

JUNE 6, 2021

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Parish Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Outreach Ministry Hours

Monday and Wednesday
9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Confessions

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 8:00 am
Wednesday 8:00 am

Baptism

Parents must be registered members and attend a class prior to scheduling the Baptism. Contact the Parish Office for further details.

Marriage

Couples planning a marriage need to have a personal interview with the Pastor at least six months prior to the date of the wedding.



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." Mk 14:22-24

M A S S intentions



Monday, June 7th

8:00 am For the people of
**St. John the Baptist
and Sacred Heart
Parishes and Their Benefactors**

Tuesday, June 8th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Wednesday, June 9th

8:00 am + Joyce Rempe

Thursday, June 10th

8:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC

Saturday, June 12th, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm + Nikki Welch

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

8:30 am + Herb Bank

10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart FC



**Prayers for Those
in Nursing Homes**
Millie Frese, Sue Thompson

Prayers for the Sick

Kay Bailey, Connie Brown, Evan Calvert, Susan Cooper, Phyllis Fehr, Cornelia Harpenau, Roy Harrold, Bev Hartsock, Mary Hirsch, Patty Lecomte, Steve Lighthall, Mike Mannix, Tina Mannix, Jon Menter, Joni Mollet, Melissa Nagy, Bill Sargent, Sharon Stephenson, Angie Walden, Cale Wayne, Rita Williams, Brett Willits, Florence Workman, Charles M. Yeagle, Veronica Zeitler.

Collection Counters this week are
Nancy Wikoff and Mary Lou Barnett.
Thank you for serving in this way.

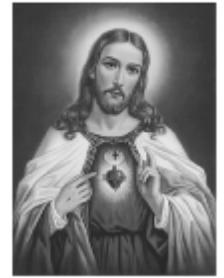


**Saturday, May 29th 4:00pm
and
Sunday, May 30th 8:30am**

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,490.00
Loose	\$276.00
Total Collection	\$2,766.00

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus - June 11

The liturgical solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus commemorates the love of Our Lord for us. It has its roots in devotion to the Sacred Heart, a long-practiced Catholic devotion to the heart of Our Lord Jesus, who is the incarnate expression of God's mercy and compassion for the world. The Solemnity is celebrated on the first Friday after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or 19 days after Pentecost Sunday. The Sacred Heart is often depicted in Christian art as a flaming heart shining with divine light, pierced by the lance-wound, encircled by the crown of thorns, surmounted by a cross, and bleeding. Sometimes, the image is shown shining within the bosom of Christ with his wounded hands pointing at the heart. The wounds and crown of thorns allude to the manner of Jesus' death, while the fire represents the transformative power of divine love.



Father's Day Novena

Father's Day, June 20th, is just around the corner. We will again be offering our Father's Day Novena of nine masses. The novena will begin on Saturday, June 19th at the 4:00pm Mass. You may include your father, living or deceased, or any other important men in your life. Cards and offering envelopes are now available at the church entrances. You may drop your donation in the collection basket or return them to the Parish Office.

We would like to share with you the following thank you note we recently received from former parishioner Gene Fehrenbach:

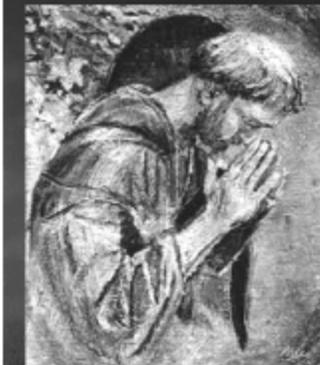
Dear Father Jim and People of St. John's,

I want to thank you and the parishioners of St. John for the prayers offered up for Jean during her recent illness. I know that St. John's had a prayer chain for her. Please make sure they know that it was much appreciated. We can take comfort knowing that she passed on well fortified with the Sacraments.

Our immediate family was blessed to be with her and hold her hand during her last moments. Her funeral Mass was on May 17th at St. Philip the Apostle Church. She is buried at the Gate of Heaven Catholic Cemetery.

Thanks to you and those that offered prayers on her behalf. Sincerely, Gene and Family

St. Francis and the Eucharist



*"The Lord of the universe,
God and the Son of God, so
humbles Himself that for
our salvation He hides
Himself under an ordinary
piece of bread!"*

*—from the writings of
St. Francis of Assisi*

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Outdoor Stations of the Cross	\$2,000.00
Main Chapel Stations	\$1,000.00

Special Collection



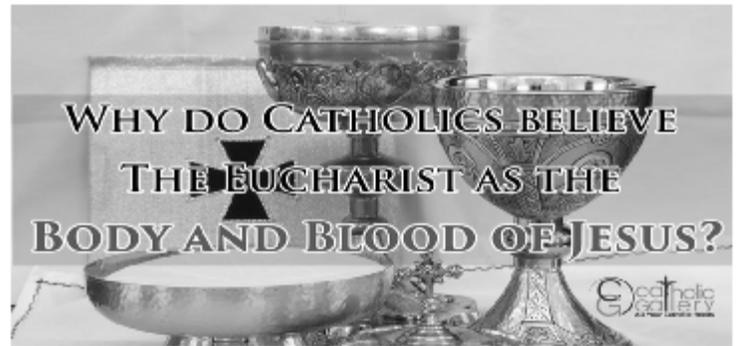
Typically, on the second Sunday of the month, there is a special collection for the support of the Parish's Outreach Ministry. We have not asked for your support for several months because as of June, there is sufficient funds in our Outreach Account to help those who come to us for assistance.

This month, we are replacing this appeal with a different request. As listed above, any money collected on the weekend of June 12 and 13 will go towards a donation to be made to the new Diocesan Retreat Center - Sacra Coeur. A donation will be made in the name of the parish for one of the noted needs. In this way we will be making a lasting memorial to this Retreat Center. Those who gather for prayer will be able to note that this new Center is not only supported by the larger parishes, but even we in the smaller, rural areas do support the aims and goals of the Diocese of Peoria.



At the recent Catholic Men's Group Meeting, it was decided that this time we could not commit to our annual Parish Picnic. Last year due to the pandemic shutdown, we were unable to sponsor a picnic. In our discussions, there was an openness to once again having a picnic, but there was no one at the meeting willing to "Chair" the event. With this bulletin we are reaching out to the men of the parish to see if anyone would be willing to organize the event. It has been held in the past at the end of Summer (end of August). If someone could lead this effort we will go forward. If there is a lack of leadership we will be unable to plan a Picnic. Please consider helping us plan this typically great event.

Because there will be the annual Apple Pork event in Clinton this year, the Men's Group will once again be in charge of parking for Saturday. It is a great event to raise outside money for the Men's Group. It is also not a labor intense event.



As Catholics we believe in *transubstantiation*. This means that the elements of bread and wine become fully, literally and definitely the Body and Blood of Jesus. In substance it is Jesus even though the appearance of bread and wine remains. As Jesus said: "For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. (John 6:56-57) Mystery of faith!

The term *transubstantiation* was a term arrived at much later in the life of the Church, even though the belief and practice of the Eucharist as the Real Presence began with Jesus and the Apostles. During the earlier centuries in attempting to understand the mystery, a variety of terms circulated to convey belief in the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Various writers used words like "mystery", "change", "alteration" of the bread and wine into the body of Christ. But they all agreed that they were grappling with mystery. The word "trans" signifies change and *transubstantiation* means that a change in the substance of bread and wine occurs through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the words of Jesus Christ spoken at the consecration by the priest.

The Council of Trent in 1551 decreed: "*In the first place, the holy Synod teaches, and openly and simply professes, that, in the august sacrament of the holy Eucharist, after the consecration of the bread and wine, our Lord Jesus Christ, true God and man, is truly, really, and substantially contained under the species of those sensible things.*"

The majority of Protestants prefer to celebrate the memorial of The Lord's Supper with bread and wine or grape juice as *symbols* reminding them of Jesus. They hold to *transignification*. The change is not in the bread and wine but in what the bread and wine now signify. For them the bread and wine are not changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus but represent his spiritual presence. Thus, Jesus' words at the Last Supper are to be understood symbolically rather than literally.

We read in the sixth chapter of Saint John's Gospel: "Therefore, many of his disciples, upon hearing this, said: 'This saying is difficult,' and, 'Who is able to listen to it? But Jesus, knowing within himself that his disciples were murmuring about this, said to them: 'Does this shake your faith?... It is the Spirit who gives life. The flesh does not offer anything of benefit. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life....After this, many of his disciples went back, and they no longer walked with him.'" (Jn: 6:61-62, 64, 67)

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Join us in building Church through fund-raising activities and fun outings. Membership is open to all men of our area 18 years and older. See inside bulletin for meeting times and dates.



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