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SATURDAYS: 4:00 PM SUNDAYS: 10:00 AM
DAILY: MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM
AT ST. JOSEPH’S, NORTH BROOKFIELD
DAILY: THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AT 8:30AM
AT ST. JOHN’S, EAST BROOKFIELD
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THESE HOURS FOR REQUESTS FOR FOOD ASSISTANCE.



***REGISTRATION OR
CHANGE OF ADDRESS***

Welcome to Saint John the Baptist Parish !

If you would like to register or you have changed
your address, please fill out the following information
and submit it to the parish office.

Name: _____

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St. John the Baptist Parish

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
SATURDAYS AT 3:00 PM OR BY APPOINTMENT

BAPTISM
BAPTISMS ARE USUALLY HELD
AFTER THE SUNDAY 10:00 AM MASS

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PLEASE CONTACT EITHER PRIEST AT THE RECTORY
AT LEAST 12 MONTHS BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE
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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all
drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant,
which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink
again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the
kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25



God's Gift

Sacraments and other events

- Sat., June 5, 2021**
4:00pm for Helen Magee (1st anniv.)
req. by the family
- Sun., June 6, 2021**
10:00am for Janet Lambert, req. by the family
- Mon. and Tues. June 7-8, 2021**
8:30 am Mass at St. Joseph's, N. Brookfield
- Wed. June 9, 2021**
No Wed. Masses at either St. John's or St. Joseph's.
Masses in the nearby parishes:
8:00 am Mass, *Mary, Queen of the Rosary in Spencer*
8:00 am Mass, *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, W. Brookfield*
- Thurs., June 10, 2021**
8:30am Elliot R. Whyte
req. by Catholic Assoc. of Foresters
- Fri., June 11, 2021**
8:30am For John Larkham (1st anniv.)
req. by the parish
- Sat., June 12, 2021**
4:00pm for Theresa Archambeault (1st anniv.)
req. by the family
- Sun., June 13, 2021**
10:00am for a special intention

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Marie Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.

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Parish Support

	May 23 nd	May 30 th
Weekly	\$1,593.00	\$1,221.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00	\$ 40.00
Monthly	\$ 83.00	\$ 245.00

Thank you for your continued support

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/
Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- Monday:** 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133,
135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday:** 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/
Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/
Lk 2:41-51
- Next Sunday:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/
2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



Thank You - Parish Grounds Clean Up

A heartfelt thank you to parishioners who helped out with the spring parish grounds clean up. The grounds look so much better !



Coming Home to Mass and Mass Changes

With the lifting of most pandemic gathering restrictions this past week, we are now obligated to attend weekend and Holy Day Masses. Bishop McManus has announced the restoration of the obligation to take part in Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, effective next Sunday, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021. Masks and social distancing are no longer required of all parishioners. However, per CDC guidelines, not fully vaccinated persons are still encouraged to wear masks and maintain social distancing. The tape in the pews has been removed, therefore, from all but a portion of the church. The cleaning of most commonly touched surfaces may be reduced to once a week.

Processions will also be restored. The singing of hymns and acclamations has been restored, although choirs will not return until the end of the summer. Holy water, hymnals and missalettes will, once again, be available. The distribution of Holy Communion will return to its pre-COVID form, although the distribution of the Precious Blood will be restored in the fall.

Rooms of reconciliation and visitation of the sick will return to its previous schedule.

The limitations of the size of gatherings in non-liturgical spaces (e.g. parish halls, etc.) have also been lifted.

All of this will take some time to get used to. Please be assured we will continue to carefully monitor the number of cases as we proceed to return to a "new normal." Please join in praying that the success we have so far enjoyed in quelling the pandemic may continue throughout the summer and the months to come.



Partners in Charity Update

We are glad to report that 72 families have already donated a total of \$16,150.00, which is 81% of our goal, with \$ 3,850.00 to go. We are truly grateful for those gifts.

For those St. John's parishioners *who have not already donated*, we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the *2021 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. You can easily offer your gift online this year! Just go to **partners-charity.net/donate**. You can also make your gift from a smartphone by texting DONATE to 84576 !

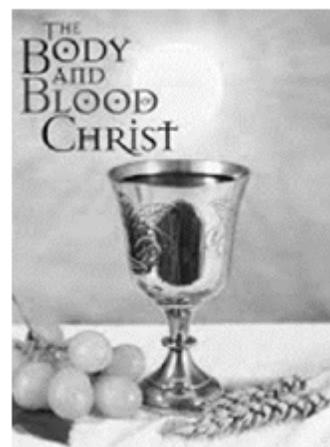
Donor envelopes can be found in the church lobby. If you use an envelope, you can return it through to the rectory, through the mail, or by dropping it off at the rectory's door. All checks should be made payable to "Partners in Charity". Thank you.

Word of Life Reflection

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."

-USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Be Not Afraid"

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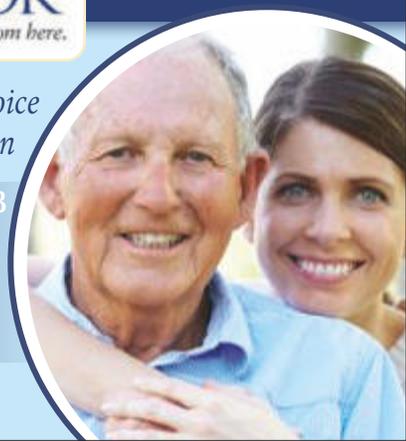


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