

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021



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Dear St. Raphael Parishioners,



This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, commonly known as Corpus Christi. It is the Fourth consecutive Sunday in what I call the Mystery Sundays: Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi. All four of these Sundays are celebrating something about our faith that we cannot completely understand. And yet, all four of these mysteries have been revealed to us by God, and they give us important knowledge that helps us on the way to holiness.

Even if we cannot completely understand the mysteries of our faith, this does not make them complete absurdities or contradictions. For example, if we claimed that the Holy Trinity was “Three Persons in One Person”, that would be self-contradictory and therefore meaningless. But when the Church teaches that God is Three Persons in one God, it means that part of God’s nature is beyond human experience. It’s similar to science telling us of something we cannot directly see or sense, but we see can the results it creates, e.g. radio waves.

You might have been taught about the Eucharist as a child and simply accepted it on the authority of your parents or teachers. If you found the adults around you to be trustworthy on important matters, then it seems logical for you to trust them in this question of faith. As you grew up and learned more about your faith, you discovered that even adult Catholics have to accept the Eucharist on the authority of Jesus himself. His words “this is my body” and “this is my blood” and “do this in memory of me” are all we need to understand, on one level. Accepting the Eucharist on this simple level is sufficient for most Catholics.

The human mind has a natural curiosity and capacity to wonder about things we don’t understand. St. Thomas Aquinas used the word Transubstantiation to describe how bread and wine can become the Body and Blood of Christ, yet still appear the same physically. But this term is used so narrowly in philosophy that it may not make the Eucharistic any less mysterious to you. It helps to have a historical understanding of the Jewish Passover meal, and how partaking in it meant they belonged to God as His people of the Covenant. Jesus took this Covenant and extended it to all peoples of the world.

There is much more I could say about the Eucharist, but it would still remain a mystery. We give thanks for this mystery, because through the Eucharist Christ remains in and with His Church.

God bless you,

Fr. Matthew Kowalski

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St. Raphael the Archangel Office Hours

The Church Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm and closed on Fridays.

St. Raphael The Archangel

Current Mass Schedule and Times

Weekday: 8:30 am (Monday-Saturday am)

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Reservations are required for Mass on Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 9:00 am.

Confession

Saturday afternoons from 3:00 pm—3:45 pm

Baptism

Registered parishioners should contact the parish office at 847-395-3474.

Marriage Preparation

Registered and supporting members should call the office. A date should not be set until consulting the pastor.



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Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;

Body of Christ, save me;

Blood of Christ, inebriate me;

Water from the side of Christ, wash me;

Passion of Christ, strengthen me;

O good Jesus hear me;

Within your wounds hide me;

separated from you, let me never be;

From the evil one protect me;

At the hour of my death, call me;

And close to you bid me; That with your saints,

I may be praising you forever and ever.

Amen.



WEDDING BANNS

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The archdiocese is committed to caring for our priests, but we need your assistance. Your generosity will not only ensure the health and well-being of our priests, but also support their ability to continue meaningful work in our parishes and communities.

Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Mass

Envelopes are available in the narthex to include fathers, living or deceased, in our Mass Intentions during June. For living fathers there are cards available to present to your father. **June 13 is the deadline** for submitting names for publication in the bulletin. Kindly place your envelope in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Thank you.



Altar & Rosary Sodality

Women's Group

The Women's Group is planning a social dinner outing for our June meeting, Monday, June 28. Watch the bulletin for details.

The ARS Craft Group meets this Tuesday, **June 8** to make greeting cards. Let us know if you would be interested in leading a craft project.

The Book Club will meet again in mid-June to discuss *90 Minute in Heaven: A True Story of Death and Life* by Dan Piper. Interested in any of the above? Contact Mary Ellen Riley at ars@straphaelcatholic.org or call 847-395-3474.





Registrations for the 2021-2022 Religious Education Program are now being accepted. Tuition per family: \$200; Fees per child: \$50; Late fee assessment per child \$25 (Late fees are assessed after June 30, 2021.)

Please note you should be registered as a parishioner to register your children for Religious Education.

Teaching the Catholic Faith to children and teens is important at St. Raphael.

The Religious Education program is held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm at Milburn Middle School. Children going through their sacramental years (First Communion & Confirmation) should have two years of preparation through religious education. Volunteers as catechists, aides, and hall monitors are welcome.

To register, contact Annette Wynn, Coordinator of Religious Education at religiouseducation@straphaelcatholic.org or 847-395-3474.

MISSION STATEMENT

Foster Personal and Spiritual Growth of Children and encourage responsible participation in the Life, Mission, and Work of the Catholic Faith Community

A Beginner's Course in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults



This series will address the particular Periods and Steps for those who are Catechumens or Candidates in the process of initiation. For each of the periods of the initiation process, we will look at what the Church envisions for each period, the Liturgical Rites of each period, what should be happening in each period, and who is involved. It is particularly geared toward new RCIA team members: new directors, priests, deacons, catechists, etc., as well as fully-initiated Catholics who want to learn more about the process for their own enrichment. Experienced team members are welcome to attend as a refresher.

We will frequently refer to the ritual text, *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Those who do not have a copy are encouraged to purchase or borrow one from their local parish RCIA Team.

When: Wednesdays, 7-9pm; **June 9, 16 and 23, 2021;** Where: Zoom

Registration: www.vic1chicago.org

Zoom link will be emailed to participants upon registration; No Fee

D. Todd Williamson is the Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a speaker, author and liturgist whose ministerial experience includes teaching and parish pastoral ministry. His most recent publications, *Great is the Mystery, the Formational Power of Liturgy*, and *Guide for Celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation with Adults*, are published by Liturgy Training Publications.

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Mass Intentions

Week of June 6, 2021		Intentions for:	Requested by:
Saturday, June 5, 2021	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	People of St. Raphael the Archangel	
Sunday, June 6, 2021	9:00 am	Norma and Pat Lucansky 64th Wedding Anniversary	The Lucansky Family
Monday, June 7, 2021	8:30 am	† Lou Santi	Donna and Paul Pavelski
Tuesday, June 8, 2021	8:30 am	† Shawn Tindell	Dona Tindell
Wednesday, June 9, 2021	8:30 am	† Dora Jean Lindermann	Jean and George Adkins
Thursday, June 10, 2021	8:30 am	† Anne Dittrich	Ditmar Dittrich
Friday, June 11, 2021	8:30 am	Brian Wynn	Annette Wynn
Saturday, June 12, 2021	8:30 am	The Siron Family	Evelyn Ong
	4:00 pm	† Bob Ringelstein	Sandy Czerwinski
Sunday, June 13, 2021	9:00 am	† Rod Loomis	Kathy and Carrie Loomis

Please pray for those in our parish and community who are sick:

Dana Arends	Wanda Hagerty	Dean Pedersen
Paula Emmerth	Marcy Novak	Residents of Rolling Hills
Bob Geske	Bonnie Parkman	
Lynn (Lenny) Graham	Claire Pavelski	

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Sanitize your hands Maintain social distance of 6 feet apart Wear masks

Worship & Spiritual Life Schedule Sunday Masses, June 13, 2021		
Mass Times	4:00 pm Saturday	9:00 am Sunday
Clergy	Fr. Matthew Kowalski	Fr. Matthew Kowalski
Lector	Brian Bulicek	Bill Booker
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
Altar Servers		
Ushers	Dan Bulicek Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed

**Guided Contemplative Silent Preached Retreat for Men and Women
July 26 - August 1, 2021**

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Meet Your Presenters

Fr. Ted Lawson was pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Chicago and for the last couple of months was assigned to the Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson. Fr. Ted is a native of Pewaukee.



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Sister Susan Fischer, OSF is a Sister of Saint Francis of Assisi and resides in Milwaukee, WI. She is a graduate of Cardinal Stritch University and has completed a Spiritual Mentoring Program.

Arrival-Check in on Monday, July 26 at 4:00 p.m; Departure on Sunday, August 1 at 1:00 p.m. The fee for this retreat is \$505.00 covering room and board and materials. A non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required to reserve a place on this retreat. The balance will be payable during check-on at arrival.

To register by phone call 262-567-6900. To register by email rrc@redemptoristretreat.org



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We invite you to help form our community message - alone we may be a small brick, but together we form a big and unified Church. Donate a brick inscribed with your name or the name of another individual, family, religious group, business or professional association and help us fund a small part of our new foundation. *Together we'll build the parish. With heart and soul, but also...with bricks.*

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The office of Catholic Schools has given the Archdiocese of Chicago schools permission to register students for fall sports with the condition that “registration is subject to change, depending on final (to-be-released) guidelines”.

Our conference is planning on meeting on July 20th to schedule out Girls Volleyball, Cross Country, and Boys Soccer.



Keep an eye out for registration links coming out soon. It is important to register before the deadlines so that we can form the correct number of teams before the scheduled meeting.

We are also working on dates for Summer Sports Camps for students in grades 3rd—8th. More information coming soon.



BOYS SOCCER

We're willing to add Soccer this year, but we are in need of coaches! We can split soccer into 2 levels - JV (Grades 4-6) and Varsity (Grades 7-8). Please reach out to Tina Lutzke at athleticdirector@stbedeschool.com or 414-322-1557 if you are interested in coaching 1 or both levels. Coaches need to be Virtus trained and complete required safety and background checks/screenings prior to taking on the position.



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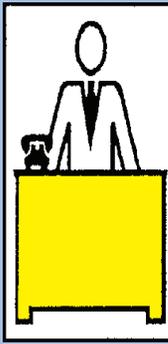
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