

# The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

May 29, 2016



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now." -Blessed Mother Teresa

Continuing on the theme of prayer, I would like to connect this week's bulletin article with the great feast day that we celebrate today: *Corpus Christi*, or, "The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ." Holy Mother Church asks us to ponder the great mystery of Jesus' love for us, as shown in the fact that He gives to us the Most Holy Eucharist, His own sacred Body and Blood for our spiritual nourishment. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is far and away the most precious gift and possession of the Church, because the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Himself. And this feast of *Corpus Christi* reminds us of this great truth: every time that we go to Mass, we literally, truly and really encounter the God of the entire universe, Jesus Christ, by encountering the Eucharist. The Eucharist is everything for us as Catholics; it is, as the Catholic Catechism teaches, the Source and the Summit of the Christian life. We simply cannot get any closer to God on this side of the grave as when we receive Him in Holy Communion.

But besides receiving Christ at Mass, the Church has also kept the practice of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is when a consecrated Host is placed in a monstrance, so that the Sacred Host is visible to us, and placed upon the altar so that we may pray before our Lord, adoring His true Body and Blood. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a fantastic opportunity to put into practice the discipline of silent prayer that I have been speaking about for several weeks now. It simply does not get any better than sitting in Church before the Lord truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Because when we go and pray in front of the Eucharist, we are praying before God Himself, truly present in the Holy Eucharist. Time spent in prayer before Jesus' Eucharistic presence, whether we are praying before the Tabernacle or before the exposed Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance, only serves to draw us closer to God and deeper in love with Christ.

And so, in this vein, I wish to announce a change in our Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament schedule for our parish. Starting this Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and every Friday thereafter, we will be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Holy Spirit Church from 8:45am (after daily Mass) until noon with benediction prayers at noon. There will no longer be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays after Mass. There are several reasons for this change. First, I have had several parishioners request moving Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Thursdays to Fridays. Second, since there is no school on Fridays, having Eucharistic Adoration on Friday mornings gives the young people in our parish the opportunity to come to Eucharistic Adoration and pray before our Lord. Third, having Eucharist Adoration on Fridays allows for me to be present to preside at the Rite of Benediction (blessings and conclusion) at noon. Thus I am encouraging all of us to take advantage of this tremendous gift and stop by the Church if you are able on Friday mornings for some prayer with Jesus in the Eucharist. Even just a few minutes will have a profound impact on your day. Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament, now it's up to us to decide if we are willing to come to Him. God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

**Memorial Day Mass:** We will be having Mass on Memorial Day at 8:30 a.m.



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<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>05/28/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Liz Scheidt & Linda Hoffman Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF HRIST	<b>05/29/16</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Frank Giacomini</i> Reader: Gina Lemke Chalices: Nancy Olsen & Christ Lemke Servers: Anthony Lemke & Corey Sandretsky	
<b>Monday</b>	MEMORIAL DAY	<b>05/30/16</b>
8:30 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Connie &amp; David Mukavitz</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY	<b>05/31/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for Sue</i>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	SAINT JUSTIN	<b>06/01/16</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	SAINT MARCELINUS, SAINT PETER	<b>06/02/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Ronald Baumgartner</i>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	<b>06/03/16</b>
7:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Mary Ann Viktora</i>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
12:00 p.m.	<b>Benediction</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE VIRGIN MARY	<b>06/04/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Gloria Uremovich Chalices: Carol Anderson & Liz Scheidt Servers: Hayden Johnson & Luke Johnson	
<b>Sunday</b>	10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	<b>06/05/16</b>
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Theodore Wisniowski</i> Reader: Michelle Thewis Chalices: Laura Lien & to be assigned Servers: Hattie & Kaden Edlund	



***Last Week's Contributions***

<b>Weekend Collection</b> .....	<b>\$2,012.95</b>
<b>UCA</b> .....	<b>\$1,522.00</b>
<b>Bldg. Fund</b> .....	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Altar Flowers</b> .....	<b>\$100.00</b>

- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Ron Kor, Diane LeRoy and Ron Ostendorf.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Cara Barthman, Bill Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson and Gorma Rose.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin , James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** The Family of Paulette Moreland.



*Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.*

Youth Happenings

**FREE.... Vacation Bible School**

-June 27th-30th, 6-7:30pm.

**VBS 2016 Is "farm-tastic!"** In Barnyard Roundup, your children learn that Jesus gathers us together! They'll look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and explore 5 Bible accounts where Jesus gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Registration is now open for grades pre-4th. Registration forms are available in the Church entryway. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crafts, yummy snacks, and games. Can't wait to see you there!

For more details, contact Connie Koss at 834-4433 or [koss@frontiernet.net](mailto:koss@frontiernet.net).

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