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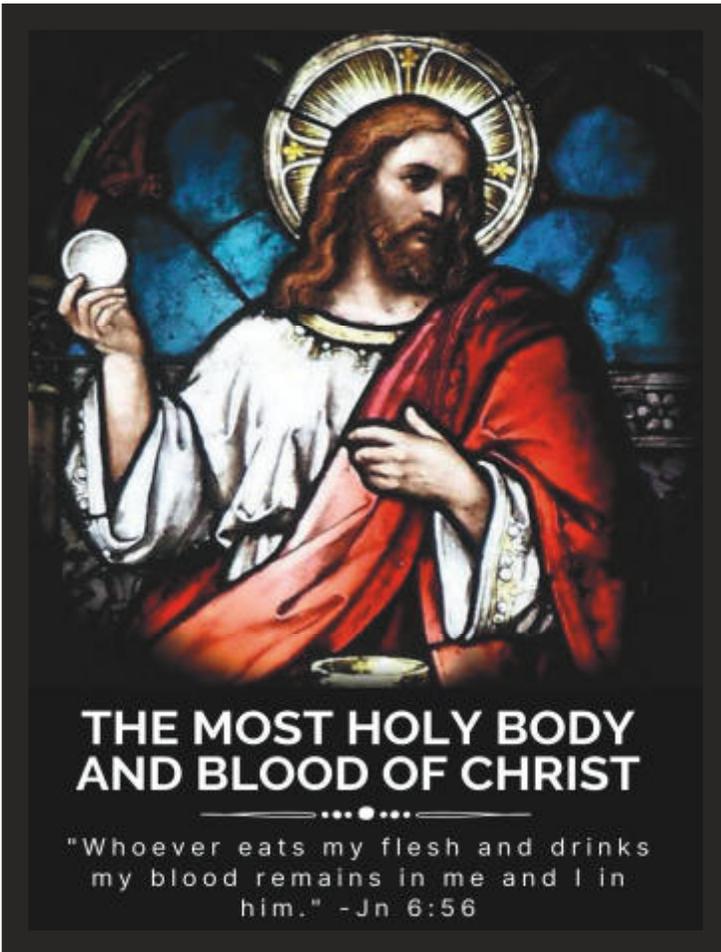
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"We come together as members of St. William and St. Lawrence Parishes. Two parishes, with separate identities working together to grow in grace and love as disciples of Christ through the sacramental life of the Church, and to form new disciples by proclaiming the Gospel to all through word and service."

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Corpus Christi



Sixteen hundred years ago a Bishop of Jerusalem addressed some converts. On the Holy Communion that they were to receive for the first time. He said, "When you come up to receive, make your left hand a throne for the right. For it is about to receive a King. Cup your palm and so receive the Body of Christ, then answer 'amen.' Take care not to lose part of it; such a loss would be like a mutilation of your own body. Why, if you had been given gold dust, would you not take the utmost care to hold it fast. Not letting a grain slip through your fingers, lest you be so much the poorer." Sixteen centuries later, we gather here to do what the Christians of Jerusalem did and what the Apostles did in the upper room three centuries before that. On this special feast called Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, we shall do what the Lord commanded, take and eat, take and drink. Today in this church, the first century, the fourth, and the twenty-first come together. The details differ, from the supper room to the church of the Bishop of Jerusalem to this church.

But the reality is the same, the basic truth that was expressed simply and profoundly by Jesus. "This is My Body, this is My Blood." Incredible words that not all could accept. Jesus once told His followers, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you have no life in you." For many of His disciples, this was too much. They drew back and no longer walked with Him. How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?

Down through the ages great minds have asked this question and have responded with more bad arguments than good. Again, we turn to the Bishop of Jerusalem in his sermon on the Eucharist. He said, "Do not judge the reality by what you see and touch and taste. Judge by your unwavering faith for when the Master Himself has, explicitly said, 'This is My Body, this is My Blood' will anyone still dare to doubt?" This is the Eucharistic truth that the bread and wine are really the Body and Blood of Christ.

And, that this Eucharist gives life. St. Paul would echo this

when he said, "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." We become what we receive, Christ and I become one." What should that say to us in our daily lives, what does this mean? At Graymoor, we have an HIV/AIDS support group in which a member became sick and had to be hospitalized. I set up a group visit and we all met in the city on a hot day and proceeded by subway uptown to the hospital. I thought that I noticed that we were getting some strange stares.

Then I happened to see our reflection in the subway train window. John, wearing a tank top is covered in tattoos with a ponytail. Sue, used to be lady of the streets and has changed her way of life. But not her wardrobe. Max, a Hispanic biker, head to toe in leather and chains. Peter, who is black but has blond hair and myself in a black suit and collar. The hospital visit was very painful because Dennis died while we were there.

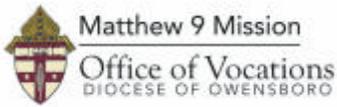
As we came out of the hospital, we were all torn apart. Sue suggested we go to the nearest church for mass and communion. I looked behind me and they were all there. After communion, I was amazed to see them sit there holding hands. That group was different in so many ways but united by tragedy. And at that moment united by the Lord in the Eucharist. It was only then that I remembered that John was not catholic, when we came out of the church, John said, "something happened in there, I feel so close to Dennis and it feels so good that we are together. I'm not scared anymore."

He just made his First Communion and already he got the message. They had become what they received, the Body of Christ. Ask some questions and after receiving the Eucharist for so many years, has it made a difference? Or has it become mundane, ordinary? Do I prepare to receive this gift, think about it?

Or do I just get in line because everyone is doing it. Does it make a difference in my day to day life? Again this week when we receive the Lord the Minister will say, the Body of Christ. I invite you again to say "Amen, Amen." Amen....yes, I believe in Christ is present and Amen to my commitment to become what I receive. Come forth in wonder and gratitude for such a great gift and recall the words of the Psalmist, "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

As the world returns to the "new normal" and we slowly recover from the fears of a global pandemic, let us remember that the Son of Man gave us His Flesh to eat, His Blood to drink, and St. Paul who reminds us that we become what we receive; Christ and I can become one. Let it provide us with tranquility and inspire us to embrace the new way of the world.

Today as you come forward to receive your Lord and Savior, can you say to Him, "This is my body given for you?" Can you echo the words of Mary, "Be it done unto me according to your word?" - Fr. Bob Warren, SA



These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 31-6 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

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- 31 Dianne Ballard
- 1 Mary Lou Payne
- 2 Alicia & Steve Kurz Family
- 3 Sr. Mary Celine Weidenbenner OSU
- 4 Benita & Kenny Turner
- 5 Jessie & Marilyn Rhodes
- 6 Linda Payne; Lorene Mattingly

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- 31 Rhonda Smith; Joan Hayden
- 1 Marie Brandle
- 3 Sarah Boarman
- 4 Kenny & Debbie Lanham
- 5 Wilma Knott
- 6 Amy & Travis Higdon Family



MASS INTENTIONS

Tue.	8:00 a.m. SW	Gene "Boots" Lanham (dec)
Wed.	8:00 a.m. SW	Robert Scott (dec)
Thurs.	8:00 a.m. SW	Zelda Hundley
Thurs.	6:00 p.m. SL	Paul & Dorothy Millay (dec)
Fri.	8:00 a.m. SW	Nick Brown (dec)
Sat.	8:00 a.m. SL	Donald Cecil (dec)
Sat.	4:00 p.m. SW	Arnold & Mary Knott (dec)
Sun.	6:30 a.m. SW	Tim Harley (dec)
Sun.	8:00 a.m. SL	Tootsie Fulkerson (dec)
Sun.	10:00 a.m. SW	Parishioners

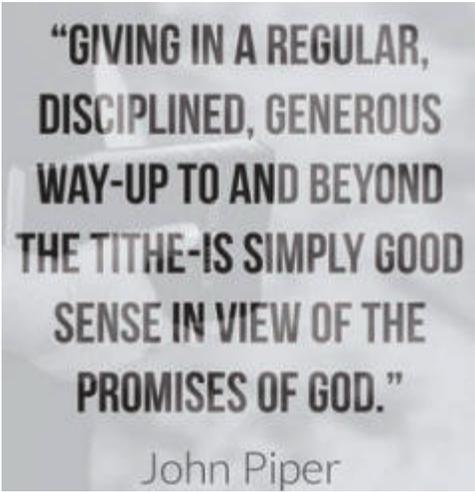


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STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

There is no money this week due to bulletin deadlines.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE JUNE 12-13

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		LECTORS	
4pm	Amy Brown; Noel Ballard	4pm	Barb Huskisson
6:30am	Jane Goodman	6:30am	Bobby Turner
8am	Jenny Hamilton	8am	Larena Lawson
10am	Matt Murphy; Michele Murphy	10am	Charla Coomes
SERVERS		SACRISTANS	
4pm	Abby, Autumn, Hope Fish	4pm	Darlene Fulkerson
6:30am	Wayne Haycraft	6:30am	Mackenzie Mills
8am	Maggie & Thomas Payne; Haley Barnett	8am	Natalie Haycraft
10am	Annie Coomes; Lucas Murphy; Jameson Bowlds	10am	Toni Isbill

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE IT PLEASE CALL A SUB OR IF THAT DOESN'T WORK THE OFFICE AT 270-281-4802

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Saturdays 7-7:30 am. St. William Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only.**

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.

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Bl. Jose de Anchieta, S.J.

This week we celebrate the feast of Blessed Jose de Anchieta, a Portuguese Jesuit missionary priest later named the Apostle of Brazil. Jose was born in 1534 on the Canary Islands, a group of islands belonging to Spain off the coast of Africa. His father moved there to seek his fortune. He was originally from Spain, and Jose's grandfather was St. Ignatius of Loyola's first cousin. Jose was a brilliant student from the start and had an affinity for languages. He went to University at age 17, and there took a vow of perpetual chastity. He soon became a Jesuit. He was a very penitential, humble, and obedient novice. He developed back issues and a slight hunchback, so was sent to the colony of Brazil as a missionary since the climate was thought to be good for his health. Brazil was a morally deranged place. Unfortunately many priests who were supposed to bringing people to Christianity were instead stooping to the immoral levels rampant in the culture. Natives were enslaved, concubinage and polygamy was the norm, and human sacrifice, drunkenness, and cannibalism were common. Fr. Jose got straight to work and became the Bishop's right hand man. He was a fantastic interpreter, teacher, and catechist, and walked everywhere on missionary journeys. He concentrated on evangelizing children before they encountered the grave vices of the day that their parents usually displayed. He also was very creative in teaching them, employing songs and drama to interest them. Jose's smarts also came in handy in the medical field as he learned the healing uses of herbs and plants and traveled far taking care of patients. Finally, Jose was an excellent linguist and created a written language for the native language, wrote much poetry, history, and dramas, and taught all the Jesuits the native language. Jose and his fellow Jesuits worked mostly with the local natives, and they all loved him. They attempted to civilize the locals by teaching them agriculture, masonry, and carpentry so they could settle down and not be migrant hunters. This also instilled more stability for monogamy and family life. The biggest hurdle the missionaries faced was cannibalism. The native tradition was to defeat your enemies, fatten them up, kill them, and eat



them. Old women were most known for enjoying human flesh. One woman, on her death bed, asked for children's fingers for her final meal. Many Christian converts often lapsed back into cannibalism during battles. However, Jose and the other Jesuits were very patient and merciful in this battle, always encouraging the Christians to repent and turn back to God. Jose's life was filled with adventures in Brazil, wading through rivers, trudging through the Amazon rainforest, converting cannibals, teaching other Jesuits, being taken hostage, cheating death, and helping found the cities of Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. Exhausted and worn, he died at the age of 63 in 1597. The natives mourned him intensely and processed his coffin around for 54 miles. We have much to learn from this sickly, brilliant, adventuring, hunchback. First, do we spread the faith like he did, willing to learn anything and serve in any way to help those we encounter? Do we recognize the sins instilled in our culture, like the cannibalism in Brazil? Could it be apathy, drunkenness, abortion, idolatry, pornography, idleness, or screen addictions? Let us be aware so we can guard against relapsing into the sins of our culture. Blessed Jose de Anchieta, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

June 7-13

June 7	Keith & Therese Payne	25 years	June 10	Brad & Laura Connor	21 years
June 7	John & Brenda Haynes	52 years	June 10	Terry & Lynda Payne	38 years
June 8	Brad & Anita Payne	31 years	June 11	Logan & Julia Roberts	5 years
June 8	Dennis & Joyce Payne	53 years	June 12	Jeffrey & Audrey Boehman	11 years
June 9	Richard & Mary Payne	43 years	June 12	Ricky & Margie Duncan	17 years
June 9	Roger & Janey Gilmore	48 years	June 13	John & Annette Payne	51 years
June 9	Clarence & Mary Edge	20 years			

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

June 7, 2021

Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12

Don't rule it out

Rules are restrictive, right? Or can they be liberating? The word "rule" comes from the Greek word for "trellis," and a trellis supports living things so they can grow up and out and bloom. The best rules create space for your priorities, turn your values into practices, and give you the freedom to live intentionally with God at the center. Why not create your own "rule of life" that helps you do that? Many Christians do. Monastic orders, starting with the Benedictines, began this tradition and all follow a rule of life to govern every aspect of life, including prayer, work, and community interaction. Rules of life can also address diet, exercise, recreation, relationships, and mental stimulation. The point is healthy balance. Thankfully, there are no rules to creating a rule of life—it's up to you and God to decide.

"Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven."

June 8, 2021

Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16

SOS: Save our seas!

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the "waters teem with swarms of living creatures." Today, designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, we're reminded that God's creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, "due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods," all of it "aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans." Visit the *Laudato Si'* Movement for ways to make a difference.

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds."

June 9, 2021

Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19

Faith fulfills life

The definition of fulfill is "to put into effect, to convert to reality." Jesus teaches that the best way to bring the Kingdom into effect is to practice mercy and humility, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to work at making peace, and to understand that persecution can befall those who preach and live his message. In Jesus, the law of the prophets was not abolished but fulfilled. How do you choose to live your faith in a fulfilling way?

"I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

June 10, 2021

Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26

Mercy me

It is hard to overstate the centrality of forgiveness within the Christian tradition: both God's forgiveness when we do wrong and our forgiveness when others hurt us. Forgiveness is so foundational, we have a sacrament for it; it's in our creed; it's part of The Lord's Prayer; Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year

of Mercy; and the list goes on. Do you need to forgive or be forgiven, or perhaps both? Now is the acceptable time to seek or extend mercy.

"Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother."

June 11, 2021**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Today's readings: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37

Promise with all your heart

The devotion to the Sacred Heart, which dates back centuries, includes consecrating oneself to, and benefiting from, the promises of the Sacred Heart. In honor of today's feast, consider committing to the following: Consecrate all your actions to glorify the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your weakness within the strength of the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your confidence in the faithfulness of the Sacred Heart. Do this and the peace of Christ, who is our peace, will be with you.

"For this reason I kneel before the Father . . . that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

June 12, 2021**MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Today's readings: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51

May your heart be on fire with love

Yesterday we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and today we commemorate the Immaculate Heart of Mary: two hearts on fire with love and made one in suffering. The Sacred Heart symbolizes the love of God for people, pierced by the thorns of rejection. The Immaculate Heart symbolizes the love of people for God, wounded with a sword of suffering in solidarity with Christ. Remembering that Jesus identified with the struggles of the least of our sisters and brothers, today we can pray for those refugees driven from their homes by violence and poverty and waiting for help at our southern border.

"His mother kept all these things in her heart."



I embrace the cross of my Jesus.
I will carry it like Him in pain
and ignominy. I await at His
hands triumph and glory
hereafter.

BL. ANNE MARY TAIGI, WIFE, MOTHER, MYSTIC



At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

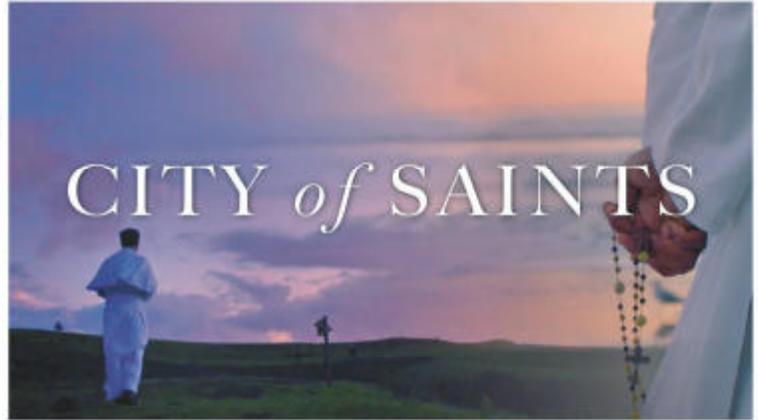
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