipe Out The Need supports The Ballard Center. We collect toilet paper, diapers and wipes monthly. Donations to all three agencies can be dropped in the large bins located at the entry of the church.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

Contact: Sheri Thomas, (785) 393-1585, sdthomas47@hotmail.com

Daughters of Isabella is a charitable organization of Catholic women founded on principles of its motto: unity, friendship, and charity. Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

DONUM FIDEI AUCTION

Contact: Corpus Christi School, (785) 331-3374, school@cccparish.org

The annual fundraiser benefits the parish school. "Donum Fidei" means gift of faith; this fundraiser impacts the faith education of our students. Our ministry actively participates by coordinating our auction, soliciting items from businesses, handling data entry, and managing setup/cleanup during the week leading up to the event and on the night of the event. If you have a business, consider becoming a sponsor! Meeting dates and times vary.

FAMILY PROMISE

Contact: Laurie Pilakowski, (910) 442-7978, lauripilakowski@gmail.com

Family Promise is a non-profit, supported by area congregations committed to helping low-income families achieve sustainable housing. Volunteers minister in a variety of ways: engaging in conversation, preparing a meal, painting a room, donating gift cards for Uber or groceries, or reading a story to a toddler. Corpus Christi will be hosts at their new permanent shelter for up to six families, quarterly. As needed monthly.

FUNERAL DINNER MINISTRY

Contact: Connie Rockers, (785) 218-3547, conniejerryrockers@yahoo.com

Be a part of a ministry that touches someone in a time of great need: plan, prepare, help organize, serve food, or clean up following funeral luncheons. As needed.

GARDEN CLUB

Contact: Fr. Jerry Volz, (785) 843-6286, frjerry@cccparish.org

The Corpus Christi Garden Club works in conjunction with the Parish Grounds and Maintenance Group to plan and care for the landscaping and outside grounds of Corpus Christi. The purpose of the Garden Club is to assist with making the church grounds look beautiful, maintain and control weed growth, and to enjoy fellowship with other parishioners who have the same interest, "digging in the dirt." This is a great ministry for the whole family!

GIFT FROM THE HEART

Contact: Debbie Konzem, (785) 331-9111, debvig@att.net; Donna McCarthy, (785) 393-6910, mccarthy.donna.j@gmail.com

This ministry serves approximately eight different organizations in the Lawrence community and more than 500 individuals are helped each year. Volunteers staff Narthex tables for distribution of wish lists and organize parishioner gifts returned for those in need. Time frame is November-December.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Contact: Rick Kuhle, (785) 979-7474, rick.kuhle58@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and Patriotism and open to all men of the parish. Knights recognize that their mission, and their faith in God, compels them into action to help our parish and those in need. Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

LINK

(LAWRENCE INTERDENOMINATIONAL NUTRITION KITCHEN OF KANSAS)

Contact: Jesse Smith, (620) 249-6242, jesse.ksmith7@gmail.com

The purpose of LINK is to share home-cooked, nutritious meals, to any member of our community who wants one. This ministry meets on the fourth Sunday of each month at the First Christian Church, 221 W. 10th Street, Lawrence, KS from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.



MEALS FOR FR. JERRY

Contact: Karen Ledbetter, (785) 865-6055, ledbetter57@hotmail.com

Provide meals for Fr. Jerry during the busy week when he is ministering to our community. It is a great way for us to serve our priest since he is serving us "the bread of life" daily/weekly. Dinners are provided twice a week. We ask that when you sign up you choose only one day per month so that others will have a chance to make dinners. If you are interested in making a healthy meal for Father, please sign up. Details will be given to you when you are an active participant in this ministry.

PARISH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Contact: Tim Arnold, (785) 218-6228, tarnold0627@gmail.com

This ministry takes care of our vast parish grounds. Work includes mowing, trimming, spraying, watering trees, mulching, picking up trash, and raking leaves. We are in constant need of those who have skills or expertise in these areas. As needed.

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANCE

Contact: Leslie Koerner, (785) 843-6286, church@cccparish.org

This group will assist with tasks within the parish office such as mailings, front desk help and assisting staff with needs. If you would like to volunteer for front desk coverage you must have good communication skills. Office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. As needed.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Contact: Sharon Spratt, (785) 550-5913, sharonspratt@sunflower.com

Ministry that sees to the pastoral/spiritual needs of the parish, and serves as an advisory group to the pastor. Every year a discernment process will be held to choose new members to serve a three-year term as a pastoral council member. This ministry meets monthly except for June and July. Third Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m.



RETIRED GUYS MINISTRY

Contact: Rick Kuhle, (785) 979-7474, rick.kuhle58@gmail.com

Group of retired gentlemen that help with minor maintenance issues for the church and school. If you are handy and would like to help, this is a ministry for you. As needed.

SACRISTANS

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

This ministry helps in the preparation for, and clean-up, after Mass.

SAINT VERONICA'S MINISTRY

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org
Assists with laundering and prepping of all altar linens.

TECHNOLOGY TEAM

Contact: Mike Rusche, (816) 309-3958, mrusche@gmail.com

Provide support for the parish and school technology systems, including computers, servers, software systems, firewalls, etc. Whether you simply enjoy working on computers or are a professional in an IT field, this group is for you! As needed.

SAINT THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

Contact: Shaun Whisler, (785) 843-6286, shaunw@cccparish.org

This ministry will take care of watering all plants in the church and refilling candles and candle oil. This is done weekly on a rotating basis.





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