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Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province

JUNE 19, 2022

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturdays

5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sundays

9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses

Mondays through Fridays

7:30 am, 11:40 am and 1:15 pm

CONFESSIONS

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Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

No Confessions on Sunday

ADORATION

Fridays in the Church

after the 1:15 pm Mass until 4:15 pm

DEVOTIONS

St. Anthony Devotions on Tuesdays

After the 7:30 am, 11:40 am and

1:15 pm Masses

OFFICE HOURS

Mondays through Fridays

9:00 am until 4:30 pm

Saturdays

12 noon until 4:30 pm

Sundays - Office Closed

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Saturdays

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Sundays

8:30 am until 12:30 pm



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets. - Lk 9:16-17

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- www.vatican.va
- www.usccb.org
- www.catholicstv.org
- www.ewtn.com
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Saints' Days and Observances

- Sun., June 19:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Mon., June 20:** Ordinary Time
- Tues., June 21:** St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- Wed., June 22:** Ordinary Time
- Thurs., June 23:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Fri., June 24:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Sat., June 25:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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**FRANCISCAN PROVINCE
OF THE SACRED HEART**

ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Many thanks to those of you who have contributed to St. Peter's collection this past week. Your gifts are essential to our ministry, and we are grateful.

<u>Weekly Goal</u>	<u>\$12,000</u>
May29-June 4	<u>\$ 5,119</u>
Difference	<u>-\$ 6,881</u>

THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR



The feast of Corpus Christi was first celebrated in Liege, Belgium in 1246. Pope Urban IV extended the feast to the entire Church in 1264.

Today, in many countries throughout the world, Corpus Christi is a public

holiday with special Masses, processions with the Blessed Sacrament through city streets or country roads and festivals.

Though Corpus Christi celebrations and processions are not held in every area of our country, many churches continue the tradition of processing with the Blessed Sacrament on city streets. A few years ago, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI shared a short reflection on the Corpus Christi procession as he remembered with fondness processions during his childhood growing up in Germany. In his reflection he shared why we process with the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of our cities. He wrote,

“We bring Christ, present under the sign of bread, onto the streets of our city. We entrust these streets, these homes, our daily life, to his goodness. May our streets be streets for Jesus! May our houses be homes for him and with him! May our life of every day be penetrated by his presence!”

With this gesture, let us place under his eyes the sufferings of the sick, the solitude of young people and the elderly, temptations, fears.....our entire life. Corpus Christi represents an immense and public blessing for our city; Christ is, in person, the divine Blessing for the world. May the ray of his blessing extend to us all!



Just before coming to St. Peter's Church to become pastor, I was pastor at St. Anthony of Padua Church in St. Louis, MO for nine years. When the friars of Holy Cross Province in Germany were expelled from Germany, many of the friars came to Central Illinois to minister to the German speaking

immigrants. The first place the friars began ministry was in Teutopolis, Illinois in 1858. They next begin ministry in Quincy, Illinois. The third place of ministry was begun in 1863, in St. Louis, Missouri.

In 1878 Franciscan Fr. Vincent Halbfas (pastor of St. Anthony Church in St. Louis) introduced the Corpus Christi procession to the parishioners. Many of the parishioners would have recalled with fondness the elaborate procession for Corpus Christi in their native Germany as they began this tradition on the Southside of St. Louis. For over 140 years the procession on the

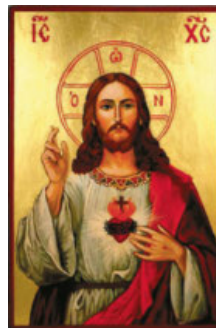
streets of the neighborhood continued around the church until restrictions due to the pandemic halted the procession.

When I was pastor of St. Francis Solanus Parish on the Lac Courte Oreilles Indian Reservation in northern Wisconsin, each year on the feast of Corpus Christi we celebrated with a procession from the church stopping for Benediction at three wigwam shrines and then returning to the church for the final blessing with the Blessed Sacrament. As we celebrate this feast of Corpus Christi today, I offer you a few reflections from Pope Francis on the Eucharist...

I wish to reflect on how we live the Eucharist in our daily lives, as a Church and individual Christians. First, the Eucharist affects the way we see others. In his life, Christ manifested his love by being with people, and by sharing their desires and problems. So too the Eucharist brings us together with others – young and old, poor and affluent, neighbors and visitors. The Eucharist calls us to see all of them as our brothers and sisters, and to see in them the face of Christ.

Second, in the Eucharist we experience the forgiveness of God and the call to forgive. We celebrate the Eucharist not because we are worthy, but because we recognize our need for God's mercy, incarnate in Jesus Christ. In the Eucharist, we renew the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ for the remission of sins, and our hearts are enlarged to receive and show mercy.

Third, in the Eucharistic celebration, we are nourished as the Christian community by Christ's Word and Life. It is from the Eucharist that the Church receives continually her identity and mission. It is in our celebration that Christ fills us with his grace, so that our lives may be consonant with our worship of God in the Liturgy. Let us live the Eucharist in a spirit of faith and prayer, with the certainty that the Lord will bring to fulfillment all that he has promised.



On Friday, June 24 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus began in the 11th century. In the 17th century, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a strong promotor of the Sacred Heart. However, the feast was not universally celebrated until Pope Pius IX in 1856 made the feast of the Sacred Heart a celebration for the entire Church. We Franciscans who have staffed St. Peter's Church since 1875 have a special devotion to the Sacred Heart for our Province is named after the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



While as a member of the Franciscan Order and Sacred Heart Province, I obviously have an interest in this feast we celebrate today... it is also a feast for the entire Franciscan Order and Church. St. Bonaventure (1218-1274) in his book *Tree of Life* says, "Take thought now, redeemed man, and consider how great and worthy is he who hangs on the cross for you, he whose heart is pierced with a lance."

He goes on further calling all the friars.... "Run with eager desire to this source of life and light....all you who are vowed to God's service." For we know by our own experience that with you is the source of life and in your light, we see light."

So, as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on Friday, perhaps we might ask ourselves (friars and laity alike) do we have our running shoes on? Are we rushing to this source of light and life that St. Bonaventure writes about? Or is this feast only a pious recognition of God? On Friday at Mass we will pray...."Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts." (Opening prayer for Mass of the Sacred Heart)

FRANCISCAN MISSION IN BRAZIL

This weekend at our Masses here at St. Peter, Franciscans Greg Joeright and Romulo Canto, will share some of their experiences of working in the Amazon region of Northern Brazil. The region in which they work is very large and travel difficult. Due to a shortage of priests and religious in the dioceses in which the friars minister, the people of the area are also active participants in bringing the Gospel message to others. As many of you know, Br. Erlison and Br. Vagner have been us the past few years studying to be ordained priests. Through God's grace they hope to be ordained next June, 2023 and return to work in the Amazon region. Through generous assistance from the USA and Europe the faith continues to grow and following the lead of Pope Francis the friars and Catholics in the Amazon region work to preserve human, social, political and religious rights for all people.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION



Next weekend, we will take up a second collection for the annual Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and to help Pope Francis in his charitable works throughout the world. These works help the poor, those suffering from war, oppression, and sisters. For more information, visit: www.peterspence.va/en.html

FRANCISCAN REPORTER

The latest issue of *The Franciscan Reporter* will be found in the lobby of the church. I encourage you to take a copy home and read the various stories of the Franciscan Friars of Sacred Heart Province.

Fr. Michael



ST. PETER'S CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

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**THIS WEEK'S
 SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Luke 9:11b-17

“Give them some food yourselves.” We live in the richest country in the world yet right here in the United States there are children who go to bed hungry every night and adults who live on the scraps they find in dumpsters. “Give them some food yourselves.”

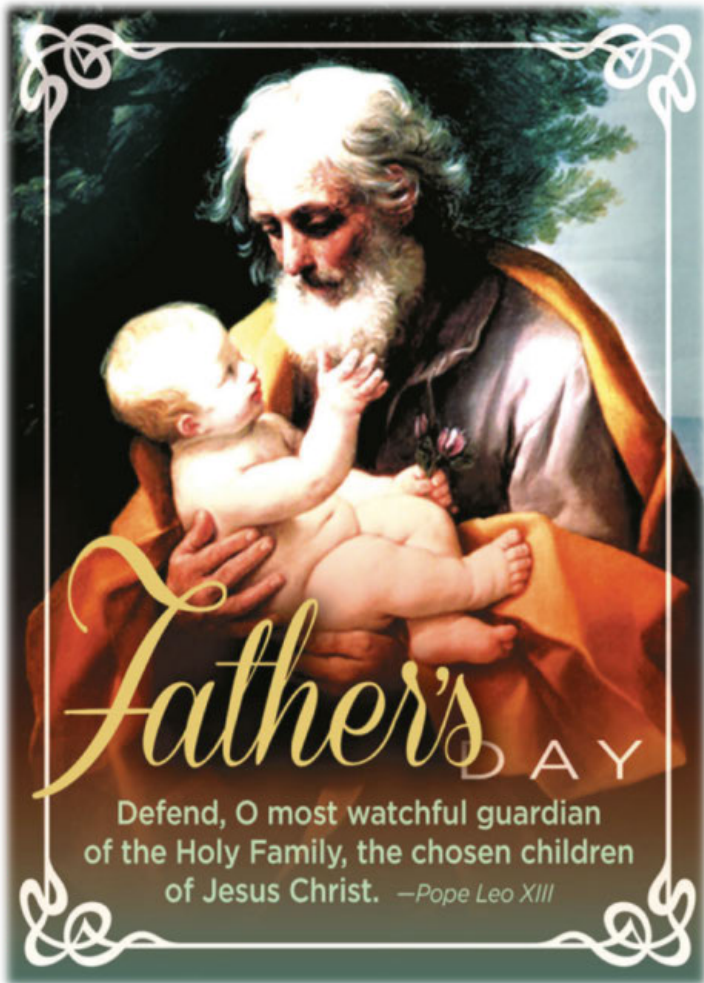


I wrote a story once about a woman who used to sit, knees pulled up to her chest, on a bridge in downtown Chicago. Thin and spindly as a spider every morning she sat there, her outstretched claw of a hand holding a grimy paper coffee cup into which passersby dropped their change. Nearby churches sold \$1 coupons that could be cashed for food at area fast-food restaurants. I was one of the people who stuffed coupons into her cup until one morning she pulled her cup away. “No!” Surprised and angry I put the coupon back into my purse and continued on my way to work. “No!” With that one word the woman on the bridge took back what had been taken from her - the one thing for which she was hungry - the right to decide whether or not to accept my charity. “No!” “Give them some food yourselves.”

Hunger comes in many forms. The woman on the bridge hungered for power over her own life, for respect and the dignity that every human person deserves. Some hunger for a safe place to live; some for an education or a job that pays a living wage. Some hunger for warm clothes for their children; some for a place where their disabilities will not separate them from the people around them. Some hunger for a clean bed; some for a hot shower. Some hunger for solitude; some for company. “Give them some food yourselves.”

Five thousand hungry men. The Twelve wanted to send them away, convinced they had nothing to give; but Jesus knew that his friends had all they needed to feed the multitude and “[t]hey all ate and were satisfied.” Look around. What hungers do you see? What do you have to give? How do you respond when Jesus says to you, “Give them some food yourselves”?

By Vinal Van Benthem ofs



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Sr. Fran Sulzer FSPA, D. Min. and Br. Guillermo Morales, OFM will work with persons who contact them for an appointment. Sr. Fran is also a counselor for people who choose or need a more clinical approach. Appointments can be made for times between 10:30 am and 3 pm.

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June 27: "If Only I Had More Courage"

Distinguish bravery from courage—to do what life requires without worrying about approval. What's different about the times when you act in spite of anxiety? Realize, and take in, everyday courage.

July 11: 6 Ways to Reduce Your Vulnerability to Anxiety

Identify life patterns that make you more vulnerable to anxiety; discover healthy alternatives.



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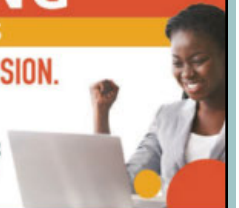
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