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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY

BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Summer has begun! With warm temperatures and long sunny days, this season brings intense growth to many of the fruits and vegetables we eat. Here and now, though, we focus on a different kind of food, the Eucharist. Bread and wine are offered by God's people, and through the priest, are blessed by God, becoming the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Sharing this meal today, in remembrance of the Last Supper, we find our true sustenance.



The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17

Theme: Holy Eucharist, food for the soul

Have you ever seen two people sitting at the same table in a restaurant yet never speaking a word to each other? The social dimension seems totally absent, the meal becomes nothing more than satisfying the body's need for food and drink.

The readings for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ urge us to see the Eucharistic meal as an experience of one another. The wheat and grapes embrace the entire planet as they become bread and wine; the bread and wine embrace all creation as they become the body and blood of Jesus.

The Genesis passage has Abram returning home from a successful battle. He meets Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem; the two shares a meal of bread and wine and so form a bond by which they commit themselves to mutual obligations.

Paul, in today's passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, warns against situations where some hoard the food and drink while others go hungry. Paul reminds the Christian community that Christ's words were "Do this in remembrance of me" (verse 24). An authentic celebration of the Eucharist occurs when those participating truly put on Christ. This means mirroring the self-giving of Jesus in their daily lives. It is only by providing for the needs of all that Corinthians of old and Christians of today genuinely celebrate the Lord's Supper.

The gospel passage describes the multiplication of the loaves. Luke places this miracle immediately after Jesus' preaching about the kingdom of God, a kingdom where the needs of all are satisfied. Luke also makes it clear that this miracle has a Eucharistic dimension. Christ follows the pattern found at the Last Supper and on the road to Emmaus: taking, blessing and thanking, breaking, and giving (Luke 9:16; 22:19; 24:30) This is the only miracle of Jesus related in all the four gospels (compare Matt.14:13; Mk.6:30; Jn.6:1). It begins with a lovely thing. The Twelve had come back from their tour.

There is all the divine compassion here. Most people would have resented the invasion of their hard-won privacy. How would we feel if we had sought out some lonely place to be with our most intimate friends and suddenly a clamorous mob of people turned up with their insistent demands? Sometimes we are too busy to be disturbed, but to Jesus human need took precedence over everything. The evening came; home was far away; and the people were tired and hungry.

Before Jesus distributed the food, he blessed it; he said grace. There was a Jewish saying that "he who enjoys anything without thanksgiving is as though he robbed God." Jesus would not eat without giving thanks to the giver of all good gifts.

This is a story which tells us many things:

(i) ***Jesus was concerned that people were hungry.*** It would be most interesting to work out how much time Jesus spent, not talking, but easing men's pain and satisfying their hunger. He still needs the service of men's hands.

(ii) ***Jesus' help was generous.*** There was enough, and more than enough.

(iii) ***As always there is permanent truth in an action in time.*** In Jesus all men's needs are supplied. There is a hunger of the soul; there is in every person, a longing to find something in which we invest our lives. Our hearts are restless until they rest in him. "My God will supply every need of yours," said Paul (Php.4:19) even in the desert places of this life.

The Eucharist is not a private devotion separate from the rest of our lives. In eating and drinking we commit ourselves to serve Jesus Christ who is manifested in the needs and problems of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Jesus leaves with us today, in His Body and Blood, each day when the Eucharist is celebrated.

The holy Eucharist is the food for immortality (viaticum) as often as you eat my Body and drink my blood you proclaim my death until I come. We are bringing the death of Christ to the present and making it effective in ourselves.

The Eucharist makes us Christ bearers, when the Body and Blood are infused in our members. **LET US DEVELOP LOVE FOR THE EUCHARIST AND ADORE CHRIST.**

Brief History of Corpus Christi

The appearance of Corpus Christi as a feast was primarily due to the petitions of the Augustinian nun **Juliana of Liège**. She was born in 1193.

From her early youth Juliana had veneration for the Blessed Sacrament, and always longed for a special feast in its honour. This desire is said to have been increased by a vision of the Church under the appearance of the full moon having one dark spot, which signified the absence of such a solemnity. In 1208 she reported her first vision of Christ in which she was instructed to plead for the institution of the *feast of Corpus Christi*. The vision was repeated for the next 20 years but she kept it a secret. When she eventually relayed it to her confessor, he relayed it to the bishop.

Juliana, also petitioned Pope Urban IV) and Robert, Bishop of Liege. At that time bishops could order feasts in their dioceses, so *in 1246 Bishop Robert convened a synod and ordered a celebration of Corpus Christi to be held each year thereafter.*

In 1263 Pope Urban IV investigated claims of a Eucharistic miracle in which a consecrated host began to bleed. In 1264 he issued the papal bull ***Transiturus de hoc mundo*** in which Corpus Christi was made a feast throughout the entire Latin Rite. This was the very first papally sanctioned universal feast in the history of the Latin Rite.

The Feast of Corpus Christi, which is a moveable feast, is celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, in countries where it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, on the Sunday after Holy Trinity.



➤ Watch out for our summer Bible study on the **Book of Revelation** and Apologetics. The book of Revelation is one of the most scary but interesting book in the New Testament. Unfortunately, it is mostly misinterpreted.

➤ Anyone who would like to join the church through RCIA should please fill up a form at the back of Church or call the office.

- There will be a mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Accra-Ghana. This comes as an appreciation for the gift of a priest (Fr. Raphael) as fidei donum to the Des Moines diocese (parish). This will be on the weekend of June 29/30. A designated priest from Ghana will be in attendance.
- St. Mary's Church in Hamburg would like to express their gratitude again, to the Knights of Columbus Council 1479 for the fundraising breakfast for flood relief which yielded \$3,546. We thank all of you who supported this worthy cause. God Bless you!



The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration

The importance of Eucharistic Adoration is shown in the fact that the Church has a ritual that regulates it: the Rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction. This is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament which occurs in every Mass: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb."

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church. The Rite concludes with the ordained minister blessing the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hours

Holy hours are the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic Adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The bishops have created a variety of holy hours that focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations, and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.

Twelve Biblical Reasons For Wanting To Spend One Hour With Jesus In The Blessed Sacrament

- 1.** He is really there! "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven." (Jn 6:35)

- 2.** Day and night Jesus dwells in the Blessed Sacrament because of his Infinite love for you!
"Behold I will be with you always even to the end of the world," because "I have loved you with an everlasting love, and constant is my affection for you." (Mt 28:20; Jer 31:3)

- 3.** The specific way that Jesus asks you to love him in return is to spend one quiet hour with him in the Blessed Sacrament.
"Where your treasure is, there is your heart...." "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 6:21; 26:40)

- 4.** When you look upon the Sacred Host, you look upon Jesus, the Son of God. "Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

- 5.** Each moment that you spend in His Eucharistic Presence will increase his divine life within you and deepen your personal relationship and friendship with him.
"I have come that you may have life and have it more abundantly." "I am the vine and you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him shall bear much fruit because without me, you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)

- 6.** Each hour you spend with Jesus will deepen his divine peace in your heart.
"Come to me all of you who are weary and find life burdensome and I will refresh you..." "Cast all of you anxieties upon the one who cares for you..." "My Peace is My Gift to you." (Mt 11:28; Pt 5:7; Jn 14:17)

7. Jesus will give you all the graces you need to be happy!

"The Lamb on the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water." (Rev 7:17)

8. Jesus is infinitely deserving of our unceasing thanksgiving and adoration for all he has done for our salvation.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor, glory and praise." (Rev. 5:12)

9. For peace in our country!

"When my people humble themselves and seek my presence... I will revive their land." (2Chr 7:14)

10. Each hour you spend with Jesus on earth will leave your soul everlastingly more beautiful and glorious in heaven!

"They who humble themselves shall be exalted...." "All of us, gazing on the Lord's glory with unveiled faces, are being transformed from glory to glory into his very image." (Lk 18:14; 2Cor 3:18)

11. Jesus will bless you, your family and the whole world for this hour of faith you spend with Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." "Faith can move mountains..." "What is needed is trust..." "Behold I come to make all things new." (Jn 20:29; Mk 11:23; Mk 5:36; Rev 21:5)

12. Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to his Sacred Heart!

"My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you." (Prov 8:31)



Mass Intention for June 23.

Today's Mass is for Marion Hall by Nancy Johnson

Piccadilly Picnic & Auction

St. Mary's Shenandoah Parish Fund Raiser

Celebrating Father Raphael's Birthday

(This is also a Socialization Event)

Saturday, June 29, 2019

5:30 pm -Dinner- Hot Dogs, Brats & Beverages provided.

Bring something to share for meal-No charge for Dinner.

6:15pm Auction, followed by Raffle Drawing—

Prizes and fun for the entire family

RAFFLE—\$10 /ticket or 3/\$25.00

1st- \$250 cash! 2nd—\$100 meat bundle 3rd & 4th—\$75 meat bundles

*meat bundles are awarded on a gift card—you may select your preferred items! Contact Wally Teten 712-246-2731.

Piccadilly Auction—\$20/ Paddle & Tickets—Fun summer prizes to win!

“Would like to donate an auction prize, be a Piccadilly sponsor, or purchase a raffle ticket? please contact the church office at 712-246-1718



The **Prayer & Action Mission team** arrived in Shenandoah last Monday and will be here until June 28th. The 5 staff members are pictured below and are from Iowa, Illinois, and Nigeria. Please welcome them when you meet them. They started the ground work and schedules for the weeks ahead, helping parishioners with home maintenance projects. They will also be

traveling to Hamburg to help our parishioners and flood victims. After a week away they will return with 24 youth and chaperones who will arrive on July 7 and stay till July 12th.

We Welcome them to Southwest Iowa!!



Michael James Mette

Free Concert

July 7, 2019 2-4 PM

St. Mary's Catholic Church-Shen

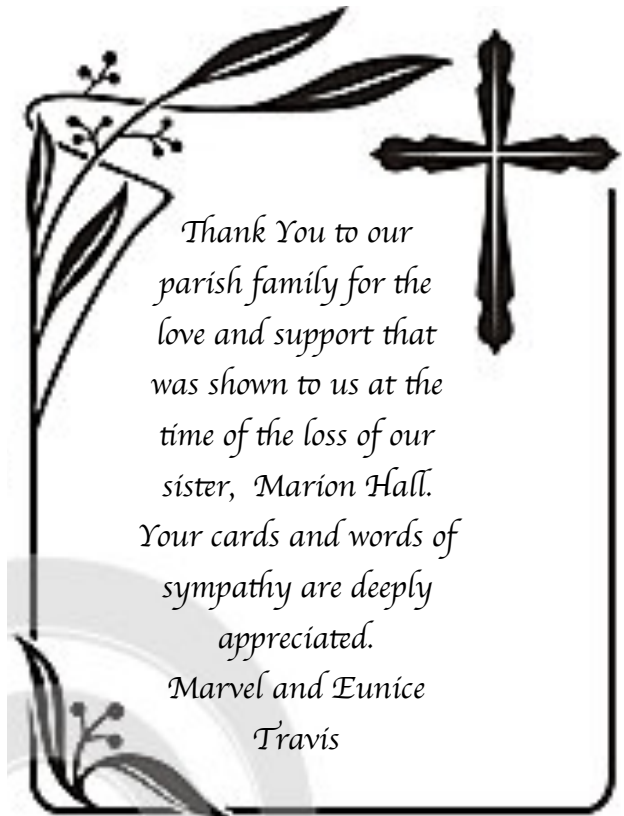
For free tickers, contact church
office — 712-246-1718 or Linda
Marshall @ 402-813-2113

Annual Diocesan Appeal Report.....

Our Goal this year is \$17,780.00.

To Date we have received \$11,920
from 35 households towards our
goal leaving \$5860 left to pay.

If you have not pledged yet, please
see Dan for forms. Thank You !



Readings for the week of 6-23-19

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

Monday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [6]/1 Pt
1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17. Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14-15 [14]/Acts

13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 7:21-29

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

Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19. Day: Acts
12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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



Save the Date!!!

When: Sunday, August 4 to Tuesday August 6th
5-8:20 pm (dinner provided)

(Check in at 4:30 Sunday, Aug. 4th at St. Mary's Catholic Church

Monday and Tuesday will be the regular start time of 5:00pm)

Program night - Wednesday, Aug. 7th 6:00-7:30

Parents are encouraged to join your child during the VBS Program with an

All Family and Friends Dinner at 6:30.

Who: Any child from 4 years to just completed 6th grade

Where: Drop off and pick up at St. Mary's Catholic Church Shenandoah

Cost: FREE!!!! The Shenandoah Ecumenical Vacation Bible School Program makes this fantastic opportunity possible for your child.

Grants and donations from the 5 sponsoring churches makes VBS free of charge.

VBS is a basic message that we send to children that God Loves Us. All children are welcome to attend- feel free to bring a friend!

Pre-registrations by July 28 are appreciated, but not required. Please return your form to your church representative or mail to Cindy Novinger (206 Southview Blvd. Shenandoah). If you prefer, you may take a photo of your completed form and either text or email your church representative, or email to cindynovinger@gmail.com

VBS is sponsored by the following churches: First Christian, Congregational, St. Mary's Catholic, Emmanuel Lutheran, Community of Christ, and Presbyterian.

ST. MARYS HAPPENINGS

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

CHRIS HINES

JOSH SIMMONS

JACOB ANDERSON

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

DERRICK HUBARD

STEVEN ANDERSON

COLBY MCGINLEY



6-21—Donna Whelan

6-22—Bill Clark

6-23—Stephanie Foster

6-29—Kayla Walters

7-6--Steve Travis

7-7—Vince Hilton

7-7---Greg Phillips



Greg Andersen
Grady Secht

Reese Kemp

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LeRoy Herscheid

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Lawrence DuBois

Angie Witter-Childers

Pat Sheldon

Joe Kirk

Tim Konecny

Esther McCowan

Jeff Guiane

Shawn Collins

Drake Travis

Martha Gude

Gloria Green

Alan Briggs

All flood victims

Larry Dalton

Jessie & Stacey Laumann

Baby Joshua

Laumann Family

Teachout Family

*Your Contributions
June 16, 2019*

Plate—\$71.00

Tithes—\$1410.00

Thank You!!



6-2—Bill & Andrea Clark

6-12—Michael & Rosie Callahan

6-19—Mike & Lisa Welch

6-22—Bill & Gloria Green

6-26—Bill & Alisha Ettleman

6-30—Mark & Nancy Pitts

2019	June 23 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ 8:30	June 30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 7 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 14 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30	July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30
Greeters and Ushers	Henry & Helen Martin	Dan & Lori Goodman	Tim & Donna Whelan	Jim & Ruth Folkes	Jim & Cheryl Owen
Eucharist Ministers	Dan Goodman Joella Travis	Robbi Travis Vince Hilton	Bill Green Annie Wakefield	Joe & Robbi Travis	Denny Travis Dan Goodman
Servers	Ethan Roberts Cale Phillips	Max Mount Amelia Moody	Alyssa Dowling Keely Mount	Avery Dowling Mia Foster	Garett Phillips Evan Laumann
Lector	Carolyn Maher	Joe Travis	Dave Dowling	Kathleen Lorimor	Mark Gude
Mass Setup	Joe	Rosie	Joe	Rosie	Joe
Cantor	Kim	Beth	James Mette	Cara/youth choir	Cara/youth choir
Accompanist	Nancy	Donna	James Mette	Kate/Emily	Kate/Emily
Coffee and Donuts	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wash Linens	Bev Finnigan	Bev Finnigan	Ruth Paper	Ruth Paper	Ruth Paper
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