Jesus said,
"This is my blood
of the covenant,
which will be shed
for many.
Amen, I say to you,
I shall not
drink again
the fruit
of the vine
until the day
when I drink it new
in the kingdom
of God."

MARK 14:24–25

THE MOST HOLY
BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 6, 2021

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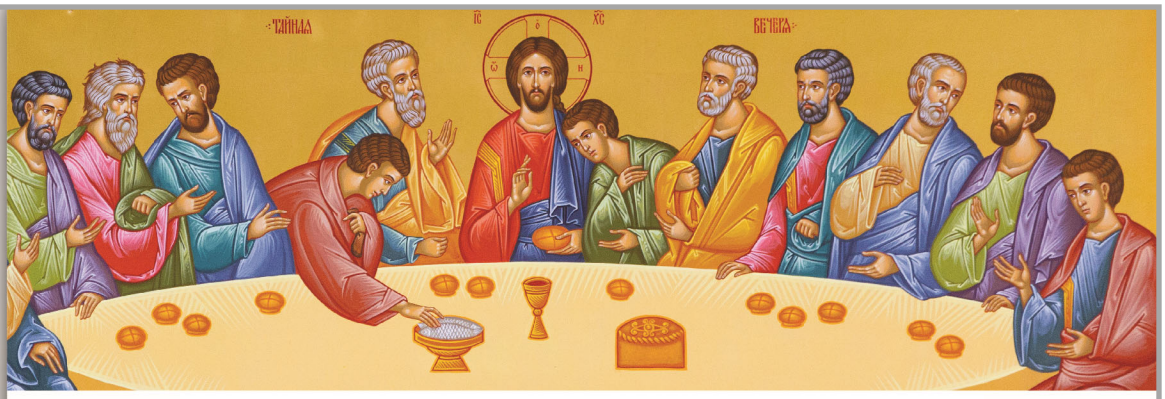

St. Boniface Catholic Church

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you (Exodus 24:3-8).

Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm 116).

Second Reading — Christ is the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

Gospel — This is my body. This is my blood (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26).

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MASSES
Saturday 5:30 PM and
Sunday: 9:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday
8:30 AM

RECONCILIATION
After Mass on
Monday, Friday, and Saturday

Saint Boniface Catholic Church
Mission Statement

Saint Boniface is a welcoming, caring Church community united under one baptism. We encourage participation by all members in promoting and sharing Christian and social values.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 5—5:30 PM
Gayle Males † Req. by Camille Dancer
Mass of Thanksgiving Req. by parishioner
Sunday, June 6—9:00 AM
Roberta Bogs--Birthday
Req. by Bogs-Haser Family
Monday, June 7—8:30 AM
Mary Scoleri † Req. by the Charland Family
Wednesday, June 9—8:30 AM
Health Intentions of our Homebound
Friday, June 11—8:30 AM
Health Care Worker Intentions
Saturday, June 12—5:30 PM
Mr. and Mrs. Kazimierz Iwaniuk †
Req. by Chris Hays
Sunday, June 13—9:00 AM
William and Ruth Nasiatka † Req. by Family

COLLECTION SUMMARY
Week of May 30, 2021:

Sunday Offertory	$	1634.00

We sincerely thank everyone for your generous donations to our parish. You are welcome to mail your contribution envelopes, place them in the offering baskets in the church, or call the office to arrange a day and time to drop off your donations.

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June 6	June 13
5:30 PM	**5:30 PM**
David Schmidt	Rene Jurack
9:00 AM	**9:00 AM**
Barbara Mitchell	Tracy Sheehan

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June 6	June 13
5:30 PM	**5:30 PM**
John Blazevich	Camille Dancer
9:00 AM	**9:00 AM**
Deacon Mark Otten	Deacon Mark Otten

Sacrament Of Reconciliation:
For private appointment please contact office

Baptism:
You must be a registered, active, member of the parish and attend a Baptism class. Baptisms are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:00PM (Noon). Call the office to schedule an appointment

Religious Ed:
All classes meet on Sundays from 10:00-11:30

Marriage:
By appointment only. Normally made 6 months in advance

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 6, 2021
The cup of salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.
— Psalm 116:13

From the Pastor

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All Christian Churches celebrate Eucharist and receive the bread and wine as a memorial of Jesus' Last Supper. But only Catholic Church treat the Eucharist with special reverence. Why? Because we, Catholics, believe in a real presence of Christ in these consecrated species.

St Philip Neri, the famous Apostle of Rome in the 1500s, known for his sense of humor, understood this due reverence especially well. And he did his best to help the people of his parish understand it too. One lady used to come to Mass regularly, but she wouldn't stay to the end; after receiving Holy Communion, she would walk out the door. St Philip noticed this and was worried that she had forgotten how sacred Holy Communion really was. So, he decided to remind her. The next time she came to Mass, he had on altar server get ready with a candle and a little bell and put him beside the exit that she usually used. After receiving Communion, sure enough, she headed for the door. But as she took her first few steps out onto the street, the acolyte was right on her heals, ringing the bell for all to hear, and holding the bright candle for all to see. Shocked and embarrassed, she turned and asked what he was doing. He answered, "Well ma'am, you just received our Lord, so you are like a walking Tabernacle, and we have to show him due honor." She got the message and humbly returned to Church for the rest of the Mass

Great mystery and Good News of Christianity: Jesus Christ has flooded the world with his salvation by making his saving grace present throughout the world in the great mystery of the Eucharist. Catholics in some countries like Germany or Poland celebrate this Good News with a beautiful and meaningful tradition. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, they organize special outside processions. The Eucharist is carried in honor throughout the parish area, or the town, or the city. All the Catholics in the vicinity join the procession, which is like a religious parade, dressed in their finest clothes, carrying flowers and presents, singing and praying. Along the way they make four stops. Beautifully decorated altars are prepared ahead of time for each one of these stops. When the procession arrives, the monstrance with the Eucharist is placed upon the altar. Prayers are said, hymns are sung in adoration, and benediction is given - some places even give the Lord a military salute by firing off guns or canons at each altar.

Christ's cross is the tree of life for all people and all times, and the Eucharist is its eternal-life-giving fruit. Wherever people deeply believe that, they surely want to use old and new ways to express that belief.

+ Father Roger

Stewardship Thought:

The focus of today's feast is the total self-giving of Jesus. The Bishops' stewardship Pastoral reminds us that "the glory and the boast of Christian stewards lie in mirroring, however poorly, the stewardship of Jesus Christ, who gave and still gives all He has and is, in order to be faithful to God's will and carry through to completion His redemptive stewardship of human beings and their world"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
Wednesday: St. Ephrem
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday: Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us offer Christ the great universal sacrifice of our love. For he offered his cross to God as sacrifice in order to make us all rich.
—St. Ephrem

SACRIFICE

Today the Church focuses on the Eucharist. Today's readings remind us how connected to ancient blood sacrifices we are when offering our unbloody sacrifice. The reading from Exodus describes a solemn ritual designed so the Israelites would never forget their covenant with God.

The reading from the Letter to the Hebrews turns us from those ancient animal sacrifices, the first efforts to worship the living God. Our sacrifice is the body and blood of the Son of God. Because of Christ we have a new covenant.

The Gospel from Mark retells the establishment of that covenant, the familiar story of the Last Supper. Juxtaposed with the story of animal sacrifice as it is here, we are challenged to listen with new attention, to remember the great price paid for our salvation. Jesus gave his body and every drop of his blood for us.

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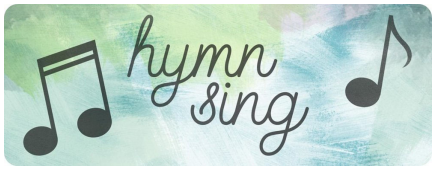

Draw Near

Draw near, draw near!
Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you out-poured.

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured:
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Draw near, draw near!
Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near!
Drink the blood for you out-poured.

Christ, our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won:
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
Himself the off'ring and himself the Priest.

2021 Word & Song Book, Hymn #

Judy Pew, Maureen Farrell, Mary Beth Crosser, Annelle Sullivan, Jessalyn Owens, Melissa Linus, Joseph Glassway, Marie Woods, Vickie Moore Westbrook, Carol Orolin, Louise Kopaczewski, Sharon Blazevich, Celia Munoz, Vicki Schmidt, Ken Zohlfeld, Jeanne Bodnar, Bernie Van Etten, Jason Brandstetter, Helen Barrett, Dolly Richmond, the safety of all healthcare workers, all those battling the Coronvirus, those who died this last week and those that go unnamed.

It's the start that stops most people.

FEAST OF FAITH

The *Corpus Christi* Procession

In the thirteenth century, a Belgian nun by the name of Juliana had a vision: she saw the full moon silvery and radiant except for one dark spot. The meaning of the vision was revealed to her: the moon was the Church's liturgical year, the dark spot a missing feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. Today's feast of *Corpus Christi*—the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—grew from Juliana's vision.

On this feast, many parishes observe the traditional *Corpus Christi* procession, giving honor to the Eucharist by carrying this greatest treasure out of the safety of our churches and into our streets. At the end of every Mass we are not just let out, we are sent forth, strengthened by the Eucharist, to be the Body of Christ in the world. The *Corpus Christi* procession is the dismissal writ large! We take Jesus with us, not only in our hearts, but carried in our midst and exposed in a monstrance. It is a public profession of faith and a blessing of the world. Jesus walks with us on these streets that we walk day after day, among those who know him but yearn to know him better, and among those who do not know him. The Eucharist is a mystery to be believed, to be celebrated—and to be lived.

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Live Streamed
43rd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021
Cathedral of St. Raymond

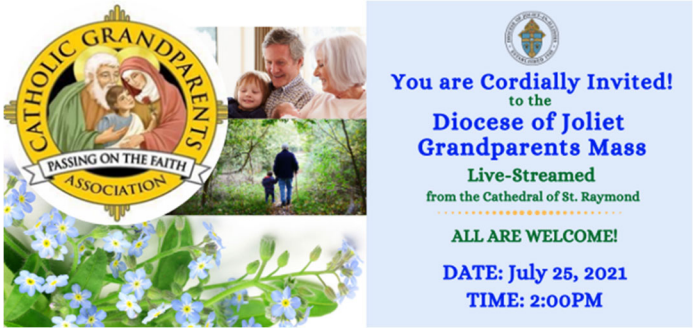
The Forty-second Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary will be celebrated via live stream on:

Sunday, August 29, 2021
2:00 p.m.

at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Registered Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome and will receive an anniversary certificate. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. Pre-registration is required; please complete and summit the form below by August 9, 2021. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.

Into the Land of Carmel 2021
A Weeklong Retreat in the Carmelite Tradition
July 11 – July 16, 2021
Event Phone: **630-969-4141**

The Carmelite tradition began with a small group of Christians coming together in a valley on Mount Carmel in Israel in the early 1200's. They were pilgrims who wanted to live on holy ground. It was their way of following Christ. Life in the valley included an atmosphere of silence and solitude. The hermits came together for Eucharist, dialogue, and, eventually, the prayer of the church and meals. But the fundamental activity was a contemplative attending to God's loving presence. This retreat/seminar will reflect the life lived long ago on Mount Carmel, but with additional elements of instruction in the tradition. With the saints of Carmel as our guides, we will explore the origins of Carmel, our living tradition, and the nature of contemplative prayer.



Dear God,
I love you. I love the way you made the sky and the sun. One thing I wondered though. Doesn't it get kind of hot up there near the sun? We are air conditioned so we are OK.
Love, Deirdre, Age 8
Dear God; Children's Letters to God

We wish to thank everyone who has donated / pledged to the CMAA. If you have pledged, please continue to make your payments. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.
Results through Sunday, May 30, 2021:

PARISH GOAL $10,800
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $13,335
AMOUNT PAID: $11,400
REMAINING BALANCE $ 1,935
DONOR COUNT: 85

Pledge envelopes are available at the back of the church. You are welcome to mail your donation or place it in the offering basket and we will mail it for you. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.