

June 11 – Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Take and Eat

Many of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: “How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?” (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we “sophisticated” contemporary Christians to make of it?

The people of Jesus’ time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus’ discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus’ blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat! † (Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA)



SANCTUARY LIGHT

June 11 – Paul and Bonnie Harlemert
June 18 – Harold and Virginia Reisman
June 25 – Leonard and Lorene Brancamp

MASS INTENTIONS

June 10 – Kenny Walke
June 11, 10:00 AM – Jim and Geneva Tunny
June 11, 1:30 PM – Gene Simon
June 17 – Charles Simon
June 18 – Ron Bauerle

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday – June 17 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Volunteers or Sister Shirley

Lector: Judy Steuri

Gifts: Brian and Karen Horan

EM: Roseann Wirth (Hall), Beth Simon, Terry Harmeyer

Sunday – June 18 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Amanda Schutte, Julie Stephens

Gifts: David and Jenny Hardesty

EM: Dana Newhart (Hall), Scott Simon, Katie Spreckelson

Saturday – June 24 at 4:00 PM

Servers: Sam Simon, Allie Harmeyer

Lectors: Tara Johannigman, Jack Ferkinhoff

Gifts: Daniel Harlemert Family

EM: Judy Steuri (Hall), Rita Kress, Janet Wagner

Sunday – June 25 at 10:00 AM

Lectors: Donna Harlemert, Ron Bauerle

Gifts: Mike and Katie Spreckelson

EM: Cindy Weisenbach (Hall), Vicki Wagner, Kevin Tunny

PARISH SUPPORT

Adult Envelopes	\$3547.00
Children's Envelopes	\$ 18.50
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 380.00</u>
Total Regular Collection	\$3945.50
Capital Improvement	\$275.00
Education of Priests	\$1233.00
Cemetery	\$225.00

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN HIS LOVING CARE!

"It is the Church that makes the Eucharist, but it is more fundamental that the Eucharist makes the Church... This is the mystery of communion, of the Eucharist: receiving Jesus so He may transform us from within, and receiving Jesus so that He may create unity in us and not division." ~ Pope Francis

WHAT IS SPIRITUAL COMMUNION? - Spiritual Communion is a form of yearning for communion with Christ when sacramental Communion is not possible due to illness, infirmity, or other factors. A Roman Catholic, or any Christian for that matter, who has a desire for union with Christ and who wishes a Spiritual Communion with the Lord should pause for a moment of recollection to remember and give thanks for the love Jesus revealed to us. Then pray, either a spontaneous prayer or this prayer, written by St. Alphonsus Liguori:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you."

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENT – Fr. Binu Mathew has been named administrator at St. Maurice while continuing as administrator of St. John the Baptist, Osgood, and Immaculate Conception, Millhouses. This appointment is effective July 5, 2023, for a period of six years.

MEETING – Next Saturday, June 17, I have an all-day meeting at our Motherhouse, so I will not be present for the 4:00 PM Mass. Just wanted you to know I wasn't taking "early" retirement!

EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS – **\$1,233.00** was received from the collection for the education of future priests. Thank you for your generosity to this collection, and do continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

HALL MICROPHONE SYSTEM – At the last Finance and Parish Council meetings, both groups approved the installation of a new microphone system for the Parish Hall. The cost is \$9,000. Through the efforts of Ron Wagner and myself, we have raised **\$9,375**, thanks to our generous parish donors. It is our hope that this system will be installed by the end of June by Design System from Greensburg.

A special thank you to our Mary and Martha Circle for their \$2,000 donation to this project.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL – We received a report on our United Catholic Appeal recently. Our goal was \$15,274. The amount pledged was \$12,275 (80.4% from 60 donors). Thank you.

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS – Eucharist Ministers are asked to resume wearing medals for distribution of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ. They can be found on the right corner of the vestibule bulletin board and on the door frame in the sacristy on the left. Thank you!

175 YEARS – On December 10, 1997, the annual NCCW Christmas pitch-in dinner and meeting was held in the parish hall, led by Jeani Wagner – president, Joy Youngman – secretary, and Susan Schutte – treasurer. 24 ladies were in attendance, along with 12 guests. Jeani thanked everyone for their dedication and work during the past year and remembered in prayer Bea Obermeyer, who died recently. New committee lists were handed out, along with the first edition of the NCCW Newsletter. Several games of bingo and a Christmas carol game were enjoyed by all, and gifts were exchanged.



4:00 PM MASS GREETERS

June 17 – Ken Hellmich, Dennis Wagner
June 24 – Brian Horan, Ken Harmeyer,
Jack Ferkinhoff (Side Door)

10:00 AM MASS GREETERS

June 18 – Paul and Arlene Gehl
June 25 – Steve Wagner, Kevin Tunny

CEMETERY FENCING – Of the \$10,600 cost for the cemetery fencing, **\$5,066.00** has been donated. Thank you to all our donors!

EXPENSES – Since our budget year ends on June 30, all expenses need to be turned in to the parish office by **June 20**. Thank you.






THE LORD'S LAUGHTER – You know it's inflation when it takes five apples a day to keep the doctor away. (The Joyful Noiseletter)

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION FOR SISTER SHIRLEY – **June 24 after 4:00 PM Mass.** *If you have not signed up, please fill out the form below and place it in the collection. Bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided.*

FAMILY NAME:

PLANNING TO ATTEND:

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH</p>  <p>For the abolition of torture: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.</p>				<p>Finance Meeting 5:30 PM</p> <p>Parish Council Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	 <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:00 - Noon</p> <p>First Friday</p>	<p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Blood Pressure Checks</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</p> <p>Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>BP Checks</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p>	<p>Directory Meeting 11:00 AM</p>					<p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p> <p>Eucharist Ministers Commissioned</p>
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</p> <p>Mass - 10:00 AM</p> <p>Eucharist Ministers Commissioned</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p> <p>First Communion Mass - 1:30 PM</p>			 <p>FLAG DAY</p>		<p>Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</p> 	<p>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 4:00 PM</p> <p>Hall Rented - No Mass in Hall</p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 <p>11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Celebration of Mass - 10:00 AM</p>	<p>JUNETEENTH</p>		<p>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</p>			<p>NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</p> <p>Celebration of Mass - 4:00 PM</p>  <p>Retirement Party 5:00 PM</p>
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Celebration of Mass 10:00 AM</p>						
<p>**COFFEE AND DONUTS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE SERVED DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.**</p>						