

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.”

September 10, 2023
Twenty-Third 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

September 3, 2023

St. Barbara

Weekly.....\$3,658.70
E-Giving.....\$245.00
Total \$3,903.70
Maui Collection \$1,570.50
No Bazaar Collection
This week.....\$ 635.00
Total to Date \$15,767.00

Corpus Christi

Weekly..... \$7,515.84
E-Giving.....\$1,444.20
Total \$8,960.04
Maui Collection \$1,839.55
No Bazaar Collection
This week.....\$ 260.00
Total to date \$29,805.00



Mass Honoring Wyoming Area Football Players & Cheerleaders

Today, Sunday, September 10, 2023

The WA football players and cheerleaders will be honored at our 10:30AM liturgy.

Religious Education News

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. If you did not receive a registration form in the mail or if you need additional forms, call the rectory or e mail Joyce at icecconi50@gmail.com and we will gladly send one to you. Additional Religious Education registration forms can be found in the vestibules of the churches. When writing out checks for the Religious Education fee, please make out your check to the parish where you are registered: Corpus Christi or St. Barbara Parish. Thank you.

Save the Date...Sunday, September 24, 2023

Hey kids, you won't want to miss this! On Sunday, September 24th immediately following the 10:30AM Mass, everyone is invited to a fun "Foam Party" on the grounds



of Immaculate Conception Church. Icecreamers "Ice Cream Truck" will also be here so we all can enjoy our favorite ice cream treat!! Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel.

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. To purchase tickets, please call or stop by the rectory and a ticket form will be mailed to you.

St. Barbara Parish Holy Name Chicken Dinner

Save the date!! **Sunday, October 15, 2023**...St. Barbara Parish Holy Name chicken dinner featuring Arcaro & Genell's Italian Roast Chicken. Take-out only, 11:00AM to 3:00PM...pre-sales only. Watch the bulletin for more details!



Congratulations to Ron Gitkos, the winner of the Penn State autographed football. Thank you to everyone who donated and/or purchased tickets. The raffle raised \$1,675.00

which helps benefit activities for the children of the parish. A special thanks to Blaise Sokach-Minnick for obtaining the autographs and to Independent Graphics for the donation of the tickets.

Knights of Columbus Meeting

All men from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes are invited to join the Knights of Columbus. They meet every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00PM in Immaculate Conception Church rectory. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 18th at 7:00PM.

Homebound and Nursing Homes

We like to keep our records current of who is in a hospital, residing in a nursing home or is currently homebound. We do not always get this information because of the HIPA Law. Please call the rectory or e mail Joyce at jceconi50@gmail.com if you or someone you know is homebound, in a hospital or residing in a nursing home.

On behalf of the parishes, the combined Social Concerns Ministries from Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes periodically reach out to these people to be sure they feel connected to their parish family.

Beginning in October they will be making homemade soups monthly which are delivered to the homebound. Recently, volunteers delivered a delicious chicken dinner to the homebound which was donated by "Fork Over Love."



Through our "Visitation Ministry" which is coordinated by Deacon Walter Janoski, volunteers will be reaching out to parishioners in nursing homes and the homebound to bring them communion, see if they need a pastoral visit, or just a visit from a friend.

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 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!



September 11 thru 17, 2023

- Mon 7:30AM (ICC) Dec'd Membs of the Grasso & Kurent Families**
By Family
- Tues 7:30AM (ICC) Communion Service**
8:30AM (HRC) Mark Kleback
By St. Barbara Choir
- Wed 7:30AM (ICC) Communion Service**
12:10PM (SAC) Communion Service
- Thurs 7:30AM (ICC) Communion Service**
8:30AM (HRC) Nicoletta Goldsworthy
By Ellen & Sr. Sue Brown
- Fri 7:30AM (ICC) Tom Socolofsky**
By Family
12:10PM (SAC) Edward Slavinski
By Family
- Sat 4:00PM (SAC) Mariano Fanelli**
By Mismegni Family
5:30PM (ICC) Cataldo, Christine & Sam Szalzo & Michael Orleski
By Vera Orleski
- Sun 7:30AM (SAC) Paul Naples**
By Walter & Deborah Boyson & Sons
9:00AM (HR) Daniel Smitka
By Family
10:30AM (ICC) Frank Rollman
By A Friend

Candles

These candles will burn September 10 thru 16, 2023, in loving memory of the following:

Altar Candles at ICC

Angeline BalzanoBy Lori & Julian Campenni

Holy Family Candle at ICC

Michael Orleski.....By Sam, Christine & Cataldo Scalzo

Sanctuary Candle at ICC

Christopher ManganielloBy Family

Sanctuary Candle at HR

Mary & Stephen Smith.....By Raymond & Dianne Smith