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Saint Bridget

*We choose to be the presence of
Christ on the Northside*

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



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Pastor's Corner



June 6, 1944. We know this date as 'D Day'. Every year on June 6th I take time to pray for 'the fallen'. I pray for the men that died on those 5 French beaches that day. This year on June 6th we, as a church, celebrate 'The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ' (*Corpus Christi Sunday*). That these two aligned on the same date this year got me thinking...

The Allies landed 156,000 troops at Normandy taking heavy casualties and fought for almost a year to bring about peace for a small percent of the world that lasted less than a generation. What we celebrate as a church this weekend is the Eucharist that was given to us when Jesus held up the bread and said 'This is my body...' and held up the cup and said 'This is my blood...'

Jesus went from that table to die an awful death for our salvation. Think about it. Eighty years ago it took thousands of men and women to achieve a temporary peace. Two millennium ago one man (albeit the son of God) died after hours of pain and humiliation and his army consisted of 12 men (soon to be 11) who ran away and left him to die alone. His one act has made peace (a peace that goes beyond all understanding) available to billions over innumerable generations just for the asking. How much more powerful God is than anything man can do. Now after two millennium we still participate personally in Christ's sacrifice every time we receive the Eucharist, the real body and blood of Jesus...and it's free, just for the asking.

Please pardon my musing but this June 6th coincidence makes me think about what a powerful gift the Eucharist is to us and how Christ's sacrifice (reenacted at every Mass) is the source and summit of our Christian lives. At every Mass, during the consecration, when Father holds up the host and repeats Christ's words 'This is my body' I picture myself sitting at the table staring at Jesus and the bread that he is holding. I am in total awe. Sometimes I imagine myself sitting right next to him and sometimes I find myself way on the other side of the table depending on what I am bringing to church in my heart that day. (And yes, the disciples sat on both sides of the table.)

Saint Thomas Aquinas said that the Holy Eucharist is "the greatest of all (Christ's) miracles," and that, "No other sacrament has greater healing power." He says, "here Christ himself, the true God, is set before us as food. What could be more powerful than this?" What we celebrate today as a church and as a people is receiving the precious Body and Blood, letting Christ's body become our food and as such be made part of our own flesh. When we do this as believers we

all become part of Jesus, his flesh becomes our flesh and, as a group we become the body of Christ.

How important this sacrament is for us. Whether we as human beings commit a million men and women to free a continent from tyranny or, as individuals try to make sense of how to live through a pandemic and make sense of a new reality that we don't understand and that we do not want, we need something that will give us lasting peace and happiness. We need the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Nothing else lasts, everything else changes. Celebrate today and guard against the receiving of Communion becoming mundane and ordinary. Immerse yourself in the miracle and be happy.

~Deacon Rich

Community Life



Sunday June 13th is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. St. Anthony was a Franciscan Friar, doctor of the Church and patron of the poor, and of course finder of lost things. Our Secular Franciscans celebrate this Feast in honor of their Fraternal Patron. The Secular Franciscans invite us to celebrate with them during our Sunday 9:30 mass with prayers, songs and readings centered on Franciscan Spirituality including the Blessing of Distribution of Bread. Everyone will be sent home with an individual loaf of bread as a reminder of our call, like St. Anthony's to live in Christian charity.

Prayer Request

Sharon Brisk, Annette Haehn, Karron Willis, Mary Franklin, Jim Carter, Shirley & Richard Peterson, Joan Roos, Paul Daugherty, Ann Lasky, Bridget Tidd, Laura Walsh, Gene Theisen, Carol



Wolney, Arlene & Jerry Scherber, Linda Davison, Mary Ann Carter, Duane Pfarr, Emmett Mulcare, Scott Kyles Jr., Rosie Bloomberg, Emmett Peterson, Ann Lentner, Jay Reding, Kristin Majkozak, Eleanor Dietrich, Brian Brixius, Missy Moore -Schmidt, Lorraine Davidson, Chuck Dellwo, Symia Kyles, Debbie Willard, Fran Willard, Sarah Willard, Michelle La Bissoniere, Mary Jo Prather, Ted Prather, Mel Church, and Mary Jo Willard-Church

Liturgical Updates

Given regular updates from both the Governor and the Office of Worship at the Archdiocese on relaxing liturgical restrictions, we are pleased to offer an update in our liturgical practices.

We will return the **Reception of Communion** back to during mass as before the pandemic beginning the weekend of May 29/30.

We will be bringing the Opening **Procession** back during the Gathering Rite beginning with Pentecost, this Sunday. Lectors and Cross Bearers will be processing in as before the pandemic. During both the **Gathering Rite and Dismissal** the **Procession** is back.

Ushers will be returning to ministry very soon. The date is still being determined. If you are an usher or want to be trained as an usher, please call the office and let us know you are ready to return to ministry. This also means soon, the collection will be taken up during the offertory.

The Archbishop has not yet reversed the **Sunday Mass Dispensation**, but strongly encourages healthy parishioners with no covid like symptoms to return to in-person mass, especially if you are vaccinated.

The City of Minneapolis still requires a face mask be worn inside. Thank you!

Readings For This Week

1st Reading: Ex 24:3-8
 Resp. Psalm: 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
 2nd Reading: Heb 9:11-15
 Gospel: Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Pastoral Care

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION:



We have a team that will bring you the Eucharist in a safe and respectful way. If you would like to receive, please call the office and a member of our Pastoral Team will contact you.

Mass Intentions

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST JUNE 6, 2021

Sun. June 6— Mass 9:30am/ **Parish Community of St Bridget**

Mon. June 7— No Word & Communion Service

Tues. June 8 — Mass 8am/ † **Sr. Charlene Schoen, OSB**
(Alice Wortman)

Wed. June 9— Mass 8am / **Fr. John Brandes - (Gerri Hare)**

Thurs. June 10— Mass 8am/ † **Mary Anne Witzman**
(Bob & Mary Majkozak)

Fri. June 11—Mass 8am / † **Carol Delzer- (Alice Wortman)**

Weekend Liturgies

Sat. June 12— Mass 4:30pm /† **George & Theresa Ross**
(Ross Family)

Tidbits from the Administrator

Spring cleaning:

Let the sunshine in, this week all windows inside and out will be washed. ✓
 The church floor will be washed and waxed in the next month.

Repairs:

The ramp wall in our parking lot needs some tlc and will be repaired in early June.

We've also needed to replace two sinks and 2 toilets in the office and sacristy.

Something new:

We have recently added *Reflections from the pew* in our weekly bulletins. They have been very well received. If you'd like to be a guest writer call to be added to the rotation.

Conversation needed:

Ministry room renovation
 St Austin Chapel

Hope to start soon:

Coffee & donuts (YUM)

Volunteers needed:

Building and grounds
 Hospitality

Please contact me directly with any questions. 612-529-7779x305 or jonis@stbridgetnorthside.com

~Joni

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