

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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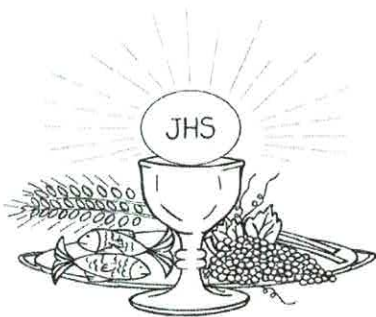
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Faith - Tradition - Family

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6, 2021



On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we give special honor to Jesus, truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. As Catholics, we worship the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of Mass. We are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Many parishes offer regular exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. We may also choose to visit the church at other times to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.

Good News!

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3–8; Heb 9:11–15; Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised. Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God. All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power. The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday	06/05	6:00 P.M.	Living and Deceased of the +Clem and +Lucy Brooker Family (Family)
Sunday	06/06	7:30 A.M.	+Leo and +Lucy Huck Family (David Huck Family)
Sunday	06/06	11:00A.M.	+Richard Pottmeyer (Bertha Pottmeyer and Family)
Monday	06/07	8:00 A.M.	+Mary Canterbury (1st Anniversary) (Rick Canterbury and Family)
Tuesday	06/08	8:00 A.M.	+Bernard Brooker (Charlotte Lang)
Wednesday	06/09	8:00 A.M.	+Gladys Schilling (Parish)
Thursday	06/10	8:00 A.M.	+Allene Huck (Family)
Friday	06/11	8:00 A.M.	+Clarence and +Eunice Walter (Charlotte Lang and Family)
Saturday	06/12	8:00 A.M.	+James Thieman (Marilyn Kern and Family) (Immaculate Heart of Mary)
Saturday	06/12	6:00 P.M.	+Vincent Huck (Anniversary 6/11) (Lisa Huck Berendts)
Sunday	06/13	7:30 A.M.	+Donna Jean Lang Sturm (Romona Barrett)
Sunday	06/13	11:00A.M.	+Frank Schilling (Churchtown Senior Citizens)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

<u>MASS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EUCH. MINISTER</u>
SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.	Weston Hennes and Alex Henke	Eugene Huck	Theresa Sauer
SUNDAY 7:30 A.M.	Mason and Grace Francis	Zandra Francis	Arnold Huck
SUNDAY 11:00 A.M.	Reese Lang and Isaiah Tullius	Jerry Smith	Tonia Skinner

COLLECTION

Total Collection 5/23 \$2,447
 Total Collection 5/30 \$2,251
 Needed to meet parish needs \$4,750

DPSC

Parish Goal \$27,651
 2021 Collected \$33,125

Thank you for your generosity!

BINGO

May 16-Group 8 \$3,336
 May 23-Group 1 \$2,873
 May 30-Group 2 \$4,300

ST. JOHN BINGO

June 6 Group 3 with Randy Schilling
 June 13 Group 4 with Derrick Pottmeyer
 June 20 Group 5 with Kenley Schwendeman
 June 27 Group 6 with Jeff Canterbury and
 Group 7 with BJ Davis
 July 4 No Bingo
 July 11 Group 8 with Russ Lang

If you are unable to attend, please find a replacement.



CHECK US OUT!

Web page: www.stjohnchurchtown.com
 Facebook: St. John Catholic Church Churchtown

COVID UPDATE FOR CHURCH

Masks are available for those who wish to use them.

BINGO NEWS

Bingo will not be held on Sunday, July 4. However, Groups 6 and 7 will work on June 27 and Group 8 will work on July 11. If you cannot attend, please find a replacement.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you are homebound and currently not receiving Holy Communion from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office at (740) 896-3566. We will be happy to have you placed on the visitation schedule. If you would like to have one of the priests visit you to administer the Sacrament of the Sick or to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, contact the Parish Office.

TEACHING POSITION OPENING

There is an opening for a certified full-time Second Grade Teacher at St. John Cental School. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Schwendeman at 740-896-2697 (school) or 740-525-7925 (cell) or Karen Pottmeyer (Principal) at 740-525-3623 (cell) for additional information.

K OF C FATHERS DAY STAG FISH FRY

St. John of Beverly K of C 4617 will host their annual Father's Day Stag Fish Fry on Sunday, June 20, 2021 with serving from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the back porch at the Knights of Columbus building in Churchtown, Ohio. (Open to gentlemen of the Public and K of C Members). Cost is \$10 for all you can eat Fish (Perch and Cod), French Fries, Coleslaw, and pop/beer. TAKE OUT IS AVAILABLE. 50/50 and tool raffle tickets available at the door. Any questions please contact Scott Wells at 740-516-3279.



*The Most Holy Body
and Blood of Christ*

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. David Gaydosik will be celebrating the 34th Anniversary of his Ordination on June 20. May the Lord continue to bless him and all priests.

*I am the
living bread
... if any man
eat of this bread,
he shall
live forever.*
John 6:51

Dear Padre

Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshipping community forms a unified "body of Christ." Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received. The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

CONTEMPLATING THE TRINITY

It's the way to happiness.

BY: CARDINAL RANIERO CANTALAMESSA, OFM CAP.

God is happy! St. Augustine says that God is happy and makes people happy. Happiness is part of the very mystery of his being. Being the highest good, he is also the highest and infinite happiness. St. Francis of Assisi exclaims, "You are joy; You are . . . joy" in his "Praises of God."

God is happiness for the very same reason that the Trinity is happy: because he is love. Happiness, in fact, is to love and be loved. God, from all eternity, loves his Son with an infinite love, and the Son returns that love with an equally infinite love. The Father finds "all his pleasure," that is, his happiness, in him. Since God is happy, he does everything that he does with joy: he creates with joy (see Job 38:7), he saves with joy, and he even suffers with joy.

The Holy Spirit pours the love of God into our hearts (see Romans 5:5). At the same time, the Spirit pours into them the happiness of God that is inseparable from this love. Because of that, one of the first fruits that is produced in our souls is joy (Galatians 5:22). The happiness of God is like an overflowing river whose streams "gladden the city of God" (Psalm 46:5)—the Church.

We all want to be happy. Just in hearing the word "happiness," people perk up and look to see if, by chance, you are able to offer something for their thirst. This is the one thing that unites all people, without exception, whether they are good or evil. No one, in fact, would be evil if he or she did not hope to be happy through that evil thing.

We carry the desire to be happy engraved on our hearts, because God has created us in his image and likeness (see Genesis 1:26), and since he is perfect happiness, he made us for happiness too.

But then, we ask ourselves, why are so few people truly happy? And even those who are, why are they happy for such a short time? It is not difficult to discover where the error lies. Scripture tells us, "God is love" (1 John 4:8); people have believed they can reverse the statement and say, "Love is God"! Revelation tells us that God is happiness; again people invert the order and say, "Happiness is God"!

But what happens when we do this? Human beings do not know happiness that is pure, absolute, eternal, and transcendent, just as they do not know absolute love. They know fragments of happiness, which are often reduced to temporary intoxications of the senses, joys that are like fragile glass that always risks being shattered into fragments from one moment to another. In this way people deify the experience of joy and make it an idol.

This explains why whoever seeks God always finds joy, while the person who seeks joy does not always find God, but often finds only "broken cisterns that cannot hold water" (Jeremiah 2:13). St. Augustine says, "you have made us and drawn us to yourself." It is the whole Trinity that has made us; the Trinity is the Creator-God of Christians. We have been made for the Trinity, and our hearts will be restless until they rest in it.

*Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM Cap., is a well-known Franciscan Capuchin preacher and writer. This selection is adapted from his book *Contemplating the Trinity: The Path to the Abundant Christian Life (The Word Among Us Press, 2007).**



from the Pastor. . .

We are in need of a coordinator for our Religious Education program at St. John the Baptist Parish. As we begin the search, please keep us in your prayers as we begin to surface and discern candidates for this position. If interested or willing to serve, contact the parish office.

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We are seeking special individuals who would like to help by assisting occasionally with working Bingo. If interested contact the parish office. (after all it benefits St. John Central School.)

Please be mindful of others as we return to Church. Masks will be available for those who choose to wear them.

"Whoever is careless with the truth in small matters cannot be trusted with important matters". (Albert Einstein)

A Look at Pope St. John Paul II's *Familiaris Consortio* by Dr. Ken Craycraft.

The English title for this document is "On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World." It was written by St. Pope John Paul II in 1981. The document describes the position of the Catholic Church on the meaning and role of marriage and the family. It refers to marriage as "one of the most precious and most urgent tasks of Christian couples in our time," as "the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning." Following is a brief segment from Section 30 of this profound document: The teaching of the Church in our day is placed in a social and cultural context which renders it more difficult to understand and yet more urgent and irreplaceable for promoting the true good of men and women. Scientific and technical progress, which contemporary man is continually expanding in his dominion over nature, not only offers the hope of creating a new and better humanity, but also causes ever greater anxiety regarding the future. Some ask themselves if it is a good thing to be alive or if it would be better never to have been born; they doubt therefore if it is right to bring others into life when perhaps they will curse their existence in a cruel world with unforeseeable terrors. Others consider themselves to be the only ones for whom the advantages of technology are intended and they exclude others by imposing on them contraceptives or even worse means. Still others, imprisoned in a consumer mentality and whose sole concern is to bring about a continual growth of material goods, finish by ceasing to understand, and thus by refusing, the spiritual riches of a new human life. The ultimate reason for these mentalities is the absence in people's hearts of God, whose love alone is stronger than all the world's fears and can conquer them. Thus an anti-life mentality is born, as can be seen in many current issues: one thinks, for example, of a certain panic deriving from the studies of ecologists and futurologists on population growth, which sometimes exaggerate the danger of demographic increase to the quality of life. But the Church firmly believes that human life, even if weak and suffering, is always a splendid gift of God's goodness. Against the pessimism and selfishness which cast a shadow over the world, the Church stands for life: in each human life she sees the splendor of the "Yes," that "Amen," who is Christ Himself. To the "No" which assails and afflicts the world, she replies with this living "Yes," thus defending the human person and the world from all who plot against and harm life. The Church is called to manifest anew to everyone, with clear and stronger conviction, her will to promote human life by every means and to defend it against all attacks, in whatever condition or state of development it is found. Thus the Church condemns as a grave offense against human dignity and justice all those activities of governments or other public authorities which attempt to limit in any way the freedom of couples in deciding about children. Consequently, any violence applied by such authorities in favor of contraception or, still worse, of sterilization and procured abortion, must be altogether condemned and forcefully rejected. Likewise to be denounced as gravely unjust are cases where, in international relations, economic help given for the advancement of peoples is made conditional on programs of contraception, sterilization, and procured abortion.

(Dr. Kenneth R. Craycraft is Bradley Doctoral Fellow at Boston College. Before his conversion to Roman Catholicism, he was a minister in the evangelical Christian Church, and a graduate of Cincinnati Christian Seminary.)

**Pray for our
Priests**

June 6

Bishop Monforton

June 7

Fr. Nick Ginnett

June 8

All Priests

June 9

Fr. Thomas Nelson

June 10

Fr. Anthony Batt

June 11

Msgr. Gene Mullett

June 12

Fr. Mark Moore

June 13

Bishop Sheldon

Holy Hour on the **First Friday** of the month. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the altar from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Come for the whole hour or for any part of the hour. Mass will follow at 6pm.

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Fr. Joshua Erickson, Vocation Director

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What is the high point of your life? Have you ever climbed a hill or mountain, and from the top, suddenly found perspective? Or perhaps you recall a particular experience that was a high point for you, a time after which life will never be the same. These summits or high points become a reference point for us. In those moments, our lives come into focus and our future direction is clearer, filled with greater hope and strength. The Eucharist is the summit of the Christian life. It is the high point from where we find direction and perspective. When we orient our lives with Eucharist as the summit, the rest of our lives take shape. The Eucharist becomes our reference point from which our daily decisions and actions come into focus with Christ at the center of our lives. Perhaps we do not always think about this, but every Mass is an opportunity to encounter Jesus. We meet the Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist, and surely having done so, our lives will never be the same.

As a young boy, Karol Wojtyła received a prayer book on the Holy Spirit from his father. Karol Sr. told his son to pray the following prayer each day:

*Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of Wisdom
to better know You and Your divine perfections,
for the gift of Understanding to clearly discern
the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith,
for the gift of Counsel that I may live
according to the principles of this faith,
for the gift of Knowledge that I may look for counsel in You
and that I may always find it in You,
for the gift of Fortitude that no fear or earthly preoccupations
would ever separate me from You,
for the gift of piety that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love,
for the gift of Fear of the Lord that I may dread sin,
which offends You, O my God. Amen.*

The young Wojtyła, now known as St. John Paul II, did pray this daily, keeping it on a handwritten note and even attesting that it inspired his encyclical on the Holy Spirit, *Dominum et Vivificantem* (1986).

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Have a nice day...