

Corpus Christi Catholic Church

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

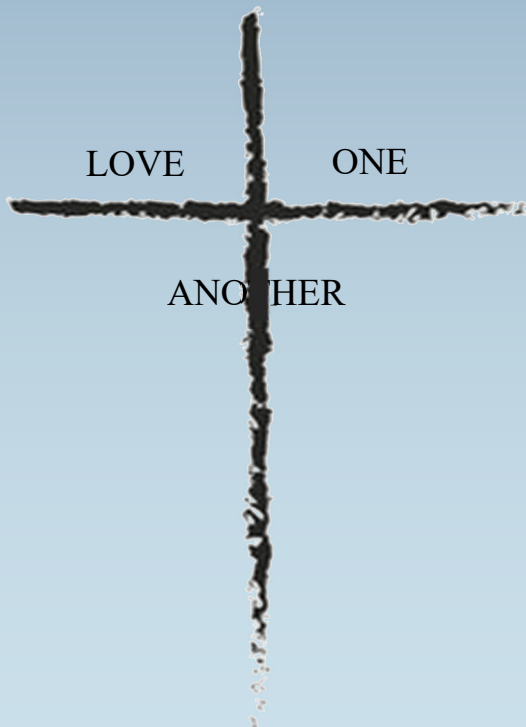
The Mission of Corpus Christi

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.



May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



John 13:31-33a, 34-35

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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Fr. Chris



www.cccctucson.org/becomeamember

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!



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 call the Parish Office at 520-751-4235.



**Monday, May 26, 2025
for Memorial Day**



	<u>Goal</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>% to Goal</u>
Amount	\$70,000	\$131,435	188%
Participation	385	355	92%
Registered Parishioners		956	

Do you have a “milestone date” coming up (birthday, anniversary, etc.)? Would you like your friends and fellow parishioners at Corpus Christi to celebrate the event with you? Please either call the parish office 520-751-4235 or email bulletin@cccctucson.org and let us know about your upcoming milestone event at least 10 days before you would like it announced.

The Corpus Christi Youth Service Scholarship Ministry is pleased to recognize the following high school seniors for their service to others. These recipients spent countless hours volunteering in our Parish and the Tucson Community. They are remarkable representatives of Corpus Christi Church, and we are happy to support them as they continue their education and volunteerism.

Arelí Amador
Kathryn Baker
Jameson Cione
Brycen Duncan
Julissa Estrada
Emma Huey
Anna Martinez-Rodriguez
Iliana (Rey) Nides Otero
Saturnino Pajkos
Andrew Smith
Karina Tapia
Shyann Torres
Marie Wieser

This year we were able to award a record amount due to generous support of individual donors and many Church Ministries. Our thanks to the Knights of Columbus, the Fall Arts Boutique, the Christmas Shoppe, the scores of parishioners who support our bake sale, and those who donate directly to the scholarship fund. Your generosity allows Corpus Christi to acknowledge these outstanding teens for living their faith through service to others.

Rosary

Reminder: all are invited to pray the Rosary at 7:15am, before 8:00am Daily Mass Monday thru Friday.

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.

Celebrating **CORPUS CHRISTI'S 25th ANNIVERSARY**

Parish Founded August 6, 1999



Come Join the Fun
at our
Monthly 25th-Anniversary Community Events

June 21.....Fiesta de Corpus Christi

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

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.



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.

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



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)

May 2 & *16

June 6 & *20

July 18

August 1 & *15

September 5 & *19

October 3 & *17

November 7 & *21

December 5 & *19

Fall Arts/crafts Boutique October 18 - 19



***Applications are available
for our fourteenth annual
Fall Arts/crafts Boutique***

***To apply, pick up an application in the office or
go to the parish website: cccctucson.org and
look for the Boutique link. Applications are
due by June 6th.***



***If you know of other artists and crafters who
would be an asset to the Boutique, please
give them application info or let us know and
we'll send them an application.***



Acceptance letters for this juried show will be sent by June 23rd. Profits benefit Corpus Christi ministries.

Questions? Contact us at fallartsboutique@cccctucson.org

The Fruit of...

***"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer
is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love
is service, and the fruit of service is peace."***

~ Mother Teresa



Blood Drive - June 8, 2025 Save the Date!

Corpus Christi Parish is sponsoring our third blood drive of 2025 on **Sunday, June 8, from 7:30am to 12:30pm**. 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**. As a thank you The Red Cross will issue a \$15 Amazon gift card to each donor. And as an additional bonus for donors for this blood drive, each donor will be entered in a drawing for a \$7,000 gift card (two lucky winners will be chosen for this bonus prize)!

Euchre Schedule

Euchre meets on the 4th Friday of the month. The next game will be Friday, **May 23, 2025 at 6:00pm**. All are welcome!

Tea Party—Thank You!

Thanks to all who helped at the May 9th Tea Party, and thanks to all who attended! It was a great day enjoyed by all!



Thank You

Please join us in thanking **Pat Limberg** who recognized our community center kitchen refrigerator and freezer were in dire need of intensive "spring cleaning." Pat set time aside in her schedule this past week and completed this arduous task, and they look incredible! We couldn't be more grateful!



Honoring Mary in May Our Lady of Hope

This year has been declared as the Jubilee of Hope, reflecting on the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite not knowing. When we are discouraged and pessimistic, God's word helps us find reason for hope.

On January 17, 1871, the Virgin Mary appeared to 6 children, not visible to adults, in Pontmain, France, during the Franco-Prussian War. She encouraged prayer and hope as the war approached their town, assuring them that the conflict would end soon. Her message in this apparition was, "But pray, my children. God will hear you in a short time. My Son allows Himself to be moved with compassion." While the apparition was happening, the campaign was halted and 10 days later an armistice was signed.

Our Lady wore a dark blue dress, covered with gold stars, a black veil, and a simple gold crown. Later that evening as the community sang and prayed, two white crosses shone on her shoulders. She lowered her hands and a white veil covered her. And then she disappeared. The scare was over. When we seek the maternal care of our Blessed Mother, we remember she stood at the foot of the cross with hope of the forgiveness of sin and resurrection to everlasting life. This brings us hope in our journey, never abandoned.

Wildlife Around Campus!

Our parish campus is surrounded by serene desert landscape. Many species of wildlife make their way onto our campus including the plaza and near the buildings. We wish to keep all safe, so please be cautious as you walk around the grounds.

Photo: Gila Monster recently spotted near the parish office!



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 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.)

(photo: necklace found in the church after 9:45 mass on 5/11/25.)



2025 Summer Church Camp June 9-13

The Wonderful World of Jesus (aka Disney/Pixar theme). Celebrating bible stories and lessons on Jesus and His wonder with many activities, projects, games (yes, more pickleball, jumping castle, wii and waterslide!). Plus activities in our New Loving Kindness Prayer Garden! Junior Youth Group (JRYG) will be leading and creating several of these projects. Lunch and snacks included each day of camp. Registration is open and forms are being accepted. Pick up a form at the parish office front desk or email Stacey at sbeste@cccctucson.org. **Please note on the form and contact Stacey Beste with any food allergies or restrictions.** Group size is limited, register early to ensure a spot!



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

Family Faith Formation is a ministry at Corpus Christi that is dedicated to bringing the faith into the homes of our children. The only way to do that is through their parents and grandparents. The ministry primarily focuses on children preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

Last October we started the process of learning more about the Catholic faith, specifically Jesus's life and teachings. This year we added a section that focused on the Mass. The Mass is special because it's when we come together. It's where we ask for forgiveness, and when we receive Communion, it's where we experience our connection to Christ and each other. It's so full of tradition and symbolism that it would all of us a bit of good to explore it more deeply.

This year we have 15 children receiving their First Communions. Please congratulate them and their parents and grandparents that guided them through the process.

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



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.

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.

Our Facebook page...

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



I am so pleased to present to the parish our senior spotlights for this year. My heart is full of gratitude and joy! I'm so proud of all these teens, all they have accomplished, and all they will do in the future! Please extend congratulations to these wonderful youth of our parish!

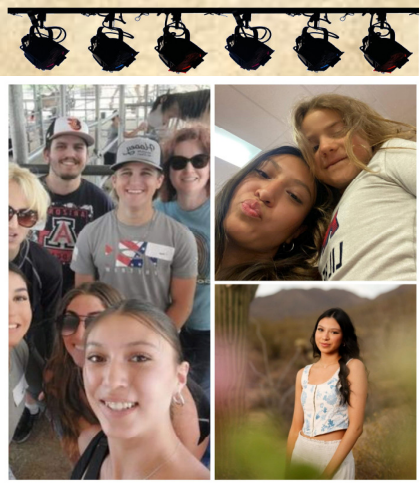
~ Stacey Beste

"Look back for a moment. Reflect in peace. Then let this year draw to a close. All parts of the journey are sacred and holy. You've learned that by now. Take time to honor this ending-though it's not really the end. Go to sleep tonight. When you wake up tomorrow a new adventure will begin. Remember the words you were told when this last adventure began. The words whispered quietly to your heart, let the journey unfold. Let it be magical, the way has been prepared. People will be expecting you. Yes you are being led." - Journey to the Heart—Melody Beattie

Senior Spotlight

Go forth and set the world on fire.

~ St. Ignatius of Loyola



Iliana Rey Otero is graduating from Salpointe Catholic High School and will be attending Arizona State University. She is a 4-year member of the competition pomline and a 3-year member of the Southern Arizona Spirit Squad All-Star Elite World team. She is also a dance teacher at Southern Arizona Spirit Squad where she has worked with young dancers to help them achieve their goals and dreams. She is also a gymnastics and dance coach at Radiant Gymnastics, where she has enjoyed being a part of the stories of young athletes. Rey reflected on her Youth Group and states that, "I like planning and working with others to bring people closer to God. I think it benefited me by allowing me to be more hands on and take leadership roles, and I think it benefited others by helping them to discover their voice and grow in faith." She added, "My favorite memory of Youth Group has been Leading (RE) Religious Education and Summer Camps. I think that it will help me to continue to work well with others and create connections." Rey has been an active Youth Group member for years, helping with many projects, like Roadway Cleanups, Parish Breakfasts, and projects helping animal rescue groups. She also has been a part of many off-campus events, such as volunteering at Equine Voices Sanctuary in Tubac. She always signs up for our bi-annual plant sale fundraiser to raise money for our outreach projects. Rey has been a standout with our Summer Church Camps and assisting on Wednesday Religious Education classes. She takes the initiative with preparation work, organizing groups and activities, and the clean-up and breakdown aspects of these intense programs. She completed Kitchen Safety Certification and is an invaluable support at church functions such as the Christmas Eve Pageant and Sacrament Masses. A unique service she started was running exercise/dance classes for all ages on Zoom, sharing her amazing talent as a dancer with others. Rey is a natural leader; she is determined and committed and leads with a strong heart. We are extremely blessed to have her continued support and are excited to watch her amazing future unfold!

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Cristian Moctezuma is graduating from Tanque Verde High School, where he participated in soccer (also club soccer), as well as track and field. He also worked part-time junior and senior years. Cristian will be attending the University of Arizona in the Fall majoring in Mining Engineering. Cristian said, "My favorite service/project while participating in youth ministry was the children's summer camp, because it taught me patience and gave me the ability to teach the younger generation about the love of God, his plans, and the love he has in store for us. The Youth Ministry taught me so much about the power in being of service to others. And being able to participate in outreach projects alongside my friends was a great experience. I hope to continue to do volunteer work through Corpus Christi and at my university." Cristian has been involved in many on-site and off campus service missions at youth group including Horses with Wings equine therapy program, helping animal rescue groups with dog food drives and making toys for pets and creating care packages for deployed military and First Responders. He also helps with many parish functions like the Halloween events for families. In particular, he volunteered to perform at a Christmas parish event. Even though he was only in elementary school he stepped up to play the piano for the crowd! He has been a leader at Summer Church Camps and works well with all the different age groups, whether its teaching origami or pickleball. His great attitude and even-tempered approach is so beneficial. We are thankful for his help and excited to see all his future accomplishments!



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

Donations: General / Designated

May 4, 2025	\$9,118	\$4,764
May 11, 2025	\$10,309	\$5,523

Thank you for your generosity!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 15:1-10; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
 Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8;
 Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter; St. Theodotus;
 National Emergency Medical Services(EMS)Week
 Monday: St. Dunstan
 Tuesday: St. Bernardine of Siena; National Rescue Dog Day
 Wednesday: St. Christopher Magallanes;
 Thursday: St. Rita of Cascia; National Maritime Day
 Friday: St. John Baptist Rossi
 Saturday: St. Vincent of Lérins



Sunday, 5/18 All Corpus Christi Parishioners
 Monday, 5/19 Mary Ellen O'Rourke (D);
 Ron & Jackie Garvin (D);
 Warren Carr & Vivian Pattison (D)
 Tuesday, 5/20 Jerry & Lyn Diehl (D)(L);
 Bill & Diane Arnold (L);
 Greg Swearingner and Family (L)
 Wednesday, 5/21 Neil Hall (D); Leo Golembiewski (D);
 Bill Cigrand (L)
 Thursday, 5/22 Ryan Pierson (L); Fr. Greg Jones (D);
 Mike Scherb (D)
 Friday, 5/23 Kirk, Illian, Diana Del Carlo (L);
 Mary Belasco (L);
 Theresa Harth & Rick O'Rourke (L)
 Saturday, 5/24 All Corpus Christi Parishioners

Registered Households: 960

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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 Kwin	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

OCIA: Thinking About Becoming Catholic? New Cohort Starting in May

Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?
Do you know someone considering Catholicism?
Do you have questions about the Catholic faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) Inquiry sessions are designed for anyone interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Whether you're taking your first steps towards a relationship with God, towards exploring Catholicism, looking for full communion with the Catholic church, or want to learn more, these sessions provide a welcoming and supportive environment to ask questions and discover more about our beliefs and traditions.

What to Expect:

- Friendly, open discussions about the Catholic faith
- Answers to your questions and guidance on your spiritual journey
- Opportunities to meet others on a similar path

When: We have multiple dates throughout the summer. We welcome you to any or all!

Wednesdays from 7pm—pm: May 7 & 21; June 4 & 18; July 2, 16 & 30; Aug 3, 17 & 31

Sundays at 11am—noon: May 11 & 25; June 8 & 22; July 6 & 20; Aug 3, 17 & 31

Where: Chapel

For questions or more information, please contact **Dc. Mark Cesnik** at mcesnik@cccctucson.org or **Sylvia Olberding** at sylvia.olberding@gmail.com.



KNIGHTS of Columbus Mother Teresa Council 12696

Mike Kwinn, Grand Knight www.kofc12696.org

Supporting

Corpus Christi Parish Scholarship Funds
campers to St Joseph Youth Camp
Strauss Manor / Casa Maria
Reachout Women's Center / Sr Jose
Poverello House

All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles:

Charity – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” There is no better way to experience love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we answer every day.

Unity – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually.

Fraternity – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely.

Patriotism – Members of the Knights of Columbus, are patriotic citizens.

**If interested in becoming a Knight
Call 520-247-2218**