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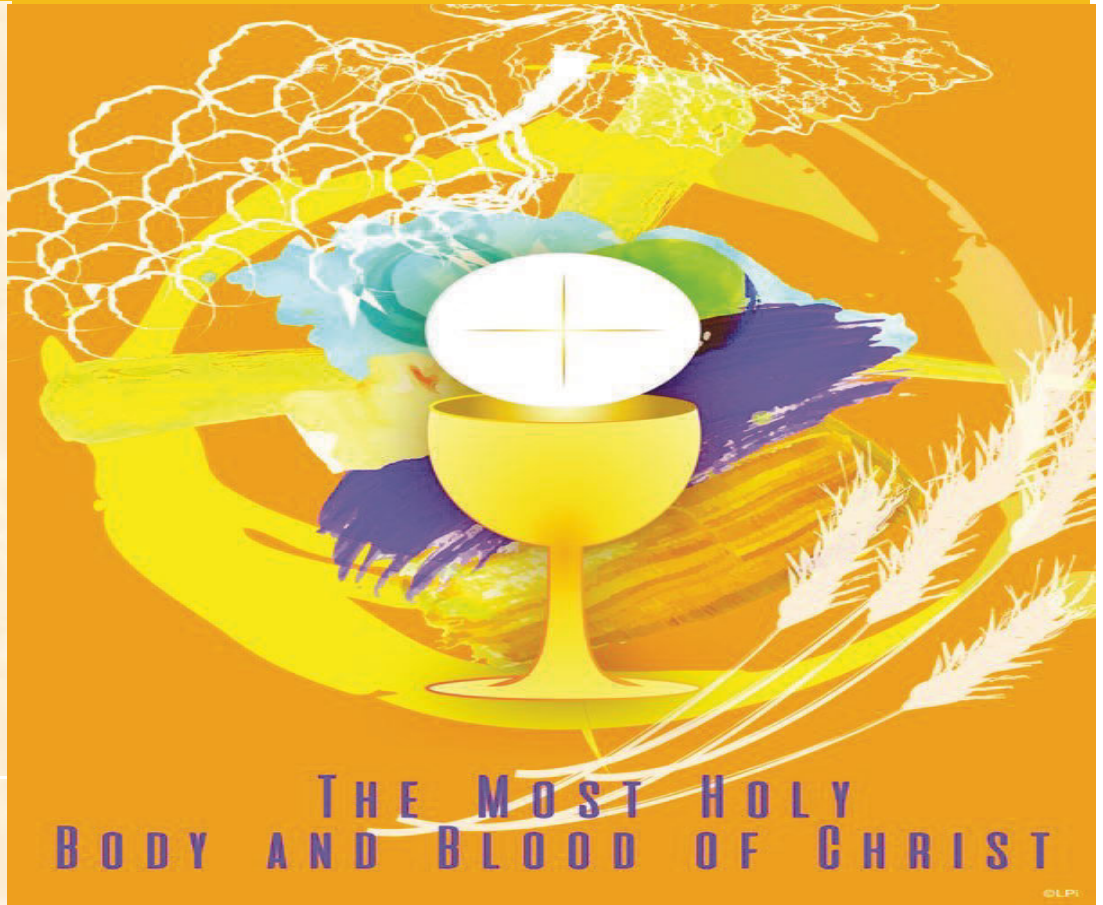
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Thank you to Fr. Ashok Kujur, SJ, from Creighton University (right) for his services to St. Mary's in Shenandoah and Hamburg, as he is going back to India to finish his research in bio technology. Fr. Tom is in the middle and on his left is Fr. Kuru, a visiting professor from Creighton.



Pastoral Musings: The Sacrament of Real Presence



Dear Friends,

It's good to reflect on the real significance of the Corpus Christi Feast that we celebrate this weekend. Corpus Christi is also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, a celebration of Jesus Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Every Mass is a participation in and celebration of this sacrifice but the feast of the Corpus Christi is an occasion to be especially aware of the gift of Christ's real and abiding presence in the world. In today's world, people question the meaning of real presence and think it's just symbolic. Saints have realized the greater depth of this mystery of the Sacrament of the abiding presence of Christ. St. Maximilian Kolbe said, *"If angels could be jealous of men, they would be so for one reason: Holy Communion"*.

I used to use the analogy of the "wedding ring" to bring home to the first communion kids the preciousness and the beauty of the Body and Blood of Christ and its mystical transformation. I asked the kids, "what does the wedding ring look like before the wedding?" They tell me that "it's a piece of metal". Indeed, it's true. "And once the wedding takes place, what happens to this metal?" It is transformed into a wonderful ring that signifies the great and lasting love between the husband and wife, the Mom and Dad. The change is internal and no one considers it as a piece of metal any more after the wedding ceremony. It's held very precious and it evokes sweet memories of the wedding day and the lasting love and fidelity of marriage. In the similar way after the consecration of the bread and wine, it is no more bread and wine. It is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ signifying the Holy Sacrifice of Christ for the sake of the world and its redemption. Let us approach the altar with this renewed sense of the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

I have heard from many parishioners what a great meaning and joy it is for them to come and take part in the Holy Eucharist and receive the Holy Communion and it brings great peace and joy to their heart and soul. Communion is always a reunion with the Lord that brings joy and peace to our souls. I recall people expressed their deep longing to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ during the days of the pandemic and they were not able to come to Mass and take part in the communion. I vividly remember the day when the restrictions were lifted for celebrating Mass and people came to the communion after a long time. Returning from the Mass there were tears of joy on their faces and hearts full of gratitude. Mother Theresa used to tell the priest, "Celebrate Mass every day as if it is your first and last mass and then you will be fully present and you can feel the real presence of Christ in the bottom of your heart". As we celebrate this great solemnity of Corpus Christi this weekend, let us prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ with a renewed sense of anticipation and feel the joy of the real presence of Christ in us and carry that luminous presence all through the day.

We have many reasons to be grateful this week especially for all our fathers who protect, provide and set examples for their children. The greatest gift that my father gave me was that he loved and cared for me and the entire family and believed in our future.

Happy Father's Day.

Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday 6:30 am 10:30am	June 19th Most Holy Body and Blood + Gary Laughlin
Monday No Mass	June 20th Fr. Tom's Day off
Tuesday 12:10am	June 21st
Wed 12:10pm	June 22nd
Thursday 12:10am	June 23rd
Friday 12:10pm	June 24th
Saturday 3:30pm 4:30pm	June 25th Confessions +Maureen Hansen
Sunday 6:30am 10:30am	June 26th Parishioners Parishioners

Knights of Columbus Council 1479 meets the second Tuesday of each month. Meal @ 7pm followed by meeting in the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Shenandoah.

Legion of Mary group meets @ 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. Contact Joan Bloom for more information @ 712-534-2645.

St. Mary's Ladies Guild is on summer vacation June, July, and August. Meetings will resume in September. Date and time will be announced later.

Bible Study has resumed on Mondays at 10:30 am in the parish hall. All are welcome.

Adoration will be the First Friday of every month from

St. Mary's Youth Ministry will again be selling fireworks in the Wal-Mart parking lot from June 25th through July 4th.. Come support our efforts to attend NCYC in 2023! Thank you!



Mass Intentions Invited

Mass Intentions are encouraged. If you would like to offer special Mass Intentions for birthdays, anniversaries, or to pray for any of your beloved ones who are sick or passed away you can contact the office and make dedications for Mass Intentions. We appreciate your support and collaboration.

Lectors for Next Week

June 25th —4:30 pm — Terry Engelmeyer
 June 26th —6:30 am — Pete Wenstrand
 June 26th —10:30 am — Steve Schuster

Homebound Parishioners:

Evelyn Pontius
 Betty Wells
 Ken DeBaere
 Helen Lewis
 Mary Berning



Financial Offering

June 12, 2022 Tithes	\$2,537.71
ADA 2022 Goal	\$32,042.00
Gift paid	\$28,697.80
Remaining Goal	\$3,344.20
Total Donors to date	50

God bless you for your generosity. Those who have not yet given, please prayerfully consider your gifts for the Annual Diocesan Appeal to complete our goal for the year 2022.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

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Readings for the week of June 19, 2022

Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/
Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

Parish Office Arrangements

Parish office will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 to Noon. Sue Hanna will be in the office. Bulletin dead line is Monday, at 10:00 am. Please contact Fr. Tom at frtomcc@gmail.com or call him at 715-410-7465. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

Parish Mission Statement

*"In the heart of Mary,
our parish community welcomes all
people as Christ,
offering a place of peace, love and
prayer."*



WHAT: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WHO: YOUTH 4 years to 6th grade in Shenandoah and surrounding area

WHEN: 4-day event; July 31-August 3rd evenings

WHERE: St. Mary's Catholic Church Classrooms

WATCH: for registration forms coming in July

WHY: Because God loves you and wants to celebrate with you!

For More Information Contact: Kim Leininger;

jkleininger@mchsi.com or 712-215-1505

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, June 18th

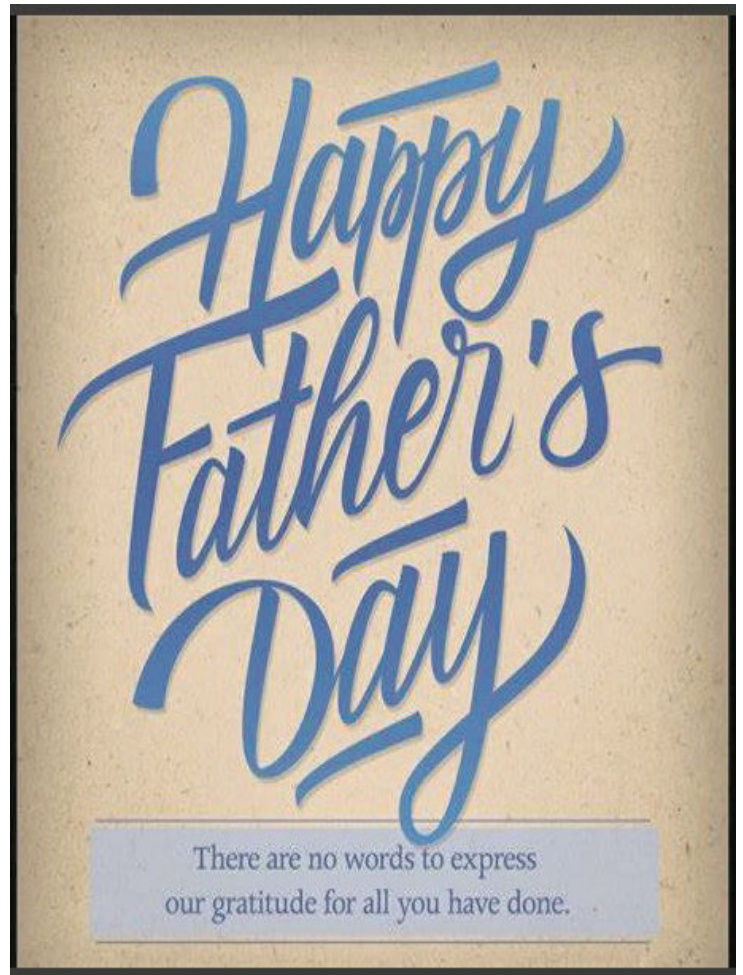
St. Mary's Youth Ministry is sponsoring the "Fill-a-Truck" event to benefit the Shenandoah Community Food Bank. Look for details in the bulletin. Please contact Gigi with questions. Peace, Ms. Gigi and the Youth Ministry Team



Cristian Ramos	June 4
Mark Feller	June 4
Carter Sells	June 7
Jonathan Adkisson	June 8
Kristy O'Rourke	June 8
Lindsay Campin	June 15
Anthony Meyer	June 19
Michelle Adkisson	June 22
Jason Goltz	June 24
Kendrick Hodges	June 24
Rita Paar	June 26
Lyla Mather	June 27
Noli Danao	June 28
Josh Fuxa	June 28
Ali Fuxa	June 29



Pictured above is the wedding party of Jacob and Ashley Smith from Sidney. They were married in Hamburg on June 11th. Bless this couple on this sacred and happy event!





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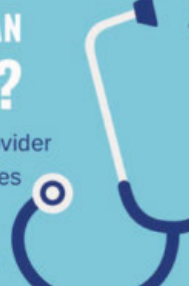

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