The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | June 11, 2023

SAINT JOAN of ARC NEWS

The members of St. Joan of Arc Parish are disciples of Jesus Christ, who recognize God's love for the world & are empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel to all people through joyful worship, life-long education, compassionate service, responsible stewardship, & active community living.

~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

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Parish Directory / Liturgy Schedule

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am Wednesday: 6:00 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Wednesdays: 5:00 pm Saturdays 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary Monday - Friday after the 7am Mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: 586-777-3670.

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

> Weekdav Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am

Weekend Masses Saturdays (a) 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> Holy Hour Thursdays @ 7pm

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Assistant Principal

TALLer Tales



Called OUT ... AGAIN! From the moment I saw the picture of Rachel Allemon, my mom, and me that I put in the bulletin last weekend and then watched the

video of my little stroll with Rachel (which I posted in my Sunday email), I knew I would be in trouble! My first thought was, "Boy, do I look tall!" I say that every time I see a picture of myself with a group of people, or anyone for that matter. I usually don't think of myself as tall until I have to buy clothes or vestments or when I participate in a photo op. But immediately after realizing how much I towered over Rachel, I saw my posture and how "small" my walker looked in my hands. I thought, "BOY, that doesn't look good." I immediately became very conscious about my appearance and posture, but I figured I was the ONLY person who would see it! WRONG!

By Sunday afternoon, I had a few emails from people concerned that my walker wasn't the right fit for me or that I needed to work on my posture. People were very kind about their comments and were generally concerned I may be causing other problems if I didn't use the right walker or ignored my posture.

The posture stuff has plagued me for months, especially as the knee pain increased. As we know, I was the only one in the world that didn't realize I was limping ... and limping a lot. A few weeks before my surgery, someone (maybe her name was Dr. Ingrid) stopped me in Church as I was flying from one thing to the next. She stopped her prayers to say she was concerned I was compensating too much with my gait because of the knee pain. She cautioned me that I needed to pay more attention to my posture, especially now, because I didn't need this to become a pattern and thus cause other issues for my other leg or even my hips.

Then my family would call me out on this too. My mom would say, "Have you noticed you're starting to waddle like your father?" I would think, "No, I don't ... but then again, everyone sees me limping but me. Maybe I AM starting to waddle like my dad!" My sisters would say, "You're walking bow-legged." Then there are those who may have been watching our Masses in person or our live stream from Arizona, maybe Diana and Gloria, let's say, who noticed I started to lean against the mosaic wall whenever I was up at the altar. That one, I will admit, was a conscious "thing." That way, I didn't keep moving from one foot to the other, moving in such a way that people could tell I was in pain! There was a method to my madness.

But the other place you have no choice BUT to pay attention to your posture is at physical therapy. And there are TWO ways you realize that you have bad posture. One is when the PT staff mentions it; the other is seeing yourself in the mirrors as you do your PT routines.

The first time I walked into Gilboe's two days after surgery, I was greeted by Sue Schram. After her pleasant "Hello, Monsignor. You're doing great" greeting, I got, "Now MONSIGNOR, you need to stand tall. It's all about the posture. You can't be walking funny." I quickly learned the "rules" that when I walked into Gilboe's, I had to play the game, be conscious about my posture, and stand tall. I may have been hunched over in the parking lot, but I knew what to do before walking through those doors. When I told Sue I knew the rules, she reminded me that I had to hear her voice not only at PT but beyond the walls of Gilboe's only because posture would become very important for my recovery.

That comment about posture being necessary for recovery got drilled into me even more when even Dr. Nicolas said he was worried about how I was walking. When I questioned why he was worried, he said, "Well, I don't want you to wear out one side of the implant after all the work we've done." Immediately I realized how vital the posture thing would be. This WAS serious stuff.

The next time I had PT after posting the infamous picture of my mom, Rachel, and me, I walked into Gilboe's as usual. But this time, it was as if Sue and her coworkers were on the lookout for me. "MONSIGNOR, we need to talk! Remember what we said about standing TALL and using your walker correctly." "OH, you saw the picture, did ya?" I. Was. In. Trouble. It was a kind "lecture," though!

After Sue got me going on the Nu-Step bike, I stayed there for about 7 minutes. Then Josh came over and had me walk over to the makeshift stairs. He had me do this routine where I ascend and descend only one step at a time. But the "rule" is that you have to go up with the surgical leg and down with the other leg (I've learned that PT has lots of "rules"). I started to do two sets of eight. As I was doing them, I glanced in the mirror and was horrified at my poor posture. I noticed that I looked a little hunched over. Good heavens. It's one thing to be TOLD about your poor posture but another to see it yourself! Before I could get "yelled" at, I straightened up. At this point, I didn't think anyone even noticed! I was lucky this time.

Then Josh had me do this calf stretch where I put my feet on this half-round foamy thing on the floor. As I was doing my 2 sets of 30-second stretches, I noted that Josh started to move to check my shoulder alignment (after a few weeks of PT you learn the rules). I looked up in the mirror and noted I was leaning to one side. Darn it, can't I get any of this right? There is SO much to remember. But before I could make a correction, Josh gently reminded me about my posture and the importance of keeping my shoulders aligned correctly during this stretch routine. Physical therapy is as physical as it is mental; there's a lot of thought that goes into PT!

I also wish there was a PT Manual for First Timers! Physical Therapists ask you some very tricky questions from time to time. The toughest question is, "How does that feel?" You have to be VERY careful how you answer that question. Half the time, I didn't want to be the wimp, so I would respond that I felt great ... which only piled on a few extra routines. Today's anti-wimp response allowed me to graduate to this obstacle course meant to do balance training, where I had to walk over these raised bars on the floor. It was like watching someone do a sobriety test, I'm sure! That was tough work!

But NOWHERE in any of my presurgical material or stuff about having a knee replacement warns you about the "Posture Police!" They're EVERYWHERE!

Enjoy the week. Watch that posture! Know of my prayers.

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Week of June 11, 2023



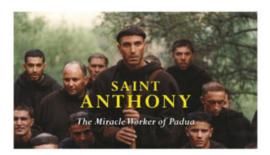
The Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart | Sacred Art

Do you have a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus? Deepen your devotion by listening to this discussion of sacred art pieces depicting the heart of Christ.



Saint Anthony of Padua | Lukas Storyteller

Don't worry about your children being exposed to unwholesome television content anymore! In this fun, family-friendly series, your children will learn important lessons, such as the value of honesty.



Saint Anthony: Miracle Worker of Padua

This beautiful Italian film depicts the life of St. Anthony of Padua, including his preaching, his love for the poor, and the wonders of his miracles. It will doubtless help you cultivate devotion to this beloved saint.

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Grow + Go



June 11, 2023

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a | 1 Cor 10:16-17 | Jn 6:51-58

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, the true, real, and substantial presence of Jesus Christ under the appearances of bread and wine. As Catholics, we know that the Eucharist is not simply symbolic, but is in fact the body, blood, soul, and divinity of Christ who rose from the dead. Our readings remind us of this. In the Gospel Jesus says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh ... I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Although Jesus' words were very difficult for his disciples at the time to understand, we know that the bread and wine that become the body and blood of Jesus satisfy our deepest hunger. This spiritual food is actually an encounter with God through his Son, Jesus. It is a blessing that the Church provides us. Let us celebrate on this solemnity by giving thanks, which is what *eucharist* means!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

There was a priest at my home parish who could spend hours literally, hours - sitting in eucharistic adoration. If he wasn't out and about serving our parish or in his office for a meeting, you would find him in the adoration chapel gazing at the monstrance which displayed the consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament. He always would have a small smile on his face, happily losing himself in the Lord. Although everyone has different time pressures on them during the course of a typical week, I think we can all agree that spending only one hour a week with someone is not enough to maintain an important relationship. The same is true with our relationship with Christ. Let's make an effort in the coming weeks to enhance that relationship by spending more time with him. Do you have an hour for adoration? Experience the peace it can bring. Or perhaps now is the time to check the daily Mass schedule in your parish and try to attend once or twice. Jesus offers us his very body and blood under the appearances of bread and wine. Don't squander the opportunity to receive this precious gift.

ACTION As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, many dioceses around the country will hold Eucharistic processions for this solemn feast. This is a family-friendly activity. See what is planned in your diocese.

Liturgical Life

CATHOLIC

The Priesthood and the Eucharist

"These two Sacraments were born together," wrote St. John Paul II of the priesthood and the Eucharist, "and their destiny is indissolubly linked until the end of the world."

The Eucharist is such a beautiful example of how God, conscious of our limitations, bends to meet us. He once came to us cloaked in the flesh, that we might recognize Him. Now He comes as the very means by which we nourish ourselves: food and drink, the most familiar and comforting thing in the world to us. How easy He makes it to fulfill his command that we become one with Him. How generous He is to make such a sacred thing also accessible.

We can say the same of the priesthood, and of the men He calls to its number. How generous of Him to make such an accessible thing — our sons, our brothers, our uncles, our cousins sacred. How generous of Him to allow these human creations — who share in our own faults — to be the means through which He comes to us in the Eucharist.

Without the Eucharist, we would have no eternal life. Without priests, we would have no Eucharist. On this, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, let's give thanks for our priests, and redouble our prayers that God will send us good and holy ones — manna from Heaven in our wandering exile.

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." — John 6:54

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3).

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JUNE 18 A

Reading One - Ex 19:2-6a

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

Responsorial - Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock. Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock. The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

Reading Two – Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Alleluia – Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel - Matthew 9:36-10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

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Summer Funday Sunday



St. Joan of Arc SOCIAL CALENDAR

Summer Sunday Funday and BIG Raffle Drawing

JUNE 11, 1-6 PM ON THE PARISH CAMPUS Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, food trucks and family activities.



Shrine of Jesus Divine Mercy - Mission of Mercy Evening

An Evening in Paris

Mission of Mercy

NINTH ANNUAL

Friday, August 18, 2023 5:30 p.m. - Doors open 6:00 p.m - Performance begins 6:30 p.m. - Dinner, Silent and Live Auctions *The Mirage Banquet Hall* Clinton, Twp

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For inquiries please contact the Shrine at 586-777-8591 or email Info@SJDivineMercy.org





Encounter - Come Adore

ENCOUNTER COME ADORE!

Join us for the final Encounter of the year

SUNDAY, JUNE 25 7:00–8:15 p.m. ST. PAUL ON THE LAKE 157 Lakeshore/Grosse Pointe Farms

Eucharistic Adoration Praise and Worship Gospel Reading/Reflection

Questions? contact mmebus@comcastne

Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, June 12th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 10:00 AM Funeral for Susan Federoff

Tuesday, June 13th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Wednesday, June 14th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed

Thursday, June 15th

7:00 AM Moring Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, June 16th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed

Saturday, June 17th

9:30 AM DCCR Meeting 11:00 AM Reconciliation

12:30 PM Baptism of Jacob & Jolene Kalich1:30 PM Baptism of Isabella R. Baker

Farewell Celebration for Father Andrew after all Masses in the Emmaus Hall

4:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed 6:00 PM Sunday Mass Vigil - Live Streamed

Sunday, June 18th Happy Father's Day

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

June 11, 2023 – God is Right Here

With so much uncertainty in the world, one might expect people to cling hard to the things that are, indeed, certain. And, to be sure, there is nothing more certain than God.

And yet, according to an article a few weeks ago on a national news website, a recent survey shows that "only half of Americans now say they are sure God exists."

It's ironic in a way – and profoundly unfortunate – that it's probably the uncertainty swirling through our culture that accounts for the skepticism about God's existence.

That was one datapoint. There were others.

About 15 years ago, the story said, more than 60 percent of people were sure about the existence of God. Thirty-four percent of Americans do not go to church. Twenty-seven percent of Americans do not claim a religion. "The share of mainline white Protestants has fallen from 18 percent (of the population) to 14 percent," the story said. "White Catholics have declined from 16 percent to 13 percent."

In one bit of somewhat better news: "Only 7 percent of people do not believe in God," the story said.

Those reading these words already know the power of God's truth, of course, but the message bears repeating anyway.

"Do not forget the Lord, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery," we hear in today's first reading from Deuteronomy.

More to the point though, is the gospel message for this, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ:

"Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you," Jesus says in today's gospel from St. John. "For my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday June 12, 2023 Weekday in Ordinary Time (Green)
- 7:00 a.m. Antonio Calisi
- Tuesday June 13, 2023 Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church (White)
- 7:00 a.m. Antonietta Mazzella

Wednesday June 14, 2023 Weekday (Green)

- 7:00 a.m. Lawrence Schenden
- 6:00 p.m. A Special Intention for Cindy Van & Family
- Thursday June 15, 2023 Weekday (Green)
- 7:00 a.m. The deceased members of the Calisi Family who died in the Month of June
- Friday June 16, 2023 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (White)
- 7:00 a.m. The deceased members of the Rogier & Dettloff Families

Saturday, June 17, 2023 Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (White)

- 4:00 p.m. Bonnie Batche, Joseph Gielniak, Thomas Lucchese, George Rupinski, Joan Weber, Dr. Lori Karol, Editha DeLeon, Christopher Weingartz, Edward, Helen & Henry Blind, George VanBecelaere, Gabriel Nehro, Samuel Moses, Eugene Wojcik, Anthony Curreri, and Special Intentions for the J. Champine Family, the Thomas Family, and for Alison Reslow
- 6:00 p.m. James Forrester
- Sunday June 18, 2023 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (White)
- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 a.m. Joseph Paluzzi Jr.
- 12:00 p.m. Hugo Calisi, Aniello Mazzella, Antonio Calisi, Petr Sarra, Jerome Rogier, Albert Rogier, Gerard Rogier, Dune Gore, Robert Boesiger, Allen Baumgart, Marie Haddad, Joseph Semany, John L. Joseph, Dr. Edmond Aubrey, Roland Doak, Jaclyn Maul, Dennis Venuto, Lewis McQuillan, Casey Zaranek, Pierre Zaranek, Charles McQuillan, Giovanni Ciccone and Special Intentions for Lynn Timmreck

Monday, June 12

2 Corinthians 1:1-17 Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday, June 13

2 Corinthians 1:18-22 Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday, June 14

2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday, June 15

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Matthew 5:20-26

Friday, June 16

Daily Readings

Deuteronomy 7:6-11 1 John 4:7-16 Matthew 11:25-30

Saturday, June 17

2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Luke 2:41-51

Sunday, June 18

Exodus 19:2-6a Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

Martha Guastello Susan Federoff



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

Minnie Louise Haskins



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



The Body and Blood of Jesus: The central theme of today's Solemnity of Corpus Christi and of our gospel today is clearly the Eucharist, the

Body and Blood, soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Savior. The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ offers us this most important passage from John's Gospel, from the Bread of Life discourse, which is so crucial to our understanding of what we do here at mass, and why. Jesus says, "unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." The real life that Jesus is talking about is the life of the soul, the life that connects us to God eternally.

It is Jesus we receive in the miracle of the Eucharist; it is Jesus who feeds us through the actions and the words of the priest, and though He remains undetectable to our senses, hidden under the appearance of bread and wine is Jesus' own body and blood, sacramentally present to us. In every broken fragment of the host, consecrated through the words of institution spoken by the priest, is contained the fullness of Jesus Christ Himself, in the same way that every fragment of a broken mirror still reflects back the full image. This is why we must so carefully guard and respect every crumb of the Eucharist and every fragment on your hand. It's the reason we should never receive the Eucharist with dirty hands or with gum in our mouths or without fasting from all food and drink (yes, coffee!) for at least an hour beforehand. We prepare our minds and bodies to receive the Lord worthily.

In the same way, we must prepare our souls to receive Him worthily. We offend the Lord and commit the sin of sacrilege, and do damage to our soul, if we receive the Eucharist in a state of mortal sin. In such a state, the grace of the Eucharist is not accessible to us. Then the Eucharist not only does us no good, but becomes harmful to us. Our souls become "hardened" until the grace of Sacramental absolution is sought, and administered, in confession.

St. Paul tells us, "Whoever eats the

bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor 11:27-29)

The word Eucharist originates from the Latin *eucharistia*, and from Greek eukharistia meaning "thanksgiving" or "gratitude." In the Lord, we have much to be thankful for.

Jesus says, "Amen, amen, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within in you." This is why is is so important that we make attending mass in person a priority... to receive this grace.

However, receiving communion is not the be-all-and-end-all of our Sunday observance. It is the summit of mass, but it is not just the thing you come for as though nothing else matters. It is a great disappointment to the priest, and to other parishioners when people receive communion and immediately walk out the door, as though that's all they came for. What about those in the pews who are asking you to pray with them? The communion of community matters. Our Sunday obligation is not to receive communion—it's to attend a mass and to the community.

The Lord died on a cross for us— it is hubris to take from Him and not stay to give thanks.

The Eucharist, God Himself, given to us to make us more like Him—this is the greatest gift we have ever, or will ever, be given. As St. John Vianney writes, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

Let's show God that we are thankful.

I knew it!: Some time ago, after several discussions on the matter around the lunch table in the PC, I was put to the test. Certain staff members were dubious about my claim that the green Garden Veggie Straws were not as good as the yellow and the orange ones. I don't like the green ones. Though the bag does not state it specifically, it's clear from the ingredients list that some are potato flavored, some are tomato flavored and

some are all those bitter green vegetable varieties. They conducted a very nonscientific and highly-flawed blind tastetest on me, which they claimed proved my claim was unfounded.



But the high court has rejected that finding and up-held my assertion. Now, justice is finally being seen to be done and I am vindicated.

A new variety of this most tasty snack was launched to celebrate Memorial Day (look out for this around 4th of July!). Clearly, I am not the only one to notice the deficiencies of the green straws. And they have responded....



Garden Veggie Stars & Stripes, with no green straws! Delectable... although I have noticed that the number of stars relative to the number of stripes seems to be backwards.

What say you, Garden Veggie people?! Your move!

You are in my prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

Announcements

PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY SUMMER STORYBOOK HOUR

Parents and caregivers. bring your preschool and elementary-age children for a story. snack and fun faithrelated activity. (And a little coffee break for you!)

When?



St. Joan Arc

Wednesday mornings from 9-10 am on: July 5, 12, 19, 26 and Aug. 2 Where?

The Emmaus Fellowship Hall in the Sr. Carol Center. Resoond

Let us know by the Tuesday before each session if you're coming.

Leave a message at 586-772-1282 or respond at sjascs.org/storyhour

Siblings of all ages are welcomed

Save your can tabs

Spread the word! We're collecting can tabs again.

Let others know that those little pop and food can tabs make a big difference for the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Drop off donations in the buckets in the church or at the Parish Center during business hours. Light of the Spirit Prayer Group Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at St. Joan of Arc from

6:30-8:30 pm in the

Sr. Carol Center.

Join us!

St. Joan of Arc Knitting Group

The SJA Knitting Group will be meeting the Second and Fourth Wednesday's of most months at 12pm.

We will be knitting in the Mary the Mother of Jesus Room.

June Knitting dates are:

June 14th & June 28th

If you are interested in joining or have questions please call: Marie Byrski @ 586-943-0240.



Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for the Sick List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word



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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A) June 11, 2023

Take and Eat

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

M any of us are little different from the Jewish crowds who cried out: "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:52). Jesus does not explain how the bread was really his flesh. What he did was underscore the importance of eating this bread, which was his flesh. He then goes on and insists that we must drink his blood as well. If these were hard sayings for the people of Israel, who in their ancient past might have shared the flesh and blood of a sacrificed animal, what are we "sophisticated" contemporary Christians to make of it?

Sunday Readings

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

He...let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

We, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

The people of Jesus' time would have recognized several elements from their traditions in Jesus' discourse, but his reinterpretation of them would have startled them. Like the victim of an ancient holocaust offering, Jesus' blood is shed. However, it is not poured around the altar; it is to be consumed. Bread from heaven recalled the manna that fed their ancestors in the wilderness. However, the manna lasted for only a day; it then rotted. The bread Jesus gives is living bread that enables those who eat it to live forever. This is a lot to believe. But then, that is exactly what we are asked to do. We might have correct theological language to explain how this transformation takes place, but we still will not understand the mystery to which it points. So what are we to do? Very simply: take and eat! *

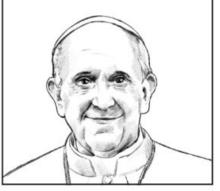
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A Word from Pope Francis

It is the Church that makes the Eucharist, but it is more fundamental that the Eucharist makes the Church.... This is the mystery of communion, of the Eucharist: receiving Jesus so He may transform us from within, and receiving Jesus so that He may create unity in us and not division.

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- What or who nourishes my best self?
- Am I tempted, enslaved, or weakened by less-satisfying "foods"?

Bringing Home the Word

We Are What We Eat

Paige Byrne Shortal

L et's play a game. Can you name the homograph (same word, different meaning) for each of the following: the sound a dog makes and the outside of a tree; opposite of heavy or opposite of dark; building where money is kept or the sides of a river; when somebody goes away or parts of a tree; a place for stray animals or sixteen ounces.

If you answered, "bark, light, bank, leaves, pound," you win!

What if I asked for the homographic phrase for Consecrated Bread or Christian Community?

That's right, it's "Body of Christ." Jesus uses the same word, "Body"—*soma* in Greek—when he takes bread and states, "This is my body." St. Paul also uses *soma* in his letter to the Corinthians: "Now you are the Body of Christ...."

The bark of a tree and a dog's bark are coincidental homographs. They aren't related to each other. Not so with *soma*. Without the Body of Christ as the Eucharistic Bread, there is no Body of Christ as Community. And without the Community there is no Eucharist. Each is dependent on the other.

When we emphasize the Body of Christ as the Eucharistic Bread or Blessed Sacrament, we have what is called a "high" theology, Christology, and ecclesiology. [Theology: study



of God (*theos*); Christology: study of Christ; ecclesiology: study of the church (*ekklesia*).] This "vertical spirituality" celebrates the awesomeness of God; the majestic Christ who is King of all Creation; a glorious Church that transcends this world.

When we emphasize the Body of Christ as Community, we are engaged in "low" theology, Christology and ecclesiology, and a "horizontal spirituality." God is near; Jesus is our brother who walks with us; the Church is fully engaged in the suffering of this world.

Never imagine that you must choose. Both are equally true. We are, literally, what we eat. We consume and venerate the Real Presence, the Body of Christ in the Eucharist so that we can be the Body of Christ as Community, present as Christ in this World. *****

What is Spiritual Communion? Fr. Richard N. Fragomeni

Spiritual Communion is a form of yearning for communion with Christ when sacramental Communion is not possible due to illness, infirmity, or other factors. A Roman Catholic, or any Christian for that matter, who has a desire for union with Christ and who wishes a Spiritual Communion with the Lord should pause for a moment of recollection to remember and give thanks for the love Jesus revealed to us. Then pray, either a spontaneous prayer or this prayer, written by St. Alphonsus Ligouri:

"My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you." **†**



God of abundance, give us the grace to humbly and gratefully receive the Eucharist as our food for eternal life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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WEEKDAY READINGS

June 12–17

Monday, Weekday: 2 Cor 1:1–7 / Mt 5:1–12

Tuesday, St. Anthony of Padua: 2 Cor 1:18–22 / Mt 5:13–16

Wednesday, Weekday: 2 Cor 3:4–11 / Mt 5:17–19 Thursday, Weekday:

2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Mt 5:20-26

Friday, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Dt 7:6–11 / 1 Jn 4:7–16 / Mt 11:25–30

Saturday, Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary: 2 Cor 5:14–21 / Lk 2:41–51



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