

# St. Stanislaus

*Parish Family*

**June 6, 2021**  
**The Most Holy  
Body & Blood  
of Christ**

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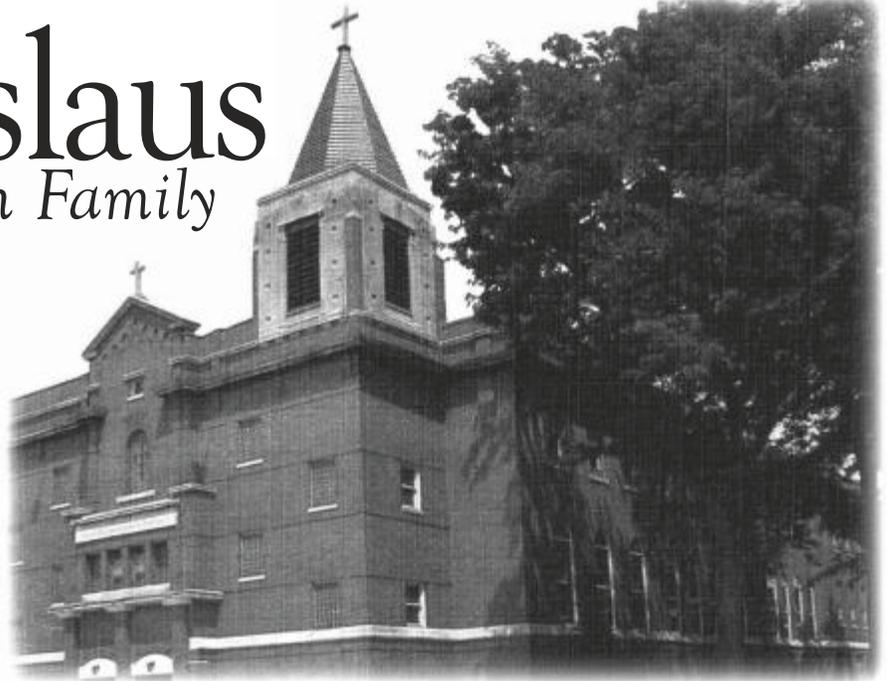
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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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

# Liturgical Notes for the Week

## Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy sacrament of the Altar

So often do we celebrate the Eucharist that we may forget the wonder and mystery contained in this sacrament. The bread and wine we offer on this altar – the gift of God and the work of human hands — will become for us the true Flesh and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave up his life that we might live forever. Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ has been established to help us remember. This year especially this Holy festival should hold special importance to all of us who have not even been able to be present in a Church during this time of COVID 19. How blessed are we that we can come in and partake of the Body and Blood of Christ as he invited us to do so. In his words over the bread and the wine at the Last Supper, "This is my body." "This is my blood." Jesus reveals his desire to become a complete self-gift in the sacrifice of his body and blood. Today, this gift is still present to us in the Body and Blood of Jesus consecrated at the altar, consumed by the faithful, and reserved for adoration and worship. In the simple elements of bread and wine. We find the totality of our Lord who humbled himself to take on flesh, suffered, died, and rose again. Here we encounter him with us always as food and drink to nourish, heal, and sustain us "until the end of the age" (Matt 28:20; NABRE)

Songs so often help us to remember special events that hold memories in our hearts. Today, may this holy hymn remind us of the divine mystery that is our life.

### Praise We Christ's Immortal Body

1. Praise we Christ's immortal body, And his precious blood we praise; Born of royal Virgin Mother, He shall reign for endless days! Dying once to save all nations, Evermore he wins our praise!
2. Coming forth from spotless Maiden He for us was born a man! Sowing seeds of truth among us, He fulfilled the Father's plan; Then his final night upon him, Wondrously that night began!
3. On the eve of that last supper, Breaking bread with chosen friends, He obeys the Law's directions Even as the old Law ends. Now he hands the Twelve a new bread; His own flesh with their flesh blends!
4. By a word, the Word embodied Changes common bread and wine; Bread becomes his holy body, Wine is made his blood divine! Though this truth evades the senses, Faith unveils the sacred sign!
5. Humbly let us voice our homage for so great a sacrament; Let all former rites surrender To the Lord's New Testament; What our senses fail to fathom, Let us grasp through faith's consent!
6. Glory, honor, adoration Let us sing with one accord! Praised be God, almighty Father; Praised be Christ, his Son, our Lord; Praised be God the Holy Spirit; Triune Godhead be adored! Amen.

Friday marks the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to whom this month of June is dedicated and is honored on the first Friday of each month. In honoring the Sacred Heart, we are honoring the compassion and love of Christ: his human heart, moved with pity for his flock, his divine heart, pierced for the sins of his people. From the heart of Christ, pierced by the soldier's lance, blood and water poured out, "the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments" (Preface for the Sacred Heart). The editor of *The Word Among Us* wrote the following insightful, inspiring thoughts for our meditation today. Although devotion to the wounded heart of Jesus existed as early as the twelfth century, it was in 1677 that a young Visitation nun, Margaret Mary Alacoque, experienced a vision of Jesus and his Sacred Heart. "I could plainly see his heart," she wrote, "pierced and bleeding, yet there were flames, too, coming from it and a crown of thorn around it. He told me to behold his heart which so loved humanity. Then he seemed to take my very heart from me and place it there in his heart. In return he gave me back part of his flaming heart." Like St. Margaret Mary, countless people devote themselves to the Sacred Heart of Jesus today. When we contemplate his Sacred Heart, we can come in touch with the powerful, consuming love that Jesus has for us. We can bring him our burdens and worries, and he can give us insight into how to handle them. Seeing how much he suffered for us can soften our hearts and open us to the grace to turn away from the sins that we can't seem to overcome. When we look upon his Sacred Heart and confess our failures to love, he gives us his own heart of love for our brothers and sisters.

Today, let's be still before a crucifix. Let's look upon our Savior, whose heart was pierced for us, and the blood and water that flowed from his side. Let's contemplate the love that also flows from his heart and touches us and the whole world. Let's ask the Spirit to make this love real to us today—in our loneliness, in our woundedness, in our sinful self-concern. And let's ask Jesus to help us to receive his heart of love for all the people we will meet today.

**"Jesus, I give my heart to you. Please give me your burning heart of love, that I may do all things for love of you."**

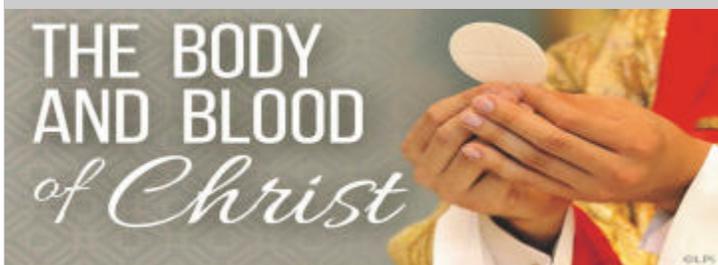
The Immaculate Heart of Mary treasured all the joys and sorrows that came with being the mother and disciple of the Word made flesh. It is with prayerful pondering that Mary kept all these within her heart—moments of grace, moments of God's own awesome presence. Therefore the wisdom of holy Mother church instituted the memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and placed it back to back with that of the Solemnity of Son's heart.



**Next Sunday, June 13th  
Jordan Thomas and Jenna Vazquez,  
will join our parish community in  
partaking of the banquet God has  
prepared. Let us prayerfully  
remember them this week as they  
prepare for the celebration of their  
First Holy Communion.**

### Scripture Reflection

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.



### Everyday Stewardship

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

### Inspiration For The Week

As we gather today to reaffirm our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are reminded that we are also the Body of Christ. The mission of the Gospel calls us to be Christ for others. There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost and feeling lonely, marginalized and oppressed, victimized and abused. Every time we receive the Body (and Blood) of Christ, we are asked to become what we eat. Are we willing to step aside from our preoccupations and concerns so that we can be Christ for others? The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us. In receiving this transforming presence of Christ, we can truly effect change in the lives of those we meet. We can show them God’s unconditional, ever-present love and the beauty that can come from loving others. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go.



**Monday, June 7**

**Tuesday, June 8**

**Wednesday, June 9 - St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church**

**Thursday, June 10**

**Friday, June 11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

**Saturday, June 12 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

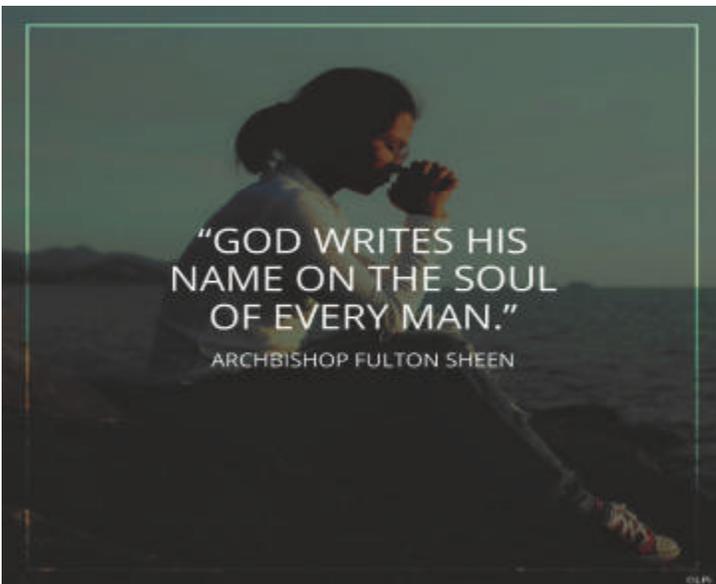
4:30pm †Ben Kmaitek - Anniversary of Death int. Wife, Mary Ann & Family  
 †Mary Brzek int. Mary Burzynski  
 Health & God's Blessings for our Parishioners

**Sunday, June 13 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am †Stanley & Lottie Kurek int. Family  
 Health & God's Blessings for Teresa Radziwiecki  
 int. Mary Ann Michalak

**Quote from Pope Francis**

The Lord has redeemed all of us,  
 all of us, with the blood of Christ:  
 all of us, not just Catholics. **Everyone!**  
 “Father, the atheists?” Even the atheists,  
**Everyone!**



**Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained**

**Question:** Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”?

**Answer:** Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified. Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need.

**Question Of The Week**

**First Reading:**

Moses and the ancient Israelites ratified the covenant God established with them at Mount Sinai with the blood of a sacrificed animal. The sacrificed animal affirmed Israel’s commitment: “We will do everything the Lord has told us.” Why do you think Israel tied sacrificed blood to their verbal commitment?

**Second Reading:**

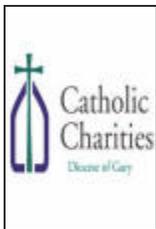
The author of Hebrews teaches us that the sacrificed blood of Christ sanctifies us and offers us eternal redemption. How do you see this connected to ancient Israel’s practice of sacrificing animals for their blood?

**Gospel:**

Mark’s account of the institution of the Eucharist is linked to the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread when a Passover lamb was sacrificed. What do you think Mark is teaching us in making this connection?

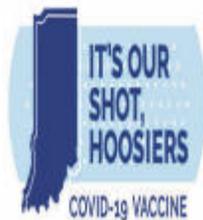


# Community Events



## Catholic Charities Father's Day Collection

This month, as we honor our fathers and father figures who have worked tirelessly to give our families the best life possible, please consider a special Father's Day Collection gift for Catholic Charities. By doing so, you have the opportunity to make twice the difference with the \$25,000 matching gift opportunity that Catholic Charities has available! Your gift will make a significant impact for those facing extraordinary circumstances and will serve as gratitude for the impact your father and father figures made in your life! You can visit [www.catholic-charities.org](http://www.catholic-charities.org) to learn about their programs and to donate. Those not attending Mass can send their Father's Day Collection gift to Catholic Charities at 940 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402.



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**PUZZLE**  
Find your way from Jesus to the cup.

**MISSION**  
Using the concordance found at the back of your Bible, look up the word "Passover." As a family, write down the verses, find them in your Bible, and read them out loud. Sometimes Jesus is referred to as the Lamb of God, or the Lamb sacrificed for our sins. Talk about how Jesus took our sins away when he died on the cross.

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