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THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



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Dear Fellow Disciples,

This weekend we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, also known as Corpus Christi (Latin for “Body of Christ”). It’s a day for us to look at the Eucharist and begin to understand who the Eucharist is and how important the Eucharist is to our Catholic life. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we believe that when Jesus took bread and wine on the night before He died and said, “take this all of you and eat of it...this is my body” and “take this all of you and drink...this is the cup of my blood,” He meant those words. Jesus did **not** say that the bread *represents* His body, or the wine is a *symbol* of His blood. **Jesus said clearly and distinctly “this is my body,” and “this is my blood.”** We do **not** believe that the bread and wine are symbols or representations of Jesus’ body and blood, we believe that after the priest says the same words Jesus used, the bread and wine changes from their substance of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ.

This is why we keep the Eucharist locked in a very safe, secure, and worthy place in our tabernacle. Because the Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ, the God-man, then we **MUST** treat His body and blood with the respect He is due. Think of when a special guest comes over for dinner, like the President of the United States. If President Biden was coming to your home, you would clean your house from floor to ceiling. Even if you didn’t vote for the man, your house would be clean inside and out to welcome him for dinner. He’s the President! You would also bring out your very best china and silverware; pull out your best suit/dress or buy new clothes; you would call friends or hire a catering company to help you with food and serving; and you would be extra vigilant of your attitude and speech. You probably act very similarly when any important guests come for dinner like your boss, beloved friends, parents, and I’ve certainly experienced exceptional hospitality when I’m invited to parishioner’s homes for dinner. It’s never “business as usual” when you invite a special guest.

This is why we treat the Eucharist with such care and devotion in our private adoration and publicly at the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We use the best “china” as sacred vessels. We don’t use wood, clay, or glass that could easily break or absorb our Lord. We use precious metals that tend to be gold-plated. The sanctuary and Altar where our Lord continues to come down from heaven to earth is adorned with flowers and candles to remind us of how special this incarnational reality is. The priest and deacon wear beautiful vestments to showcase that Jesus is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and as ordained ministers they represent Christ to us. The deacon is Christ the

servant and the priest is Christ the High Priest. We genuflect as we enter and leave the Church to show reverence, wonder and awe to Jesus our Lord and King. We receive the Eucharist worthily by going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation first, making sure our interior house (our soul) is clean before we invite Christ our guest into ourselves. Finally, we do all we can to remind ourselves and show others that when we’re in a church standing/sitting/kneeling/walking, that we are in front of our Lord in the tabernacle. Jesus isn’t only present during Holy Mass, as long as the sanctuary lamp (the red candle) next to the tabernacle is lit, then Jesus is home, and we need to act accordingly.

Finally, I want to strongly encourage you and your family to take part in our First Friday Adoration and Benediction. When we know in our core that the Eucharist isn’t just a thing we do or eat BUT A PERSON WE’RE CALLED TO BECOME, then our hearts and minds will automatically want to be with Him all the time and Eucharistic Adoration becomes an act we seek out rather than just another devotion. To sit in silence with Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, in Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful gift and a way to convert our hearts from stone to flesh. The goal is to be in Union with the Blessed Trinity and for our hearts to become like Christ’s Sacred Heart (a feast day we celebrate this Friday, June 11). When we offer Eucharistic Adoration next month on July 2, make time to come in Church and be with Jesus in the Eucharist. Trust me when I tell you that you will not regret it. God will never be outdone in generosity. Be generous with your time.

My sisters and brothers, the Eucharist should be the center of our life that everything else revolves around. Sunday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and attending Holy Mass on other days of the week should be a priority in our schedule. We shouldn’t be trying to fit Holy Mass into our busy lives, we should be organizing our life around receiving our Lord in the Eucharist on Sunday and become who we receive. We should book in our calendar right now an hour every first Friday of the month to come and adore our Lord here at St. Ed’s in Eucharistic Adoration. We should try and get to Holy Mass on other days during the week, even virtually on our phone or work computer. By making Jesus in the Eucharist the center and priority of our life, we will all see major changes and growth in discipleship. We will even see growth in the number of intentional disciples worshiping God here at St. Edward.

In Christ through Mary,

Fr. Dom



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"In the image of the Good Shepherd, the priest is a man of mercy and compassion, close to his people and a servant to all."

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

How fitting that this week before Father's Day, we come together in church, our spiritual home, to pay special tribute to our spiritual fathers — our parish priests. As Pope Francis says in the words above, priests are men of mercy, men of compassion and men in service to us all. Today, let us be of service to them as we show our appreciation for their love and guidance through a gift that will directly benefit their health and wellbeing.

To recognize and celebrate our parish priests, we take this opportunity this weekend to support financially the healthcare and retirement needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago's 469 active and 246 retired priests. Your gift today — no matter the size — to Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA is the only such collection for their health and retirement and is separate and distinct from other initiatives for retired religious order priests, sisters and brothers.

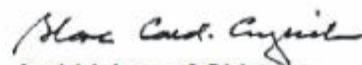
As we all know, priests care for us at every stage of life. From baptism until death, we look to priests for guidance, for answers and for love. They have led us through this difficult past year by offering us compassion and hope. They are beside us, too, in happy times as we celebrate life's milestones and joyous occasions, shepherding us with great care and devotion. Priests teach us who Christ is and how to be a better person in a world in need of salvation. We rely on them to show us the way forward by giving purpose to our lives.

The health and well-being of all our priests is essential to their ability to serve our needs and guide our spiritual growth. As well, many of our retired priests continue to serve in their own way and have become indispensable resources for our communities.

Please join me, then, in supporting our priests by making a generous contribution to this weekend's second collection. In addition, you may also like to consider naming Priests' Health and Retirement/PRMAA as a beneficiary of your will.

Let your gift be a sign of gratitude to our priests and to the Lord for their ministry that benefits us all.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

NEXT WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

MASS		PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Saturday June 12	4:30 PM	Fr. Ron Kalas & Deacon Mike McManus	Steve Shear	Jennifer Hegener
Sunday June 13	8:00 AM	Fr. James Kehoe	Jenny Snyder	Adrienne Chan
Sunday June 13	9:30 AM	Fr. Jim McIlhone	Jerome Lasky	Kim Lasky
Sunday June 13	11:00 AM	Fr. Ron Kalas	Mary Ann Callaghan	Tony Weyers



Congratulations
Jackson James
 on your Baptism!
 Welcome to the Body of Christ!

GO GREEN AT ST. EDWARD with Faith in Place!
 Join us for an inspiring presentation on how our parish can care for creation on
Wednesday, June 30,
7:00pm in Unity Hall.

Join us for an inspirational Engaging Faith in Place (eFIP) presentation where you can get to know more about Faith in Place and the healthy impact we can have together for our common home. We lift people and the environment up at the same time. You will hear inspiring stories about other houses of worship that started off just like you and the healthy impacts they are having today in their community. There is something for everyone as we explore our five program areas; Sustainable Land and Food Use, Water Preservation, Advocacy, Youth Empowerment, and Climate Change and Energy.

Youth Ministry is BACK IN PERSON!



June 6
 Mass & Bible Study

June 13
 Prayer & Bible Study *(No Mass)*

June 20
Fathers Day - No Youth Group

June 27
 Mass & Bible Study

July 4
Independence Day - No Youth Group

July 11-15
 TOTUS TUUS each night from 7:00-9:00pm

July 18
No Youth Group

July 25
 Mass & Bible Study

August 1
No Youth Group

August 2-6
 Service Week

Youth Group will meet in the Church and Unity Hall to keep social distance. Masks are required at all times. Any teen in eighth through twelfth grade is welcome.



Congratulations
to
Deacon Seth Arnold
on his ordination last week, May 27!

Deacon Seth will return to St. Ed's in the fall when he returns to Mundelein Seminary to finish his last year of studies for the priesthood. Please keep Deacon Seth in your prayers, our own son of the parish Martin Nyberg, and all young men preparing to give their lives in service to the Church.



**FLAG
RETIREMENT
CEREMONY**

Boy Scout Troop 904 will be holding a reverent Flag Retirement Ceremony to dispose of the many worn American Flags that have been brought in. It will be held in the School Parking lot on Saturday, June 12th immediately following the 4:30 PM mass. All are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

**Parish Pilgrimage to the
Basilica of St. Josaphat in Milwaukee, WI**



Tuesday, June 15, 9:30 am-4:30 pm*

We will have a tour of the Basilica, Mass at the Basilica, and time for private prayer and a visit to the gift shop.

Cost: \$10.00 plus lunch money at a local restaurant.

Space is limited on the parish bus. Sign up today by calling or visiting the rectory office. Must pay in advance to reserve a seat.

*return time depends on traffic



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2021 Dates

**June 13, 27 July 11, 25 August 8, 22
September 12, 26 October 10, 24**

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Friendly Reminders on receiving Holy Communion

- Before presenting yourself to receive Holy Communion, it's necessary to be in a state of grace. To be in a state of grace means that there are no mortal sins on your soul and that you have gone to the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once in the past year. Mortal sins, which are serious sins, can only be forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions are heard here at St. Edward every Saturday from 12:00-1:00pm or by appointment.
- The preferred way of receiving our Lord in the Eucharist is on the tongue; however, receiving Holy Communion in your hand tends to be the most popular. Regardless of how you prefer to receive Holy Communion, it is customary for the person receiving Holy Communion to respond "Amen" after being presented the Eucharist while the minister says, "the Body of Christ."
- If you receive Holy Communion in your hand, please consume the Eucharist immediately. Also, when receiving our Lord in your hand, remember you're *receiving* Him and *not taking* Him. No one should take the Eucharist out of the minister's hand. It is proper to make a thrown out of your hands for the minister to gently place our Lord.
- If you happen to drop the Eucharist (this is why receiving on the tongue is preferred), it is your decision to consume the Eucharist or give our Lord back to the minister and receive a different host. **WE NEVER THROW AWAY THE EUCHARIST!** Remember, it is Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We do not throw God in the garbage.
- Catholics are permitted to receive the Eucharist a maximum of two times in one day. If you attend a funeral or wedding Mass on a Saturday morning and then need to attend the Vigil Mass, you can receive Holy Communion at both celebrations.
- COVID-19 restrictions have placed a pause on receiving the Precious Blood, but that's ok because of concomitance. The Doctrine of Concomitance says that the fullness of Jesus Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity resides completely in both the bread and wine. This means that if you receive only the host then you receive 100% Jesus. Receiving both the host and wine means you receive 100% Jesus. You don't receive "less" Jesus by only receiving the bread or wine. Only the priest is required to receive both the bread and wine for Holy Mass to be valid because that is what Jesus did.
- Finally, and this may surprise you, but the one-hour communion fast is still a "thing." **All Catholics are asked to fast for one hour before receiving Holy Communion.** This means the time Holy Mass begins, not the exact time you will consume the Eucharist. If you're attending the 9:30am Mass, you should not eat or drink anything except water after 8:30am. Please know that anyone who needs food/drink for medical reasons is welcome to break the fast.

Women of St Edward Parish!

What do you think is God's purpose for your life at this particular time?

At our next Women's Group meeting we will learn about the Biblical story of Esther through an "Abiding Together" podcast (Season 9, Episode 15.) Then we will talk about providence in the behind the scenes work of God.

**Monday, June 14, 2021
Rectory Hall @ 7 pm**

Let's get together to share thoughts and experiences. Let's get together to pray with and for each other.

PRO-LIFE FOOD DRIVE

This weekend, June 5th and 6th is our monthly Pro-Life Food Drive for St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, paper products, and personal hygiene products to the vestibule before or after Mass. Thank you for your continuing generosity to our Sharing Parish.

Corpus Christi Procession This Sunday Following the 11:00am Mass

Today, June 6, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ (AKA Corpus Christi).



We will have a Eucharistic procession after the 11:00am Mass. The Scouts, Knights of Columbus, and mens group will lead the procession with Fr. Dom carrying the Most Blessed Sacrament around the block. We will walk north on Kostner to Wilson, then East on Wilson to Lowell, and complete the circle going West on Sunnyside back into the Church for Benediction. We will stop twice on the way for adoration. Plan to join us for this beautiful witness to the faith!



Saturday, June 5

St. Boniface

8:30AM William Richard & †Sheryl Lynne Finkenstadt

4:30PM †St. Mary Elizabeth †Barbara McDonough †Thomas A. McDermott †Moris & Regina Nagle

Sunday, June 6

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00AM †Cecilia Mapile †Craig Voss Mary McGee

9:30AM †Edward Carlson Nora Kilcourse

11:00AM †Thomas Hunter Hopkins †Christine Kaminski †Tumlos Family

Monday, June 7

Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

8:30AM †Albin McGill Amanda A. Avalos

Tuesday, June 8

Weekday

8:30AM †Victor Souza Lawrence †Seaborn Davis †Carmelita Licardo †Carole Bruton All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, June 9

St. Ephrem

8:30AM Robin & Mickey Mikos Cindu Kocol Rocio Hernandez

Thursday, June 10

Weekday

8:30AM †Thomas Adomowski Emilie Baier & Sisters Francisco Avalos, II

Friday, June 11

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:30AM Mary McGee Fernando Avalos

Saturday, June 12

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30AM †Alicia Avalos †Richelda Valerio Dorothy Capiz

4:30PM Mary McGee

Sunday, June 13

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

8:00AM †Edward Carlson †Patricia Klbecka Carol Eve Finkenstadt Mary McGee

9:30AM †Frances Pinello

11:00AM Anthony Watrobinski

Prayer REQUESTS

Pray for the sick of our parish family:

Roger Africa
Mary Lou Agronomoff
Nathan Devan Arceo
Mary Anne Asakura
Edward Carleson
William Finkenstadt
Fr. Erwin Friedl
Henry Hammersten
Maureen Hughes
Agnes Keresztes
Elizabeth Rose Lyukseburg
Gloria Mercado
Richard Pasierbowicz
Margaret Pitts
Kathy Schreiber
Kathy Sugars
Lourdes Vidal

And those serving our country:

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1st Lt. Randall Kester
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Ryan C. Loy
Daniel McCright
Joselito R. Mercado
Shane Murray
Sean Mayerbock
Sean O'Connor
Gretel Ypil, Odon
Matthew Olker
Danny Oresky,
Gavin Sustek SFC
Edward Swartz
Danielle Ulrich
Rachel Vega
Brian West

Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm
(Church open at 4:00 pm)

Sunday Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11 am
(Church open at 7:30 am)

Monday-Saturday: Mass at 8:30 am
(Church open at 8:00 am)

Confessions Saturday:
12:00-1:00 pm



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