

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



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**Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am  
Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 pm  
or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parish membership is required.  
Baptismal preparation for parents  
and sponsors is held monthly. Pre  
-registration is required. Contact  
the Parish Office for more  
information.

**Marriage**

Parish membership is required.  
Arrangements need to be made a  
minimum of six months prior to  
the wedding date. Please contact  
Fr. Robert.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the Parish  
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**Ongoing Family Life Center Food Pantry Ministry  
Personal Care Products Needed**



The St. Stephen Emergency Food Pantry continues to operate on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to Noon.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS** such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, dental floss, denture care products, shampoo, conditioner, liquid hand soap, deodorant, bar soap, laundry detergent, dish soap, dryer sheets, Kleenex, toilet paper, shaving cream, and can openers, etc.

Please place your donations in the FLC Food Pantry baskets by our church doors.

This is an ongoing ministry and we appreciate your help and generosity.

Nonperishable foods are also always welcomed donations, too!

As always, we are sincerely grateful and **THANK YOU** for your continued support, generosity and assistance!

**Faith Formation**

Questions? Call [\(414\) 762-0552](tel:4147620552) or email [storres@saintstephenmil.org](mailto:storres@saintstephenmil.org)

Registration for 2021-2022 begins shortly. Program begins in September more information on our parish website- [saintstephenmil.org](http://saintstephenmil.org)

**Attention golfers! Parish council is looking to form a committee to help put on the first St. Stephen Golf Outing! If you have any interest or experience in golf, raffles, soliciting businesses for sponsorships, or putting on events, please contact Dylan McHugh at [dtmchugh26@gmail.com](mailto:dtmchugh26@gmail.com) or 414-422-5234. We would like to start meeting this summer to plan for the event, which will take place in the summer of 2022! Please reach out today!**



**PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS**

While the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted in a special way to the Pastors as the shepherd of the community, a parish council is provided in every parish to assist the Pastor in fostering the pastoral activity of the parish. A parish council is a group of parishioners, chosen from and by the parish community, who together with the parish priest, determine the goals and direction of the parish, oversee its pastoral activity and temporal affairs as the community attempt to fulfill the mission of the Church. It is a consultative body that engages in a continual process of pastoral planning, and after prayerful study and dialogue, discerns the best course of action to further the mission of Jesus and the Good News. Each member should embrace leadership, direction, development, and planning. We currently have three (3) open positions to fill on the council. Nominations will begin for active, participating, members at least 18 years of age or older to serve for a three year term with the option to renew for a second term. Please nominate a member-at-large or yourself for consideration and election. Prayerfully consider saying “yes” and give your time and talent so generously as a leader in our parish. We urge you to embrace St. Stephen’s future with faith, hope, and love.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## St. Vincent De Paul Meal Program A St. Stephen Outreach Ministry is Back In Action

The **THIRD** Tuesday of each month, the Family Life Center and many volunteers work to provide a warm meal at the St. Vincent De Paul Site at 931 W. Madison in Milwaukee. 1-2 volunteers are needed to shop. 6-8 volunteers are needed to prepare the meal and 6-8 volunteers are needed to transport and serve the meal.

Our next date to shop, prepare and serve is  
Tuesday, June 15th, 2021

Check out our St. Stephen website at <https://www.saintstephenmil.org/> and go to the VOLUNTEER tab to sign-up on the Sign-Up Genius link!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D44ABA923A7FF2-svdp10>

Or... go to the June calendar and sign-up on the June 15th date

<https://www.saintstephenmil.org/events/06/2021>

Or... contact Gail at [gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org](mailto:gschlicht@saintstephenmil.org)

We need volunteers to shop and prep...  
and 6-8 volunteers to transport and serve the meal!  
Please sign-up today!



June 6, 2021

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

It takes only a few moments of holding one's breath to realize how desperately we need oxygen to survive. If only we were always as cognizant and mindful of the importance of the Eucharist for the same reason! I, for one, confess to approaching the altar with fervent belief in the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ, but also at times doing so while distracted or not fully appreciative of the gift being given to me. But today's solemnity is a powerful reminder not to take the Eucharist for granted. It is the Church's formal and official homage to Jesus Christ who, "with his own blood" obtained for us eternal redemption. St. Thomas Aquinas offers this description of how wonderful, precious, and important the Eucharist is with the following words: "The only-begotten Son of God, wishing to enable us to share in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that by becoming man he might make us gods." (Opusc. 57, 1-4) Like the disciples on the night of the Last Supper, we, too, receive the body and blood of Jesus under the appearance of bread and wine. He dwells within us, intercedes for us, and through grace he transforms us.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Spending time with our Lord at Eucharistic adoration is a profound opportunity to open our hearts to him. Just as we know that we cannot love others well if we don't love ourselves, likewise we cannot share the love of Christ with others well if we don't take time to allow Christ to enter our hearts and our lives. By taking the time to talk to Jesus and listen, we can, in turn, witness to his love to others. We can use this time to pray for a specific person, seek help with a personal dilemma, or ask the Lord to show us where we need repentance and conversion in our own lives so as to be more like him. The more we are conformed to Christ, the better we can bring Christ to the world.

**STUDY** Draw closer to the Lord through meditation on the meaning of the Eucharist by reading these "basic questions and answers" about the Real Presence: [www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-faqs](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-faqs).

### Readings for the week of June 6th

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

### THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



#### Monday, June 7th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Tuesday, June 8th

9:00am Food Pantry

#### Wednesday, June 9th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Thursday, June 10th

9:00am Food Pantry

#### Friday, June 11th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Saturday, June 12th

Nothing scheduled at this time

#### Sunday, June 13th

Nothing scheduled at this time

**June 6th**  
**The Body & 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.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, June 8th**

8:00am † Marlene Wilkowski

**Wednesday, June 9th**

8:00am † Donald Bruski

**Thursday, June 10th**

8:00am † Maggie Stewart

**Friday, June 11th**

8:00am † Michael Kacalo

**Saturday, June 12th**

4:30pm † Charles Hareng

**Sunday, June 13th**

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Bill Wagner

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