



Spiritual Adoption is coming to Corpus Christi Parish

Everyone loves the beauty and innocence of a baby. As an expression of that love, Corpus Christi announces an adoption program for young and old alike. The members of Corpus Christi Parish family will soon have the opportunity to “spiritually adopt” a child who is newly conceived this month. Not all babies make it to birth. Many parents tragically experience the loss of a child to miscarriage or premature birth. And more than 3,000 babies lose their lives to loss of a child to abortion each day. These are the babies you are being asked to “adopt” simply by praying for him or her each day. You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up during the weekend of March 16 & 17. Prayer pledges will be collected during Mass. A selection of prayer cards with age-appropriate prayers will be available.

It is suggested that you name the child for whom you will be praying, which will remind you that, although you may never meet the child in this life, you truly are praying for a specific child who needs your prayers. Watch the bulletin as well as the Little One posters on the wall for monthly reports describing “your baby’s” development. In December, we will celebrate the “births” of our spiritually adopted babies by collecting baby items which will be given to mothers in need of assistance. There are millions of unborn babies desperately in need of your prayers. Won’t you please “spiritually adopt” one and share the love for life that God has given you?

DAY 1—Developing Baby—“I’m here”



At the moment the father’s sperm and mother’s egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA. Although he is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the height he will grow to be, color of hair—everything! He will play a role in his family and his community—a role only he can play! Nothing is added after conception to make his a complete human being. He already exists; all he needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all—love. His parents don’t even know he exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so he can fulfill the mission God has for him.

Sacraments

www.corpuschristicos.org/sacramental-preparation

Weddings Catholic preparation begins 12 months prior to the wedding date. Please contact our clergy directly to begin preparation.

Anointing of the Sick Please call the parish office for more information.

Funerals Please call the parish office before scheduling date and time with a funeral home. The parish office schedules presiders, musicians in consultation with the family.

Baptism Prep Class is required for parents and god-parents. Please call the parish office to register and for more information.

***Next class is TBA, please call the parish office 719-633-1457 x10**



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Dear Friends in Christ,

On Laetare Sunday, March 31, 2019, Catholics throughout the United States are being asked to help support the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support of this collection serves **Jesus in disguise** in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Proceeds from this national collection provide services for immigrants and refugees, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Please join in this collection to support those suffering on the margins around the world.

For example, in rural communities in Afghanistan, for example, children have limited access to education because of distance and the danger of commuting to public schools. In a remote village in Ghor, one of the poorest provinces of the country, an estimated 80% of adults are illiterate, and the illiteracy rate is even higher for women. Most villagers are farmers who never attended school. The closest school was too far and the road too dangerous for young children to attend. Your generosity made it possible for the children to attend school and has offered them a more hopeful and secure future. Such programs have been implemented across Afghanistan for 15 years and have helped more than 23,000 students build more prosperous lives.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Support the collection, and answer the knock of **Jesus in disguise**.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael J. Sheridan
Bishop of Colorado Springs