

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Parish

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## The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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As you've likely heard many times before, the Eucharist is "*the source and summit of Christian life.*" That's exactly what we celebrate today on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, and it's a pretty big deal! Yet if you're anything like me, you've zoned out a time or two . . . or many . . . during the Eucharistic Prayer during which this very "source and summit" is consecrated. But don't worry! If you're anything like me, it was incredibly helpful to learn more about **what's actually happening during the Eucharistic Prayer.**

As always, let's begin at the beginning. We read many times in the Acts of the Apostles that the early Christian Community "broke bread together." Most specifically, we read in Acts 2:42 that "*they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*" Already, we see the two parts of the Mass present – the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist!

A handful of years later (around 153-155 A.D.) we have an extensive description of this Liturgy of the Eucharist by St. Justin Martyr. It begins with the washing of the presider's hands, "heartily prayers," a kiss of peace, and the mingling of wine and water. Next we read:

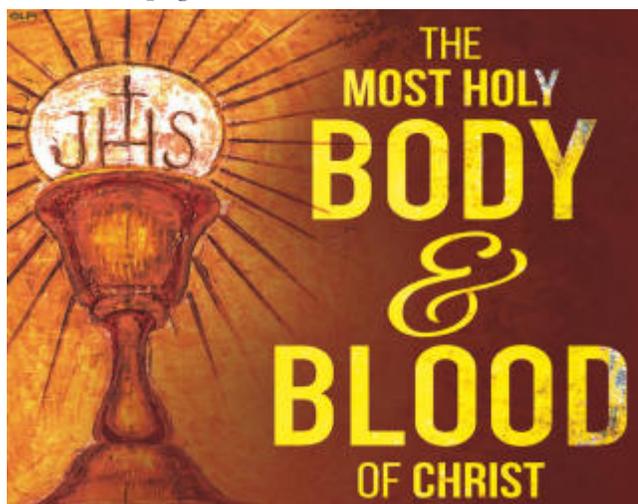
*There is then brought to the president of the bretheren bread and a cup of wine mixed with water; and he taking them . . . offers thanks at considerable length for our being counted worthy to receive these things at His hands.*

After that, all the people present "express their assent by saying Amen," and partake of the gifts, which are then taken to those who aren't able to be there.

I hope this sounds incredibly familiar! The Mass as we know it today clearly has deep, deep roots in the early years of the Church. To make a bit more sense of it all, let's break it down some more.

Every Eucharistic Prayer begins with the **Preface**. This is after the altar is prepared and we stand to "lift up our hearts to the Lord!" It continues through the singing of the Holy, holy holy, after which we kneel.

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# Body & Blood of Christ Continued

Next is the **Anaphora**, which is broken down into six parts:

- 1) The **epiclesis**, during which the Holy Spirit is invoked to make Jesus present in the gifts of bread and wine. (As we learned last week!)
- 2) The **Institution Narrative**, during which the priest restates Jesus' words at the last supper. However, the priest isn't retelling the story to us. Rather, this prayer is *addressed to God!* Here, as throughout the rest of the Mass, we make the priest's prayer our own as we participate in the Mass together.
- 3) The **anamnesis**, or memorial prayer, during which our calling to mind of Jesus' actions at the Last Supper and on the Cross *make that historical moment truly present again*, hence why we call Mass a "sacrifice." Jesus of course isn't being crucified again, but the moment comes to life in a way that is just as real as the day it happened long ago!
- 4) The **oblation** is when we offer this very sacrifice, Jesus truly present, to the Father. We, by uniting

ourselves to Christ, also offer our own selves at this time.

5) The **intercessions** express that "the Eucharist is celebrated in communion with the *whole Church*, of both *heaven and of earth*, and that the oblation is made for her and for *all her members, living and dead*, who are called to participate in the redemption and salvation purchased by the Body and Blood of Christ" (USCCB).

6) Finally, the **doxology**: "*through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, forever and ever, amen.*" This is a moment of uniting ourselves, through the Holy Spirit, to Jesus' *perfect worship* of God the Father!

So there you have it, the Eucharistic Prayer. (Once we stand and pray the Our Father we've moved into the **Communion Rite**). It will sound different yet the same at each Mass as there are several different Eucharistic Prayer options, which are sometimes customized further for particular feast days and celebrations. But they will always include each of these pieces!

## Church & School Gala

Gala Tickets On Sale!

Tickets are \$50 per person for a fun night to kick up your heels, enjoy a great meal and participate in the community of St. John's.



Get ready to dust off your boots and hat (not required but fun if you have them)! We hope to see YOU at the Western Roundup on Saturday, June 26th from 6-10pm on the back lawn! Make sure to get your tickets today!

Stop by the table after Mass

Our evening's entertainment will include live music provided by the **Hillbilly Cadillac Band!** We're also excited to welcome back the **O'Sullivan Auctioneers** who always provide a lively time!

Our menu includes grilled chicken, slow roasted pulled pork, roasted potatoes, seasoned vegetables, salad with grilled fruit and a ghiradelli brownie on a stick! Not to mention the appetizers, wine and beer! We are thankful for **Utepils Brewing** for their donation and sponsorship again this year!

It will be an evening of fun, laughter and generosity when parishioners and friends of St. John's come together to celebrate, raise funds for the Parish, and enjoy some well-deserved fellowship.

Stop by the table after Mass or go online here to get your tickets today <https://sjexcels.ejoinme.org/westernroundup2021>

# Financial Support

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This time last year the world was turned upside down due to COVID-19, but our parish ministries continued because so many people needed our help. Recuring gifts helped sustain our parish in unprecedented times, and continue to be a vital source of support for ministries that are a lifeline to those in need in our community.

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# Community Support

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THANK YOU for your continued support of ICA Foodshelf and SouthWest Options for Women! Please continue to place your donations in the bins labeled ICA and SWOW outside the Gathering Place entrance. Please continue to give generously!

# Banns of Marriage

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Please pray for this couple as they prepare to receive the wonderful Sacrament of Marriage!

**June 18:** Alexander Steadman and TJ Schissler

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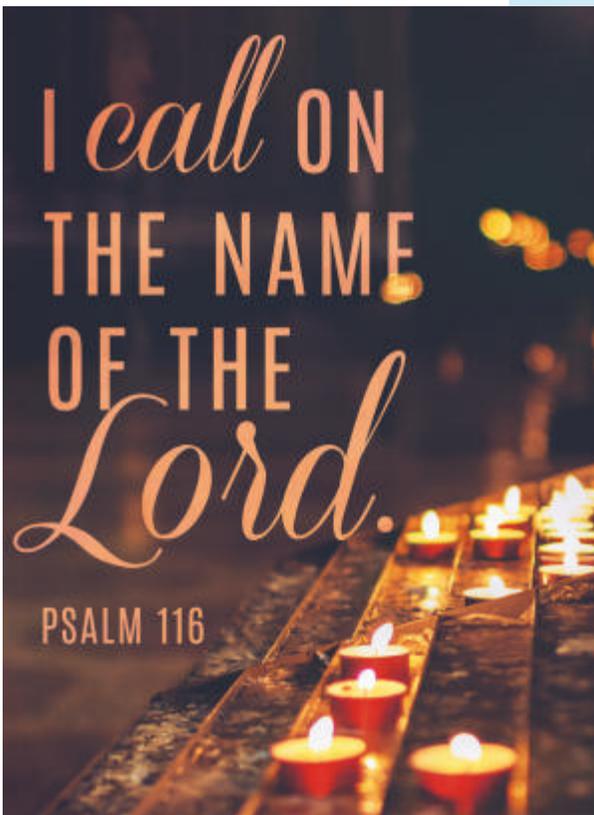
# Thank You Teresa!

Hi! I'm Teresa Wroblewski and I just graduated from Saint Mary's University in Winona with my Bachelor's in Graphic Design. I am now a Marketing Art Designer for Lakeshirts in Detroit Lakes (let me know if you need an awesome t-shirt/sweatshirt hookup, I got you), but this past spring semester I had the opportunity to be a Graphic Design Intern for SJB. I had such a fun time and was able to work on some awesome projects like the Western RoundUp Gala, the bulletin, the school yearbook, and so much more! I couldn't be more grateful to St. John's for letting me work with them and giving me some experience in the design world.

**Thank you Teresa for designing our new bulletin format!**

Teresa Wroblewski '21  
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## Weekly Prayer

### Readings for the Week of June 6, 2020

**Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13,15-18/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16,22-26

**Monday:** 2Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-9/Mt 5:1-12

**Tuesday:** 2Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129-133,135/Mt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** 2Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5-9/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** 2Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9-14/Mt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9/Is 12:2-6/Eph 3:8-12,14-19/Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:** 2Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-4,9-12/Lk 2:41-51

**Next Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/2Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

## Questions of the Week

**First Reading:** Moses and the ancient Israelites ratified the covenant God established with them at Mount Sinai with the blood of a sacrificed animal. The sacrificed animal affirmed Israel's commitment: "We will do everything the Lord has told us." Why do you think Israel tied sacrificed blood to their verbal commitment?

**Second Reading:** The author of Hebrews teaches us that the sacrificed blood of Christ sanctifies us and offers us eternal redemption. How do you see this connected to ancient Israel's practice of sacrificing animals for their blood?

**Gospel:** Mark's account of the institution of the Eucharist is linked to the Jewish Feast of Unleavened Bread when a Passover lamb was sacrificed. What do you think Mark is teaching us in making this connection?

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## Mass Intentions

Sat.	June 5	8:00am 5:00pm	† George Conkey John Behun
Sun.	June 6	8:00am 10:00am	For the Parish Rod Vacek
Mon.	June 7	No Mass	
Tues.	June 8	5:30pm	Adam Shipman
Wed.	June 9	8:00am	Caroline Lunger & Brian Garanich
Thurs.	June 10	8:00am	† † Jacob & Rita Colnar
Fri.	June 11	9:00am	† Eugene O'Brien
Sat.	June 12	8:00am 5:00pm	† Howard Gans Mary Bowyer
Sun.	June 13	8:00am 10:00am	Anna Louise Fulks For the Parish

## Pray for the Sick

*We invite you to keep in your daily prayers the sick and confined of our parish who seek God's joy in their infirmity, in particular:*

- Elvera Hoops
- Mary Rosati
- Viviana Wright
- Margaret Davis
- Joe Garaghty
- Kon Wurm
- Ruth Colnar
- David Streeter
- Roger "Pete" Hansen
- Tom Bartholomew
- Mike Salzer
- Joyce Koch
- Art Rosenberg

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School

*Guided by our Roman Catholic faith, St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School prepares students to live out the Gospel message, achieve academic excellence, and joyfully lead by faith, virtue and reason.*



## Honoring Our 8th Grade Graduates

### Jonathan

Next year I will be attending Benilde-St.



Margaret's High School. I would recommend St. John's because you can move at your own pace and you're pushed to try your hardest. I would say that my favorite work was the Island Project because it helped teach me about economics, geography, zoology, botany, and weather patterns.

### Katy

I will be attending Minnetonka High School.



I really enjoyed going to school at St. John's because of the wide range of projects you get to do. My favorite Montessori work was writing an essay about potassium. I really felt it improved my writing skills.

## Kindergarten Class of 2021

Congratulations to our ten kindergarteners! All of them will be continuing on at St. John the Baptist Catholic Montessori School for 1st grade next year.

Elizabeth  
Henry  
Gianna  
Emma  
Travis  
Giovanni  
Kenley  
Ford  
Luke  
Colleen





# Stewardship Update

\*We have significantly lowered our Offertory Budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. As such, our Over/(Under) may seem artificially positive, as actuals are compared to a significantly reduced budget number from the prior year. For this reason, we have additionally included this year's actuals compared to last year's actuals for a more accurate reflection of our offertory growth/(decline).

\*Please note that fluctuation in weekly giving is often due to variable timing of annual stewardship gifts.

## Collections as of: 6/1/2021      Year-to-Date Information as of: 6/1/2021

	Actual	YTD Budget	\$707,794
Sunday	\$7,600.00	YTD Actual	\$853,353
EFT	\$11,103.83	Amount Over/	\$145,559
Plate	\$574.00	(Under)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,277.83</b>		

## Year-to-Date Information as of: 6/1/2021

Prior YTD Actual	\$783,264
Current YTD Actual	\$853,353
Amount Over/(Under) Prior Year	\$70,089

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm
Sunday	8:00 & 10:00am
Tuesdays	5:30pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays	8:00am
Friday (School Mass)	9:00am
Saturdays	8:00am

*(Holy Days and Holidays—see bulletin Or call Parish Office)*

### Sacrament of Confession

Tuesdays	5:00pm
Wednesdays, Thursdays	7:30am
Fridays	8:30pm
Saturdays	8:30-9:30am & 3:30-4:30pm

### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples must call Fr. Carlson 6 months in advance

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the Parish Office 2 months prior to child's birth. Required classes held regularly.

*A local Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help you or anyone who has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church. Victim Assistance Hotline: (651)291-4497*

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