

"THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH WILL
BE SHED FOR MANY." —MK 14:24

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, June 5

4:30 p.m. Butch Defelice -- Pete & Elaine Pape

Sunday, June 6

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:00 a.m. John Serian -- Edward & Mildred Rutkowski

Monday, June 7

8:00 a.m. Charles Petroff -- Sandy Hinderliter & Family

Tuesday, June 8

8:00 a.m. Ken & Anna Marie Curry -- John & Pat Farcus

Wednesday, June 9

8:00 a.m. Betty Kotula -- Lucille & Elaine Scuello

Thursday, June 10

8:00 a.m. Sabatine LaNoce -- Gary & Patty Anderson

Friday, June 11

8:00 a.m. William Caliguire -- Elise & Gene Roberts

Saturday, June 12

4:30 p.m. Michael Renwick -- Annabell Behrendt

Sunday, June 13

8:00 a.m. Ronald Barletta -- Monica Trunzo Olsen

10:00 a.m. Frances & Bud Bofinger -- Family



The Week Ahead

Monday, June 7 -

7:00 pm - K of C Council - Reschini Hall

7:45 pm - K of C Assembly - Reschini Hall

Tuesday, June 8 -

6:00 pm -- Recitation of the Rosary - Church

The Church encourages frequent, even daily, Holy Communion, but if at any time we cannot go to Mass, in or out of this season of the coronavirus, we can still unite ourselves to the Eucharist by making a spiritual Communion. When we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, we express our faith in Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist and ask him to unite himself with us.

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.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Dear Parishioners:

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, "The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.' So, the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal. While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, 'Take; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.'



There is a very precious early Christian document called the Didachè, discovered only in 1873, though Christian writers through the ages always knew of its existence. It was written sometime between the years 50 and 100, and so it is even earlier than some of the New Testament. It contains the very first use of the word 'eucharist'. It is very moving to read this and to imagine the lives of the Christians who spoke and heard those words in the infancy of the Church.

Here is part of what it says: "At the Eucharist, offer the eucharistic prayer in this way. Begin with the chalice: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the holy Vine of your servant David, which you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end.' Then over the broken bread: 'We give thanks to you, our Father, for the life and knowledge you have made known to us through your servant Jesus. Glory be to you, world without end. As this broken bread, once dispersed over the hills, was brought together and became one loaf, so may your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.'"

I remember that distant day when I 'made my First Communion'. I remember waking up, having nodded off during the Mass, to find my candle dripping grease. But they had got on with things while I slept. Looking back today I think: During the many years since that time they have got on with lots of things while I slept. And I have to admit that I'm not very repentant about it. Some of the best things can happen to you while you sleep. The Scriptures say that God "pours gifts on his beloved while they slumber." And Jesus said that the Presence of God (the "Kingdom of God") is like seed that a farmer scatters in his field and that grows even when he's asleep. "Night and day, whether he sleeps or wakes, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not understand how" (Mark 4:27). We ourselves grew like that, when we were in the womb and during the early years of our lives. By day and by night our mothers watched over us; we were so sure of them that we could go sound asleep when we knew they were around. God mothers us too.

We experienced our mother first as a source of food, and through that visible channel we experienced her as a source of love. God is mothering us, attracting us, trying to tame us frightened creatures. How do you tame an animal? By feeding it. Gradually the animal begins to trust you, begins to believe in your goodwill. We were (and maybe we still are) like little frightened animals. We have to be tamed into human society. Love is invisible and needs a visible channel. That visible channel is originally food. This wisdom of the body is taken up and exalted in the Eucharist. The food which is the Eucharist has the deepest significance. It is about our relationship with God, the ultimate womb from which our existence came.

The great 14th-century mystic, Julian of Norwich, not only called God our 'mother', but she called Jesus our mother! This may seem very strange, even weird. But, as always, she meant something luminous, and she had profound reasons for saying it. She did not mean that Jesus is like your mother. She meant the reverse: your mother is like Jesus. Your mother fed you from her own body. Our mother's care for us may well be the best image we have of God - and of Jesus.

On this feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord let's not be too grown up to let the visceral images of the Eucharist play around our minds.

God Bless!
Msgr. J. Riccardo



LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Lectors or Eucharistic Ministers wishing to be placed on the schedule for weekend Masses are asked to call the office, 814-938-6540, ext. 210.

We are currently scheduling on a week-by-week basis and will be happy to add your name to the list of those currently active in these ministries. We look forward to your participation.

At this time, we are scheduling one Lector and two Eucharistic Ministers for each weekend Mass.

MUSIC AND PRAYERS AT MASS

We are providing sheets with the hymns and prayers for your use at Mass.

Please pick one up from the table when you come in and then either take it home with you or throw it away after Mass. Please do not return it to the table. They cannot be reused. Each person will then have access to an unused hymn sheet when they come in to church.

SCRIP PROGRAM

Join the Scrip Program and earn rebates on all your regular purchases and gift giving!

Scrip Cash and Carry is available in the School Office throughout May and June on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 7am - Noon. Please use the walk up window next to the principal's office to purchase your Scrip.



You can also use the Scrip "PrestoPay" feature that provides electronic delivery options (i.e. electronic credit to spend online or refill a merchant's card that you already have in your possession). Questions about PrestoPay can be directed to the Scrip program coordinator.

Thank you for supporting SSCD School through your participation in the Scrip Program.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



We are participating in the annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" to support the *We Care Pregnancy Center*.

If you wish to participate, pick up a baby bottle as you leave Mass and use it over the next two weeks to save your spare coins at the end of each day. You don't have to fill your bottle - all donations are appreciated.

Return your bottles to church on Father's Day, June 20th. Cathy Smith is the contact person.

PRAYER CHAIN

To add a name to the Prayer Chain, call Pat Rougeux, 814-938-4464 or Anna Smochek, 814-427-2456.

If you are unable to reach either of them, you may call the office weekdays 9am - 4pm.

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL WEEKLY FOOD DONATION

Food Donation next Sunday, **June 13 - Macaroni & Cheese**. Thank you for your support!

SUMMER MAINTENANCE



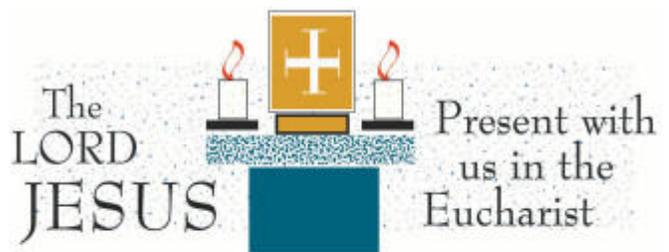
Home for the summer? Need a part time job?

We are still in need of extra help in our maintenance department for the summer.

If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Tony Bofinger, at 814-938-6540, ext 214.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.





For the benefit of those who are unable to, or who are concerned about returning to Mass at this time, we will continue to live stream the 10am Mass each Sunday. Look for the graphic on our parish website, sscdchurch.com, and click the link on Sundays at 10am to join.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Teach your child to protect him/herself at home:

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but, being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not with them at home: Teach children to never answer the door if home alone. Don't tell anyone, on the phone, on social media or while gaming, that your parents are not home. Do not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave a child home alone.

For additional parent resources visit <https://www.eriesd.org/childprotection/>.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council meeting will be held this Monday, June 7th, at 7pm at Reschini Hall in Walston.

The Assembly meeting will follow at approximately 7:45pm.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES

If we don't have your email address, or if your address has recently changed, please contact us at sscdofc@comcast.net so we can add you to our address book.

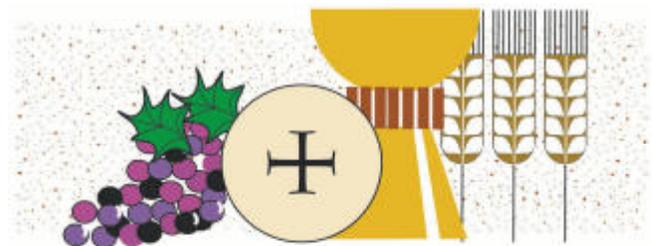


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USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of additional ushers for the **4:30pm and 10:00am** Masses. Anyone wishing to be an usher at Mass can contact the office at 814-938-6540 or sscdofc@comcast.net to let us know your availability and Mass time preference.

Thank you.



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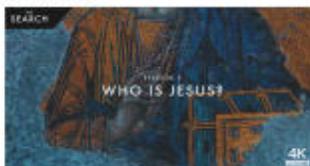
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PICK OF THE WEEK

June 6, 2021

THE SEARCH: WHO IS JESUS?

A beautiful part of our faith is that we can know God's love personally through Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter become the most pivotal figure in all of history? As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, we invite you to become more familiar with Christ in this episode of The Search.



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2021 FESTIVAL CASH RAFFLE

If you have already purchased tickets, thank you!!

If you haven't had an opportunity to purchase your ticket yet, they are available in the rectory office. We hope to sell every one of the 2,000 tickets that were printed for this exciting drawing. The price of each ticket is \$20.00 and the prizes are:

1st prize - \$10,000

2nd prize - \$5,000

3rd prize - \$1,000

To purchase a ticket or tickets, you can stop in the office during office hours or simply fill out the form printed below, and return it along with \$20.00 per ticket. You can submit your ticket order by mail, put it in the mail slot in the breezeway of the rectory, or place it in the Sunday collection. Your ticket will be filled out and the stub mailed back to you. When coming in to the office, please remember that masks must be worn at this time.

If there are still tickets available when Festival time arrives, you will be able to purchase tickets there as well.

As always, 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the support of our school.

2021 Cash Drawing Ticket Request

Drawing Date: August 8, 2021

Mail-in ticket orders must be received by August 2

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone Number: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ (\$20 per ticket)

(If you are requesting more than one ticket, be sure to let us know the names that should be on each ticket)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Wednesday: St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SAINT VINCENT DePAUL VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, June 12 -

Rick & Mary Beth Bosak

SANCTUARY CLEANERS THIS WEEK

Jeanne Farcus, Barb Gresock, Bertha Koza, Sharon Murray.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A Rosary in honor of our Lady of Fatima is prayed every Tuesday evening at 6pm in church.



Please join us. Everyone is welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HELP NEEDED



We are in need of additional volunteers for our 2021/2022 Religious Education Program. We are currently seeking instructors for Grades 1, 3, and 8.

If you have a few hours a week to give and would like to become involved in our program, you can contact the office. Training will be provided.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, or 60th or more wedding anniversaries in 2021 are invited to attend one of the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies this summer. The dates are



Sunday, August 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception in Clarion and Sunday, August 8, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Jude in Erie. Both liturgies will begin at 2:00 p.m.

To register for either event or to receive a scroll by mail, please visit <https://www.eriescd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact your parish office at 814-938-6540 or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1261.

Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Lord Jesus,
 You came to bring salvation to our world. You humbled yourself to accept death on a cross. Be with us as we confront the spread of the coronavirus with courage and hope. Be present to the sick and to those who accompany them in their suffering. Strengthen our medical professionals and caregivers; comfort families who are separated from one another. Protect those who are at risk of the virus in their work.

Grant wisdom to our civic officials and perseverance to scientists. Spare us from the ravages of this illness and console us in our uncertainty and fear.

Unite us in hope, enlighten us in faith, and give us the grace as a Church to love one another as You have loved us. Through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, we make this prayer as we place our trust in You.
 Amen.

Imprimatur, April 8, 2020
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

Our congratulations and best wishes to the graduating High School seniors from our parish! We wish you much success and happiness in all your future endeavors. We pray that the best is yet to come!

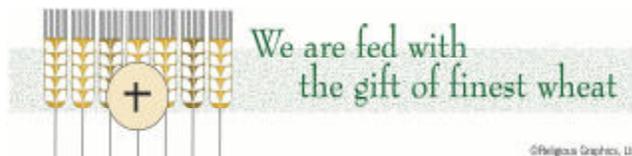
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SAINT PETER & PAUL BYZANTINE CHURCH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar! Saints Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church festival will be held on June 19th/20th at the Adrian Picnic Grove.

On Saturday evening June 19th the Festival will open at 5:30pm. Sunday June 20th the Festival opens at 11am and dinner will be served until sold out. Ethnic food, Bingo, Basket Raffle, and Games will be open Saturday evening and all day Sunday.

Plan to join in the fun...all are welcome!



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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

OFFERTORY FIGURES

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