

Experience

Eucharistic Revival

Encounter

Christ's True Presence

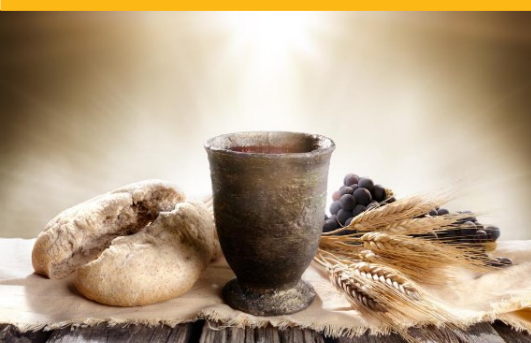


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Do not, therefore, regard the Bread and the Wine as simply that; for they are, according to the Master's declaration, the Body and Blood of Christ. Even though the senses suggest to you the other, let faith make you firm. Do not judge in this matter by taste, but — be fully assured by the faith, not doubting that you have been deemed worthy of the Body and Blood of Christ. — ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

FROM MSGR. SCHUMACHER, Pastor

Catholics today live in a society that can seem far from that which Jesus lived in, over 2,000 years ago. While societal norms and practices may have changed, what is not different is the Catholic's belief in the Eucharist. From the very beginning, the Church has believed and celebrated according to the teaching of Jesus himself: *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise him on the last day. 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 (Jn 6:54-56).* As St. Justin Martyr said in the second century, "It is not 'ordinary bread and ordinary drink' that we receive in the Eucharist, but the flesh and blood of Christ, who came to nourish and transform us, to restore our relationship to God and to one another." (*First Apology*, LXVI)

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in 2022 launched a 3-year initiative called the National Eucharistic Revival, stating "The Church has withstood scandal, division, disease and doubt throughout human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. In the midst of these roaring waves, Jesus is present, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist, the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. responds to Jesus' divine invitation to heal, renew, and unify the Church."

We kicked off the Year of Parish Revival on our Feast Day, Corpus Christi Sunday, with a Eucharistic Procession at all the Masses. This newsletter will highlight the upcoming events at Corpus Christi that invite you to "Experience Eucharistic Revival — Encounter Christ's True Presence." As Catholic Christians, we know we need Christ's presence in our lives and I would add, our souls are drawn to Him. *Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you (Jn 6:53).* Jesus accompanies us in various ways, but nothing compares to our encounter with him in the Eucharist. Christ nourishes and feeds our souls with his very self, binding us together as the Body of Christ. Perhaps a good place to start our journey towards Eucharistic Revival is understanding the Eucharist as a sacrifice. All that Jesus did for the salvation of the world is made present every time we celebrate Mass. "The Eucharistic Feast is not simply another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of Christ's Sacrifice." (Council of Trent, Session 22, *Doctrine of the Sacrifice of the Mass*) Your "Amen" after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ is a profession of faith in the Real Presence in the Eucharist — the source and summit of our faith!

Eucharistic Revival

“We cannot demand **Revival,
but we can invite it, pray for it
and respond to it”**

Bishop Andrew Cozzens | National Eucharistic Congress Chairman of the Board of Directors



Bishop Cozzens meets with Pope Francis to bless the Eucharistic movement. Cozzens is the National Eucharistic Congress Chairman of the Board of Directors, the USCCB Chairman on Evangelization and Catechesis, and the Bishop of Crookston, Minnesota.

The four pillars of Eucharistic Revival

1. **Reinvigorate worship**
2. **Create moments of encounter**
3. **Engage in robust formation/teaching**
4. **Send forth as missionaries to teach family and friends about the True Presence**



To commemorate the building of the Corpus Christi Rectory during the USCCB's National Eucharistic Revival, a Eucharistic mural of the Last Supper is currently being painted for the dining room in the new rectory. Partially portrayed here, the canvas will be 9 feet by 13 feet and is anticipated to be completed by November 19, when Msgr. Schumacher hosts Bishop David Kagan's birthday dinner.

Is the Eucharist a symbol?

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. They are transubstantiated when Christ says:

**“This is my body”
“This is my blood”**

Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus.

Eucharist = Thanksgiving

By his Real Presence in the Eucharist Christ fulfills his promise to be with us *“always, until the end of the age”* (Mt 28:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas wrote, *“It is the law of friendship that friends should live together. . . . Christ has not left us without his bodily presence in this our pilgrimage, but he joins us to himself in this sacrament in the reality of his body and blood”* (*Summa Theologiae*, III q. 75, a. 1). With this gift of Christ's presence in our midst, the Church is truly blessed. As Jesus told his disciples, referring to his presence among them, *“Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it”* (Mt 13:17). In the Eucharist the Church both receives the gift of Jesus Christ and gives grateful thanks to God for such a blessing. This thanksgiving is the only proper response, for through this gift of himself in the celebration of the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine Christ gives us the gift of eternal life.

Why does Jesus give himself as the Eucharist?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (Jn 6:56).

In being united to the humanity of Christ, we are at the same time united to his divinity. Our mortal and corruptible natures are transformed by being joined to the source of life.

at Corpus Christi

The Eucharist: Source of our Healing and Hope

A video produced by the Knights of Columbus that features a variety of Catholic presenters, including: Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Tim Gray, Bishop Cozzens, Scott Hahn & Mother Theresa

Each event will feature the video & small group discussion

October 5 – 7:00-8:30 pm; Corpus Christi Women's Group

October 8 – 9:45-10:30 am; Open to all (Between Sunday Masses)

October 15 – 9:45-10:30 am; Open to all (Between Sunday Masses)

October 18 – 6:30-7:45 am; Corpus Christi Men's Group

November 8 – 1:00-2:00 pm; Open to all

Preaching & Teaching Weekends (At all Masses)

October 14 & 15 – Paschal Mystery and the Eucharist

December 9 & 10 – Real Presence and Eucharistic Worship

February 24 & 25 – The Eucharist and the Call to Holiness

April 13 & 14 – The Eucharist and the Call to Evangelize and Serve

Encounter Nights (7:00-8:30 pm)

***Each night includes a Talk, Adoration, Praise Music & Reconciliation**

Thursday, October 19 – *Encounter Night

Tuesday, December 12 – Mass of Explanation

Tuesday, February 27 – *Encounter Night

Thursday, April 18 – *Encounter Night

Special Event

Tuesday, April 9 – 7:00-8:00 pm; Presentation by Dr. Lawrence Feingold

Dr. Feingold will be presenting at the Diocese of Bismarck Spring Clergy Conference and will offer an evening focused on the Eucharist for the laity of the Diocese at Corpus Christi.

Dr. Lawrence Feingold is a Professor of Theology and Philosophy at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis. He and his wife Marsha, both Hebrew Catholics, entered the Church in 1989. Dr. Feingold studied Philosophy and Theology at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, and Biblical Hebrew and Greek at the Studium Biblicum Franciscanum in Jerusalem. Previously he taught at House of Formation of Miles Christi, Argentina; Ave Maria University; and since 2011, at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. He is also the Director of Theology for the Association of Hebrew Catholics.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday – Following the 12:10 pm Mass until 7:00 pm

a National Movement

*It takes time to kindle a living, loving relationship—
and a relationship with Jesus Christ is no exception.
That's why the National Eucharistic Revival allows
three years for discernment, encounter, and grassroots
response on the diocesan, parish, and individual levels.*
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Year 1: *Year of the Diocesan Revival* (June 2022–June 2023)

June 2, 2023 — **Source and Summit: A Eucharistic Congress**, Bismarck Event Center
Keynote speakers: Fr. Brian Gross, Shelly Preszler & Msgr. James Shea
View the Presentations: <https://bismarckdiocese.com/presentationstalks>

Year 2: *Year of the Parish Revival* (June 2023–June 2024)

June 10 & 11, 2023 — Corpus Christi Sunday, Eucharistic Processions

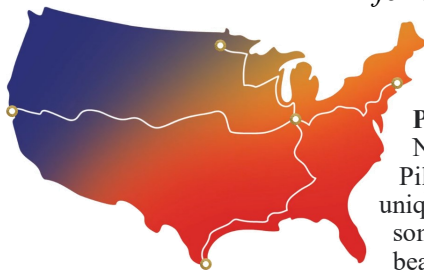
See all the Corpus Christi Parish Revival events in this newsletter!

Year 3: *Year of the National Eucharistic Congress & Missionary Sending*

July 17–21, 2024 | Indianapolis, Indiana (Lucas Oil Stadium)

Learn more: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

See the information below: The Diocese of Bismarck has planned a pilgrimage for the National Eucharistic Congress.



What is a Eucharistic Pilgrimage? The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage is a truly unique initiative. This is something NEW—a beautiful fusion of the

journey TO Jesus and the journey WITH Jesus. This will be one of the largest Eucharistic pilgrimages in history. Just as crowds followed Christ throughout his earthly ministry, our nation will process with our Eucharistic Lord through cities, along highways, and past rural towns on his way to the 10th National Eucharistic Congress. In keeping with this vision, the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will accompany Jesus from city to city, lighting hearts on fire along the way. The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage features 4 routes, 48 perpetual pilgrims, 60 days on the road and 6,500 miles traveled. All culminating at the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis.

To find out more:

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org>



**Diocese
of Bismarck**



**UNIVERSITY
of MARY**

The National Eucharistic Congress is the culminating event of the entire Eucharistic Revival. The Bismarck Diocese, in partnership with the University of Mary, extends an invitation for the faithful of this diocese to join us on a pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress next summer. In collaboration with the University of Mary, 300 tickets—six busses—are available. The timeline of the pilgrimage is from July 16–22 departing and returning to Bismarck. Due to the longevity of the trip, there will be overnight stays on the road in Minneapolis and Chicago, until we arrive at our reserved downtown housing in Indianapolis.

To learn more or to register:

<https://www.umary.edu/faith-service/university-ministry/retreats-events/national-eucharistic-congress>

FAITH FORMATION

Currently 473 students pre-K through 8th grade are registered. Another 76 (9th Grade) students are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, scheduled for October 8, 2023 at 2:00 pm with Bishop David Kagan.

Fall Faith Formation Kick-Off Sunday, September 10 Papa's Pumpkin Patch 4:00-6:30 pm

Admission is covered and a light supper provided for Corpus Christi Faith Formation families. Additional activity tickets will be available for purchase. Registration is required. Families are encouraged to assist with food and/or water donations or to volunteer to work at the event. To RSVP or sign-up to help:



Family RSVP

Donate or Help



Welcome, Cole!

My name is Cole Jones and I am the new Youth Ministry Coordinator at Corpus Christi. I am originally from Springfield, OR but have been living in Bismarck for the past two years attending the University

of Mary. In Oregon, some of my favorite activities included playing volleyball, singing and playing the guitar, and hiking the outdoors. After I graduated high school, God called me to be a missionary with NET Ministries (a Catholic missionary group, which leads retreats for middle and high school students all over the U.S.). When I concluded my time with NET, I found myself in Bismarck, ND, and I fell in love with the University of Mary community and am excited to be working with Corpus Christi! If it wasn't for my experiences in my high school youth group, I would not be where I am today. Because of this I am really excited to be working in youth ministry and providing a place where young people can encounter Christ. During our time in youth ministry we are going to have a lot of fun! We are going to create a positive environment where everyone has a place to build community with their peers and encounter Jesus. I hope to see all of you at our Middle School Kickoff event on September 6th! Know that I am and will continue to pray for each of you. I believe that God has amazing things in store for Corpus Christi Youth Ministry this year!

Middle School Ministry Kick-Off Wednesday, September 6 6:30-8:30 pm Food — Fun — Fellowship



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSIONS

This year for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, and to commence the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival, we celebrated our feast day with Eucharistic Processions at all the weekend Masses. We received overwhelmingly positive reactions from our parishioners and others who were in attendance. We do plan on making this an annual devotion on Corpus Christi Sunday in years to come. Everything came

together beautifully to prepare for the procession. A new monstrance, with a 6½ inch luna (casing for the consecrated host) was donated by a parish family and was one of the sources of inspiration for the procession. (The new monstrance is also featured in this newsletter.) The processional canopy was donated by another parish family in memory of their father, a Corpus Christi founding member, who had recently passed away. The family also donated four candle torches that will be used in processions and various liturgies for years to come.

RECTORY CHAPEL UPDATE

The work in the rectory chapel is now complete. The six stained glass windows were installed by Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass (Minneapolis, MN) in July. The smaller windows on the south wall, above the Tabernacle, are images of the Eucharist—wheat, chalice, grapes. The larger windows on the west wall, whose shape reflect the windows of the church chapel, feature Christ on the cross, flanked by two adoring angels.



Al Palmer of Gaytee-Palmer Stained Glass is pictured here with Msgr. Schumacher in the rectory chapel on June 28.

The last piece that completed the chapel was a unique lighting fixture that highlights the ceiling stenciling.

The chapel was designed by Alan Warmka with Fr. Obrigewitch and Msgr. Schumacher. The ceiling reflects the heavens and the medallion in the floor reflects the ocean (ground). In the middle, reflected through the altar and the stained glass windows, are Christ and His Sacrifice. It is a beautiful and meditative space for our priests and their guests.



Let us pray for Corpus Christi parishioner, Justin Croonenberghs, who has entered his first year of discernment at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, St. Louis. Justin is pictured here with Msgr. Schumacher and Fr. Dosch, Diocesan Director of Vocations.

If you would like to send Justin a letter of support: [Kenrick-Glennon Seminary](mailto:Justin.Croonenberghs@kenrick-glennon.org)
Attn: Justin Croonenberghs
5200 Glennon Drive
St. Louis, MO 63119

Watch Justin's Vocation Video:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xi-VePcZyW0>

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: O Dearest Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant to our young people the generosity necessary to follow Your call, and the courage required to overcome all obstacles to their vocation. Give to parents that faith, love and spirit of sacrifice which will inspire them to offer their children to God's service and cause them to rejoice exceedingly whenever one of their family is called to the religious life. Let your example and that of Your Blessed Mother and St. Joseph, encourage both young people and parents, and let your grace sustain them. Amen.



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MISSION STATEMENT | *As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith through Word, Sacrament, and Service.*



Prayer for *Eucharistic Revival*

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son, **Our Lord Jesus Christ**, who promised to stay with us always, until the end of the age.*

*Reawaken our wonder at **His Presence** in the **Most Holy Eucharist**.*

*May our heart burn within us as He opens the Scriptures and breaks the bread. Give us the eyes of faith to recognize **His Presence** in our brothers and sisters, especially in the face of the poor and the suffering.*

*Nourished by the **Eucharist**, send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples, proclaiming the Gospel to every heart and extending Your kingdom to every land.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Written by Most Reverend Jose Gomez*