



# The Corpus Christi Chronicle

## June 2018

*"Corpus Christi Catholic School welcome all children; enriches their knowledge, nurtures their faith, and builds their character in a Catholic Christian environment."*

*La Escuela Católica Corpus Christi da la bienvenida a todos los niños; enriquece su conocimiento, nutre su fe y construye su carácter en un ambiente cristiano católico.*

*Trường công giáo Corpus Christi chào đón tất cả trẻ em; làm phong phú thêm tinh thần, nuôi dưỡng lòng tự trọng của các em và xây dựng nhân dạng của các em trong môi trường đức kitô hữu công giáo.*

Wow! It has been an amazing school year! Our days are filled with academic excellence ~ STREAM, guest speakers/authors, field trips, and so much more! If you aren't one of our family members, here is what you missed:

### Corpus Christi Faith Life:

Daily Chapel  
 Weekly Mass  
 Advent Retreat  
 Lenten Retreat  
 Reconciliation  
 Adoration  
 Praying the Rosary  
 Saying the Stations of the Cross  
 Celebrating our Faith in Every Class  
 All Saints Day Celebrations  
 Christmas Celebrations  
 Easter Celebrations  
 Celebrated Mass at Freedom Village  
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 Visits to the apple orchard, the library, and the nature center  
 Visits from fire department and the nature center  
 Outdoor Classroom Day  
 All About Birds and Ooey Gooley Science enrichment weeks  
 4-year-old Fun Run  
 Preschool Mother Goose Morning  
 Potluck Picnic at Teusink's Farm  
 Hackley & Hume Home tours  
 Mrs. Raterink, from Farm Bureau, visit about farming and plants  
 Becoming Vanilla Plant Pollinators  
 First Reconciliation  
 First Communion  
 May Crowning

ReadWorks with Volunteers  
 Reading Buddies with Fifth Grade  
 Grand Rapids Symphony & Grand Rapids Ballet  
 Marching in the Tulip Time Parade  
 Classroom Prayer Garden  
 Lansing State Capitol and Museum  
 John Ball Zoo  
 Grand Rapids Museum and Planetarium  
 STEM Activities Wednesday Afternoons  
 Junior Achievement with Stacie Ehler  
 Outdoor Learning Day  
 Tulip Time Kinderparade  
 Author Visits - Mark Neumann and Glenys Nellist  
 Swimming Lessons  
 Day of Sharing  
 Mary Ann Rutherford from the Child Advocacy Center (Safe Touch Lesson)  
 Recycle Projects and Presentations  
 Post Family Farm - Pumpkins  
 Grand Rapids Symphony --Little Red Riding Hood (K-2nd)  
 VanRaalte Farm--Signs of Spring  
 John Ball Zoo (K and 3rd)  
 Ottawa County Health Department-- Dental Health  
 Outdoor Discovery Center -Kindercamp  
 March is Reading Month Readers  
 Painting Rocks  
 Math Links  
 Legos and block building  
 Abraham Lincoln house with popsicle sticks  
 Oobleck  
 Playdough names and pictures  
 Gingerbread Houses  
 Scavenger Hunt  
 Planting Garden  
 Sidewalk Chalk  
 Bubbles  
 Project Best Life  
 Camp Geneva

Day of Sharing - Thanksgiving Celebration  
 Scripps Spelling Bee  
 National Geographic Bee  
 Science Olympiad  
 Chess Club  
 Drama Club  
 Sports Program Grades 5 - 8  
 Mythology Day  
 Law Day  
 Constitution Day  
 Mr. Kevin Bowling - Ottawa County Courts  
 Super Yooper - Author  
 Professor Timothy Evans - NASA, HERA Program  
 Mrs. Carmelita LaPorte - Guest Reader  
 Mrs. Andrea Reender - Ottawa County Courts  
 Mr. Charles Murray - Lawyer  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Michigan Adventure Science Day  
 Talent Show  
 Christmas Program  
 Spring Concert  
 STREAM Activities  
 Sargent Brent Converse - Ottawa County Sheriff's  
 Department  
 Mrs. Laura O'Connell - Guest Reader  
 Quiz Bowl  
 March is Reading Month  
 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast  
 Veterans Day Celebration  
 9/11 Remembrance  
 Open Gym  
 Library Launch  
 One - to - One Chromebooks  
 Corpus Christi School Gardens  
 Special Persons Day  
 Poetry Contests  
 Essay Contests  
 Spanish Classes  
 Art Classes  
 Music Classes  
 Leadership Responsibilities - Safeties, Tour Guides  
 Student Leadership Classes  
 Physical Wellness Classes  
 RTI Specialist  
 Aftercare Availability  
 Homework Clubs  
 Honors Convocation  
 Michigan Green School  
 Whitecaps Reading Program  
 Crusader Kids Raffle  
 Field Day  
 Kindergarten Graduation  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day of Service  
 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

## *A message from Jo . . . .*

As the Chronicle goes to press, filled with articles about life at Corpus Christi, it is time to close out the 2017-2018 school year. We have had a year filled with many blessings. We welcomed many new faces in August, that have become members of our Corpus Christi family. We celebrate the gifts and talents of our faculty and staff. Community dinners throughout the year have brought us closer together. Countless hours of volunteerism by our parent community have enriched our classrooms, sports, and activities. Weekly mass, Morning Prayer, Sacramental Preparation and Education in Virtue strengthen our faith and Catholic identity. We are grateful for education that allows our values to lead our learning. We are the Body of Christ. You are cordially invited to join us as we reopen in August for the 2018-2019 school year.

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### *Our Rotary Leadership Experience*

By Matthew LaPorte, Aidan VandenElzen, and  
 Richard Villegas

Last summer, Corpus Christi's students: Matthew LaPorte, R.J. Villegas, Aidan VandenElzen, Leah O'Connell, Emily Asselin, and Isabella Bays attended a camp hosted by the Rotary Club of Holland, "Leaders of the 21st Century." Rotary International is a worldwide nonprofit organization that focuses on service to others. The camp was held on Hope College's campus and the students were there for two days, staying the night in a Hope College campus dorm. At the camp, students learned about Rotary International and their motto "Service Above Self." This motto means that we should put someone's needs in front of our own, by leading them in service. Students at the camp developed important leadership skills, met students from other schools, and learned about Rotary and their mission. On May 3, the six students who participated in the Rotary Camp over the summer were invited together with Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Supple, the principal and academic dean of Corpus Christi, to meet with Rotarians (Members of a

Rotary Club) at a Holland Noon Rotary Club luncheon. At this luncheon, the students of Corpus Christi met Rotarians, had lunch with them, and presented a slideshow about our experience at the Rotary summer camp, and how we have put service into action since then, both in and out of school. The Rotarians that we talked with were very passionate about service leadership, and they inspired us onto the path of service.



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### Chess Club

By Gavin Maurer and David Murray

Chess Club is an after-school activity on Tuesdays from 3:30 pm. to 4:30 pm. where middle schoolers can play Chess. There are many different levels of players in Chess Club, some play for fun and to have a good time, others play competitively, and some just enjoy the game.

Chess Club is run by Senorita Butch and Mrs. Koster. It is held in Senorita Butch's room. Members may bring their own boards, or play on one of Senorita Butch's boards. Members can

have an after-school snack but must have clean hands and be able to actively participate in a chess match. All students that attend must play a game of chess while they are there. They may play anyone in attendance, but everyone is encouraged to try and play new people every time. Mrs. Koster and Senorita Butch decided to bring back Chess Club because a lot of students that played when Chess Club was last established had graduated, and students wanted to have a chance to experience an after-school club, where they could both be competitive and have fun.

Chess Club has currently completed a double elimination tournament. Each player has a timer of 10 minutes so you either win the game or, when your clock is up, you count how many pieces you have left, and the person with the most pieces wins, so matches won't last more than 20 minutes. If you lose two games you could choose to watch the tournaments, some of which are very interesting. Some of the most interesting Chess matches have been won in under two minutes, while others have been lost when there were just 3 seconds left on the opponent's clock. The final 2 competitors were Matthew LaPorte and Nicholas Goeddeke. The winner of the Chess Club tournament was Nicholas Goeddeke.

Chess Club has 13 members, some that come when they can, and others that have gone to almost every meeting. Chess Club hopes to grow and gain more members in the coming year as popularity of the club grows.

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### Welcome to Our Table

By Victor Cassar and Caleb Pham

This year the second graders in Mrs. Coffin's class received their First Communion. First Communion is the sacrament of receiving the Eucharist for the first time. A lot of work went in preparing for this religious event. We would first like to say thank to you everyone who participated in the event.

Some students who received First Communion are Fabian (2nd), Hannah (4th), Alex (5th), and many other students also received this sacrament within the two parishes Our Lady of the Lake and Saint Francis. This event led up to May Crowning.

During and after their First Communion, the students participated in a few projects supported by their parish. About a week later, the students participated in May Crowning. May Crowning is when a statue of Mary is put up and flowers are laid before her, honoring Mary. May Crowning took place on May 9th. After the May Crowning Mass, the students receiving First Communion sang a song about the Ten Commandments.

First Communicants got ready for the first time receiving First Communion a while earlier, but it was still new to them receiving communion on May Crowning. You should come next year to see the First Communicants and celebrate this amazing event.

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### Drama Club

By Emily Asselin, Bella Bays, and Leah O'Connell  
Oh, my goodness, where do we begin? It has been



quite a year and we haven't even gotten to the best part: our final performance, "What Happened After Once Upon A Time." We will

give you all the details of what and who makes this club so special, what makes this club feel like a second family where we can express ourselves in a unique way. We always have someone there who can help us, whether it is learning lines or stage presence.

The reason why this is such a great club is because of all the students. We chose to be in this club, and we all do great because we want to be part of the drama club. Any third through eighth grade students can join, and they can choose to be part of the frontstage or backstage.

Frontstage are all the actors and actresses, who get to be in the spotlight, and the backstage are the people who make most of the props for the shows and give any cues for the actors.

Our directors are Mrs. Koster, Señorita Butch, and Ms. Brady. They do a wonderful job helping with lines, costumes, and all the



behind the scenes magic. We love all the time and effort they all put into Drama Club, because without them, we would have no Drama Club. Mrs. Koster was the one who brought Drama Club back to Corpus Christi. This was the second year of having the Drama Club back in action.

We are currently working on "What Happened After Once Upon a Time." This production will be performed at the end of May. The play is about substitute storytellers who are both called in on the same day and end up having to share telling Fairy Tales for the day. The substitute storytellers go back and forth each reading different Fairy Tales. Some of the Fairy Tales that will be making an appearance are: Hansel and Gretel, Rapunzel, The Three Pigs and many more.

We would like to thank all the parents who supported their kids in joining Drama Club. And of course, Mrs. Koster, Señorita Butch, and Ms. Brady. The students would never be able to do anything without all these amazing supporters, who have been with us every step of the way.

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### Leadership Responsibilities

By: Elaina Dishinger, Molly Griffith, Isabel Shepard, and Joe McNutt

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class has been preparing for the responsibilities of becoming leaders as 8<sup>th</sup> graders next year at Corpus Christi Catholic School. We have been preparing for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade responsibilities by attending our Service

Leadership class every Wednesday, after Mass. Our Service Leadership class has prepared us by teaching us the difference between a leader and a follower. Some leadership projects include: trail mix drive, pop can drive, and food drive.

Next school year, when we are 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we will have more leadership responsibilities. Responsibilities that we will have include: safeties, holding doors, and raising and lowering the flag. Safeties include leading the elementary out to the buses, which we call bus safeties. During lunch, the safeties help the elementary students get their lunches, and help them open food items. Another responsibility is holding doors for everyone during Chapel, and at the end of the day. We are also expected to do service for others. We do this by doing family and community service. We fill out service hour forms and have them signed by our parents, and the leader of the service that we completed. Each grade level from 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> has a required amount of service hours that they must achieve by the end of the school year. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class must get at least 20 hours by the end of the school year.

As 8<sup>th</sup> graders, we will be the role models for the younger students. We are the oldest in the school and we are expected to be great leaders. Being a good role model shows others how to be more Christ-like. Being a role model means being a good example for others and a steward of God. This will prepare us for high school when we need to learn from others and set examples for others. This is a very big responsibility for everyone.

In conclusion, being a leader means helping others, and helping others is the greatest privilege. As seventh graders we are preparing our utmost to be great leaders for next school year. Thanks to the help of our great and talented teachers and family members, we will have no trouble serving others for the greater good.

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## Highlights of 2018

It started on August 28, 2017. There were new students and new teachers. Mr. Diebolt is the teacher of 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. LoPiparo is the teacher of 6<sup>th</sup>, Ms. McWain is the science teacher of all grades, Ms. Crimmins is the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and Mrs. Schroeder is the new 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher. We also have a new priest, Fr. Kyle Kilpatrick.

Later in 2017, we had some sports like Boys' Soccer, Girls' Volleyball, Boys' Basketball and Cross Country. We also had the Parade of Lights where Corpus Christi had a float and we gave out pencils and candy to kids. Later that winter, we had the Christmas concert where all the kids did something Christmas-themed. That day there was also a truck raffle where people put tickets in to win a FORD F150. Then, there the middle school had a mythology museum. Then it was finally Christmas vacation.

Then 2018 started and January 3, was back to school for the kids and teachers. There was the Spelling Bee: Ian won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Yavin won 2<sup>nd</sup>, and An won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Also, we had Catholic Schools week which ended February.

In February, we had the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent. Then we had Mid-Winter break and that was all for February. In March, the elementary kids started swimming lessons at the Holland Aquatic Center. After that, we had the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Songfest at West Catholic High School. At the end of March Spring Break finally came!

In May, it is very busy. To start off: May the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders have Law Day. We had the All Sports Banquet. We had Tulip Time where the Elementary kids marched to represent Corpus Christi. We had a Spring Concert. This month the pre-school classes end.

In June, we have Corpus Christi Adoration to begin the month. We have Field Day. After Field Day we have the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation where they are now going to High School. A day after that,

Kindergarten graduates. Then comes the last day of School for the rest of us. This has been a great year and soon will have a better year where 7<sup>th</sup> Graders will have one more step before high school.

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The Corpus Christi Spelling Bee  
By Yavin Fickel

Corpus Christi Catholic School has been doing a Spelling Bee for over ten years. The goal of the Spelling Bee is for the kids good at spelling to show their gifts and talents, without having to brag about them. The Spelling Bee was started by Mrs. Koster. The most recent Spelling Bee, to me, however got a little interesting.



The Corpus Christi Catholic School Spelling Bee 2018 took place in January 2018, on the 14th. It contained close to 70 students, including

me. Grades 4th through 8th participated. 5th grade through 8th were required to participate; 4th grade did not have to. The Spelling Bee took place at Corpus Christi Catholic School, in the Forum. It started at 10:00 AM and lasted to 11:45 AM.

Before the Spelling Bee, all participants were given a packet to study hundreds of words and were given roughly 30 days to know all the words necessary to win. In the Spelling Bee, if you spelled a word wrong, you were out. Whoever spelled every word correctly, got first place. If you got most of them right, but towards the end, got some wrong, you would go to second place, because you got more correct. If there was a close tie between two fighting for second place, but one of them got one more correct, then there would be a third place.

When the Spelling Bee started, a multitude of people were knocked-out on the first and second

rounds. I have to say, there were some hard words. I was a little nervous, because of how many people were out already. The Spelling Bee had gone from 70 participants all the way to 20, then to seven, and finally to three. Ian De los Santos received first place, but it took a while for the judges to figure out the winner for second place, An Nguyen or me, but it came to that there would be a third place, too. I got second, and An Nguyen third.

I noticed that since I was in the Spelling Bee the year before, I already had an idea of how it went. I also had lots of sleep, practice and did not worry about losing. Altogether, I think it was a great spelling bee.

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Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Fr. Charlie Brown!  
By Ian De Los Santos



To celebrate Fr. Charlie's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination, the school decided to interview him. On May 4 at 2:00 pm, we interviewed him in the chapel. We purposely arranged the questions in chronological order; from his childhood to his goals

and things he wanted to accomplish. The interview was successful, and we liked his answers. He said that he was the second out of eight children, and that he lived on a ranch; he wanted to bring more people to God's love and to make more Catholics. Later, on his anniversary, we turned the interview into a skit played by other students. We could tell Fr. Charlie liked the skit, because they were his own words.



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Father Rhyme

By Fabian Alonzo, Second Grade

If your name is Father Kyle,  
Does that mean you like to smile?  
Maybe with a name like Father Mike,  
It means you like to ride your bike.  
What about Father James?  
Do you like to play baseball games?  
I do miss Father Bill,  
But I'm glad that he visits us still.  
If you are feeling snarly,  
The guy you need is Father Charlie.

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The National Geography Bee

This year's National Geographic Bee featured 10 students from grades 4th-8th. They included from 4th: Austin Ysasi and Peter Hupcik, 5th: Maria Le and Olivia Munster, 6th: Jesus Lopez and Eduardo Hurtado, 7th: David Murray and Alex Twiss, and from 8th: David Tran and Leo Vasquez. Leo is the defending champion from 2017 and was looking to end his time at Corpus Christi. It was a heated contest between 5th grader Maria Le and Leo in the final round. After, several back and forth tie breakers Leo was able to win and finish as a back to back Geography Bee Champion! I encourage everyone to study and prepare themselves for next year because we are guaranteed to have a new champion

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Dear Corpus Christi Catholic School Community,



We, the eighth-grade class, want to sincerely thank the Corpus Christi community for all of the help, time, and effort put into

furthering our education and preparing us for the future. From the moment we stepped foot onto the Corpus Christi campus, we were taught and loved by the CCCS staff. Teachers took extra time out of their days to help students learn and incorporate faith into academics. The Corpus Christi staff works hard to ensure that all students are treated equally. As we begin to end this huge chapter of our lives, we will always take the virtues and lessons we have learned from over the years along with us in our adult lives. Thank you for your help, you have taught us many things and we will always continue to learn and grow in faith and the love that we received from you.

Sincerely,

The 8th Grade Class

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Middle School Lenten Retreat  
Coach Kilroy

# Law Day 2018 . . . another success!!



## Many thanks to:

Ottawa County  
Courthouse:

Honorable Jon Hulsing  
Mr. Kevin Bowling  
Mrs. Andrea Reenders



Corpus Christi Catholic  
School:  
Mr. Charles Murray

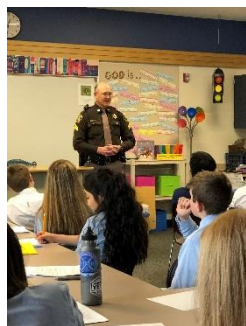


Ottawa County  
Sheriff's Department:  
Sargent Brent Converse

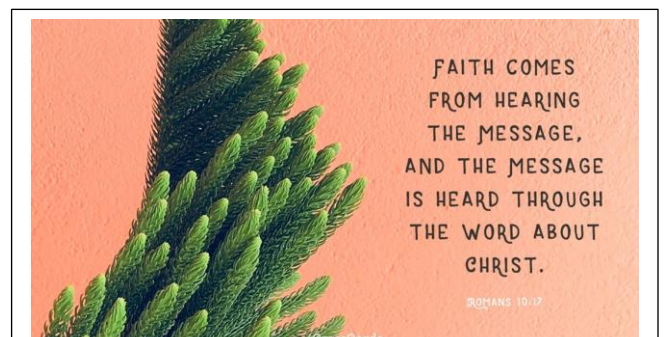
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without you . . . !!

We are invited back  
for Law Day 2019!!

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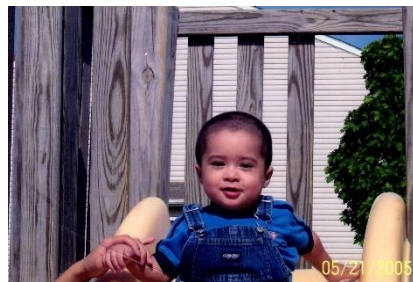
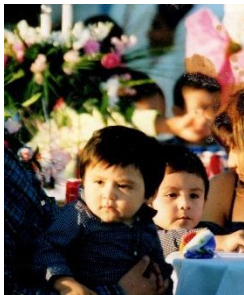
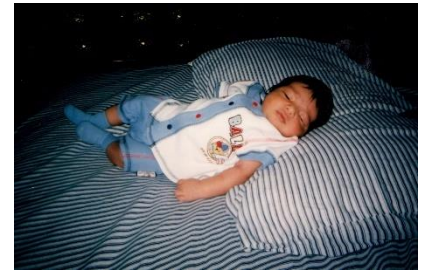
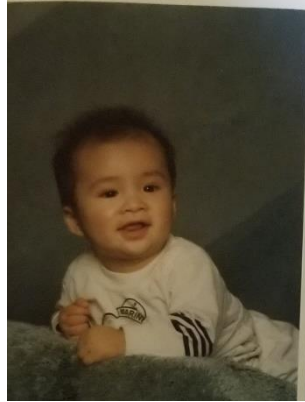


Quiz Bowl Champions 2018





Aren't they just the cutest . . . . . ?  
2018 Corpus Christi Graduates . . . . .



Congratulations to all . . . . .

- Stephanie Acevedo, West Catholic High School
- Jose' Berrios, Catholic Central High School
- Miguel Chavez, Catholic Central High School
- Brayan Flores, West Ottawa High School
- Edith Flores, Zeeland High School
- Gabby Gaiser, Catholic Central High School
- Johan Gomez, West Catholic High School
- An Nguyen, Zeeland High School
- Elizabeth Nguyen, Zeeland High School
- Julian Ramirez, West Catholic High School
- Isabella Sgroia, Zeeland High School
- David Trans, Zeeland High School
- Leo Vazquez, West Catholic High School

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Corpus Christi Foundation Message is Attached.

# Corpus Christi Foundation



The Corpus Christi Foundation awarded their annual gift to Corpus Christi Catholic School in January. The mission of the Corpus Christi Foundation is to support the operations, programs, and ministries of Corpus Christi Catholic School, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in the Lakeshore area. The Foundation's gift to the school for 2018 was \$56,964.

This gift was a contribution toward tuition assistance and the general school fund. Additionally, the Foundation was excited to award grants supporting many school programs, including: Multisensory Reading Instruction for Grade 1, Supplemental Religion Materials for Grade 1, Document Readers for three classrooms, OSMO bases and Coding Jam for Grade 3, Qball Wireless Microphone Ball for Middle School, Let's Learn to Read for K-Grade 1 Spanish Immersion, Learning Without Tears/Get Set For School for Preschool, Classroom Dictionary Set for Grade 2, Highest Court in Michigan Trip for Middle School, An American Treasure/Harper Lee Book Set for Middle School, and Building Compassion Book Set for Grade 5.



With God's help and your generosity, last year the Corpus Christi Foundation was blessed with:

- \*68% increase in total revenue of gifts received from our donors
- \*18% increase in the number of active donors
- \*28% increase in the number of new donors
- \*41% increase in the total number of gifts received
- \*14.6% increase in overall endowment assets

3rd grade students enjoy a new game on the OSMO system, which allows them to compose music using coding skills, while developing rhythm, melody, and harmony through the use of patterns and sequences created with the game blocks.



## Giving Grows...

The Foundation was fortunate in 2017 with a year of considerable growth. This blessing was the result of many generous gifts from our donors, coupled with a positive return on investments. As a result, we are in a strong position to support our Catholic community with another year of annual gifts and to build for the future.

Today our challenge is to care for the Church that has been passed on to us, and to preserve it for future generations. We are grateful that God has inspired you to join us in this mission, and pledge to continue to work for a better and stronger Catholic community. Join us in our mission.



The 4th grade students having tons of STEAM-related fun with KEVA planks. They enjoy having team challenges with other students building towers, churches and marble runs.

Corpus Christi classrooms are using document reader devices to magnify and project any classroom materials, from books to science experiments, to enhance student learning.



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