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Parish Office Hours: Monday- Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mass Schedule / Weekend Masses:
Saturday - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Monday - NO MASS

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday 8:15 am
Holy Day Masses - As Announced
Confessions- 3:15-3:45pm Saturday

Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
every Tuesday after Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet every Wednesday after Mass

Rosary every Thursday at 5pm

First Friday adoration after Mass until Noon

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**THE MOST HOLY BODY
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:24

June 6 2021

Baptisms - Baptismal Preparation Program is required call Rectory for Appointment
Marriage - Call the rectory at least 6 months in advance for appointment. Registration and Active Membership are Required.
Parish Registration - New families and individuals are asked to register at the rectory at their earliest opportunity. Each family or wage earner is requested to use the weekly envelope system.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, or needing PSR, please call the Rectory Office at 618-465-4221

From the Pastor's Desk - Year of St. Joseph



The feast we celebrate today, popularly known as Corpus Christi was established by Pope Urban IV in the year 1264. He did so in response to a reported Eucharistic miracle in the Italian village of Orvieto. As legend has it, the Eucharistic Host bled when being offered in the hands of a doubting priest, Father Peter of Prague. This was, in essence, a manifestation of a miraculous presence in the hands of one who doubted the Real Presence.

This is a doubt that is all too common today, as well. Many Catholics have not been catechized well with regard to the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Those Christians outside of the Catholic Church (excluding Orthodox) believe communion to be only Christ's symbolic presence, the species remaining just bread and wine. For this reason, Catholics are not permitted to receive communion in a Protestant church and non-Catholics not permitted to receive in our church because the sign of unity in belief is lacking.

In proclaiming the Year of the Eucharist in 2004, St. John Paul II said: "*The Holy Eucharist contains the entire spiritual treasure of the Church, Christ Himself.*" He went on to encourage every Catholic to "rekindle this Eucharistic amazement." May we do so this glorious feast day!

Corpus Christi procession after the 10am Mass this weekend. Please join us for Mass or at least the procession (around 10:45). There will be an altar at the front doors of the school, another at the entrance of the courtyard and the final one back in church. At each altar Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated. Obviously, the purpose of the procession is to show our belief that Christ is truly present with us in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar and that He walks with us on our journey of life.

St. Francis of Assisi had a deep love of Jesus in the Eucharist. He encouraged his followers to pray the following prayer whenever they passed or entered a church: *We adore You, O most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches throughout the whole world. And we praise you because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.* The friars taught me this prayer when I entered their high school seminary back in 1971 and I continue to pray it every day and encourage others to do so as well.

As we continue the Year of St. Joseph, please sign up to have the Pilgrim St. Joseph picture in your home. The sign-up sheet is located at the main entrance of church at the St. Joseph statue. Pick up the picture at the weekend Mass and return it the following weekend. There is a prayer book included for the daily devotion. Thanks to all who have undertaken this spiritual endeavor.

God's blessing in this new week of Easter grace.

Pax et Bonum,

Fru. Jeff

P.S. I will be away this week on the mandatory priest's retreat, this year held in Belleville. Please pray for us as we draw closer to God and one another. I will be back to offer Mass on Friday, June 12th, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. (June IS the month of the Sacred Heart!)

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

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection. ©LPI



Daniel Neves, a 13-year-old boy who painted pictures of the saints and the Blessed Virgin Mary to help to pay for his medical treatment, died May 18 after being hospitalized for almost two weeks with COVID-19.

At eight months Daniel was diagnosed with polycystic kidney disease, liver fibrosis, and spleen problems, and spent most of his life in the hospital. When he was five, his kidneys stopped functioning and he had to undergo hemodialysis every week. It was during that time that he learned to paint, and the sale of his paintings helped pay for his treatment.

The young boy mainly painted pictures of Catholic saints. On a waiting list to receive a kidney transplant, Daniel also created a picture of Our Lady of the Kidneys, so the Virgin would protect him during the operation and guide the doctors to perform the procedure successfully.

The mother said the process of Daniel leaving this world was a special time and that God was merciful in allowing this time to say goodbye, even if it was painful.

"You will always be remembered and loved!" she concluded.

The Brazilian crowdfunding network [voaa_vaquinhadorazoes](https://www.voaa.vaquinhadorazoes.com), which ran a campaign to pay for Daniel's medical expenses, said, "we can't even express in words how sad and shaken we are," adding that the amount raised by the campaign helped a lot with the boy's treatment and pledged "to continue to help the family in this difficult time."

Taken from: [Brazilian boy who painted pictures of saints to help pay for his medical treatment dies \(catholicnewsagency.com\)](https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/13-year-old-boy-who-painted-pictures-of-saints-to-help-pay-for-his-medical-treatment-dies)

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Joseph Candles

June



❖ Anonymous

❖ In Memory of Anna, Ann, Ann Marie, and Special Intentions - Theresa

Words of Wisdom from Mother Teresa

Let us offer everything to Jesus—every sorrow, humiliation, discomfort. In this way, you too, can take your stand at the foot of the Cross with Mary, our Mother.



June 5

Mary Floekstra
Pamela Cotter

June 6

Tracy Eschbacher

June 7

Carriz Stewart

June 8

Lyndal Colburn
John Eschbacher
Mary Volner
Joel Dixon

June 9

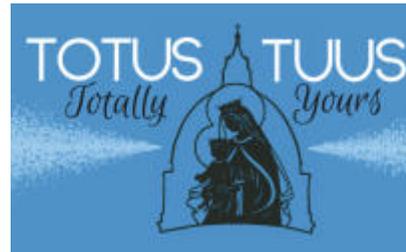
Bennett Williams

June 10

Richard Horn
Richard Shrum
Gregory Maag
Alise Kortkamp

June 11

Gregory Erlor
Myla Dixon
Jose Sanchez



St. Mary's Alton July 12-16

TOTUS TUUS (Latin for "Totally Yours.")

Grades 1-6 (as of Fall 2021): Mon – Fri, July 12-16 9am – 2:30pm

Teens Jr. High and High School:

Sun - Thur,

July 11-15, 7pm – 9pm

Registration for participants: www.dio.org/youthministry/tt

Registration for volunteers:

www.stmarysalton.com/vacation-bible-school

Registration fee includes all materials, lunch and snacks
(evening program snacks)

Church Cleaners June 13 10 am

D. Watts, J. Pautler, M.A. Kilmurray

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Mary, our mother, is one of Mary's most common titles. We cling to it all our lives. Why? Because "mothering" the sense of being cared for and protected, supported and understood, is the human beings primal need. "Mother's Day" is the call to all of us to remember those- both women and men- who have mothered us in life and then be conscious of our call to mother those around us, as well.

- from A Monastery Almanac by Sister Joan Chittister (Benetvision)

Please join us for a retirement celebration honoring Principal Michael Slaughter of Marquette Catholic High School. Marquette Catholic High School will host a retirement celebration for Michael Slaughter, principal and long-time educator of Marquette Catholic High School on Sunday, June 13th from 1pm – 4pm in the Marquette Catholic Commons (outside the gymnasium).

Please stop by to join us in saying Thank You to Mr. Slaughter, who served in the roles of teacher, counselor, coach and principal for over 40 years.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Lisa Curtis
 Jennifer Martin
 Lisa Brinkman
 Beth Ann Alvi
 Patricia Harmon
 Cathy Taul
 Regan Taylor
 Wes Schultz
 Shane Fin
 Barb Hinson
 Vicki Conley
 Gary Osborne
 Julie Gray
 Maren Poettker
 Regina Shaw
 Trent Ward
 Bill Parker
 Mary Schwegel Gillett
 Matthew Paulda
 Ann Sagez

Regan Taylor
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 Jodie Huber
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 Rita Parker
 Beverly Fischer
 Helen Sands
 Roberta Fleming
 Robert Curry
 Tony Marin
 Susan Hendrickson
 Earl Phillips
 Brianne Bagwill
 Leo McCleod
 Tracy Mahan
 Carla Mackelden
 Ann and Rich Phillips
 Marilyn Smith
 John Brinkman
 Tony Martin
 Dana Fallon
 Dave Simonds
 Ken Petitti

Carol Woelfel
 Shirley Plunk
 Vivian Dragone
 Ashley Taylor
 Amanda Wohlert
 Mike Blakely
 Our Men and Women in the Military
 Our Vincentian Clients
 Keep Children of the World Safe
 Shirley Hicks
 Marilyn Smith

- ◆ Please call the office if a name is to be removed from the list.
- ◆ Names in **BOLD** will be removed unless we receive a prayer update
- ◆ If you know of any parishioner that is in a Nursing Home or Home-bound, please let the rectory office know. Also, let us know which Nursing Home they are in.

MUSIC - Corpus Christi June 5-6

Processional: #407 At the Lamb's High Feast

Readings and Responsorial Psalm: #926

Sequence: #453Laud, O Zion

Preparation of Gifts: #837 O Lord I Am Not Worthy

Communion: #838 O Sacrament Most Holy

Recessional: #458 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

If you wish to place flowers on the Altar for a certain celebration please call Theresa at the parish office

The cost is \$40 for 2 bouquets to be placed on the High Altar



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

June 2021

Intention for evangelization—The beauty of marriage

Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

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June 12-13	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 8:00 am	Sunday 10:00 am
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Due to the early printing of the bulletin Collection Amounts from the weekend of May 29-30 will be in next Sunday's bulletin

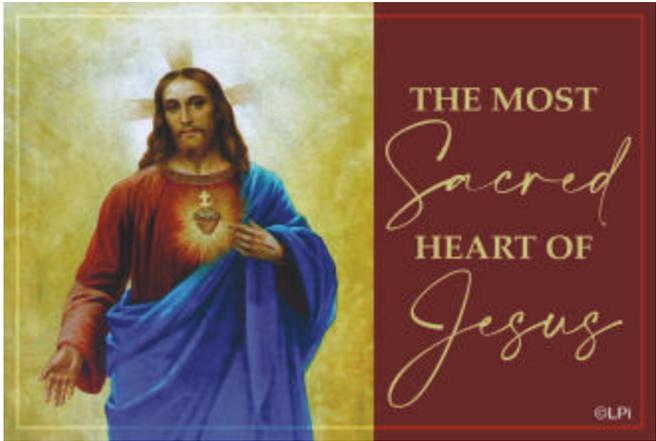
Fr. Jeff will be on retreat from June 6-10

There will be NO Masses offered June 7-10

Father **WILL** return to have Mass on June 11 Feast of the Sacred Heart

The following Mass intentions will be offered by Father Jeff while he is on retreat

† Marion Wilson
 † Robert Smith
 † Richard Huber



Mass Intentions for the Week

Corpus Christi June 5-6

Saturday 4 pm † Jeannie Adolf

Sunday 8:00 am † Karen Banghart
10:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

Monday June 7 NO MASS

Tuesday, June 8 NO MASS

Wednesday, June 9 NO MASS

Thursday, June 10 NO MASS

Friday, June 11 Sacred Heart of Jesus
8:15 am † John Hurley

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time June 12-13

Saturday 4 pm † Robert Logan

Sunday 8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
10:00 am † Bill Bray

This & That

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Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt
5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132,
133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt
5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-
12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph
3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
[8a]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf.
2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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