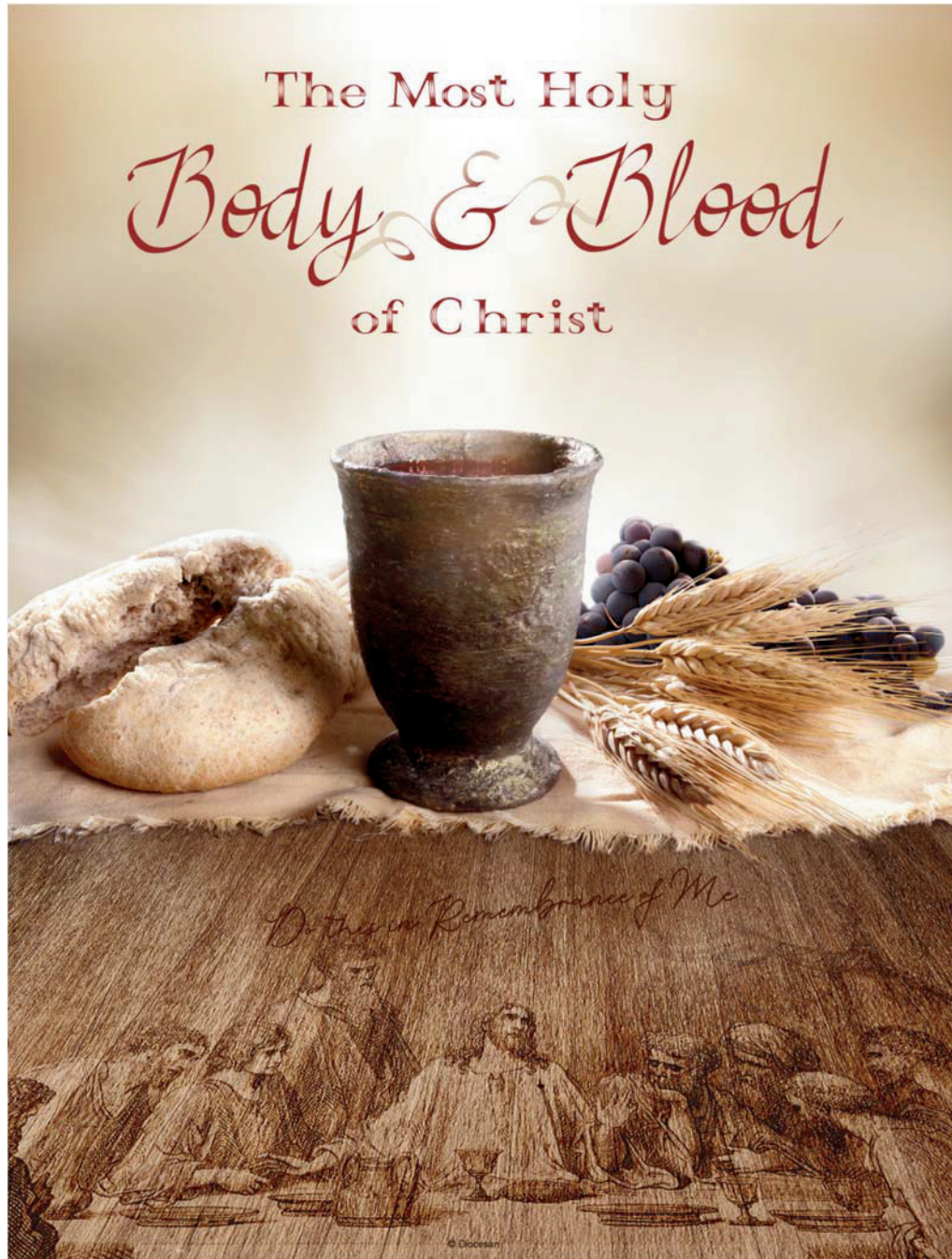


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June 6, 2021
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News from Fr. Mark



Dear Parishioners,
 Congratulations Graduates!
 I believe all our local high school Kalamazoo/Portage graduations finish this weekend with Hackett's graduation. It's been another unusual year with the pandemic and all of you have survived the experience! Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you during this time of transition and

we wish you the best in the future.

Please also pray for our youth who will be receiving their confirmation at the end of June. Because of the repairs and renovations that have been completed at the Cathedral, and the fact that the Bishop is getting close to retirement, the Bishop is hosting all Confirmations at the Cathedral this year.

On a completely different note, our Marian Hall Kitchen Project is still in the works! Much of the monies were donated several years ago and we delayed the project for over a year due to the pandemic. We have been working to get the project restarted and have run into the same delays that everyone else is facing: supply chain problems, obtaining all the necessary permits, etc. All the work has currently been taking place behind the scenes. It will be good to see some work start soon in the kitchen!

As the Universal Church celebrates the feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ, this weekend, no matter what problems or difficulties that any of us have faced during this pandemic, we need to remember how the Eucharist is indeed at the center of our life of prayer. We were reminded over and over again that this was how the Apostles and the early Church always encountered Christ. Nothing else we encounter in this world will ever compare. Let us always keep our lives focused and centered on Christ in this way!

Thanks for reading!
 Fr. Mark

Campaign for St. Catherine's is ending soon!

Our last day to promote the 2021 BAA campaign is June 11. If you haven't done so already, please prayerfully consider a very generous gift to this year's appeal. Remember, no gift is too small or too large, and every gift makes the work of Jesus Christ possible. Donation envelopes are available in the Narthex, the Front Office, or you can donate online at <https://diokzoo.org/bishops-annual-appeal>.

Goal: \$277,176

Total Pledged: \$220,243.03

Total Paid: \$138,840.03

of Pledges: 496

**We have made it to 84%
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Schedule

Mass

Monday - Friday:	9:15 am (Marian Hall)
Saturday	No Morning Mass 4:00 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday:	7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

All schedules are subject to change.
Check our website for the most up to date information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

We are offering "drive-in" confessions in our main parking lot on **Saturdays from 11:00 am -12:00 pm**. Please remain in your car during your reconciliation.

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Sunday Connection

First Reading

Exodus 24:3-8

The covenant is established between God and the people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 116:12-13,15-16,17-18

God brings salvation.

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-15

Christ is the mediator of the new covenant.

Gospel Reading

Mark 14:12-16,22-26

Jesus shares his Last Supper with his disciples.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.



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The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings. The Sunday Connection provides useful background and activities to better understand the upcoming Sunday's Scripture readings, helping you to connect the Scripture to daily life in a meaningful way.

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Resource:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/most-holy-body-and-blood-of-christ-b-sunday-connect/>

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

News Around St. Catherine's



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Respect Life Ministry: Stop Taxpayer Dollars Funding Abortion

US Bishops are calling on Catholics to let Congress know that taxpayer dollars should not fund abortion. Sign the petition now at <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com>.

Learn more at <http://www.respectlife.org/no-taxpayer-abortion>.

Saturday Mass Intentions Computer Problem

We are so excited to have scheduling for our Mass Intentions available online. Unfortunately, technology is not always perfect. We had a slight glitch with the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass Intentions. We have entered them all back in, but please help us make sure everything is correct and double check any Saturday Mass Intentions you may have requested on our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/massintentions> or call our **Front Office** at 327-5165. Only the Saturday Mass Intentions were affected. Thank you for your help and patience while we work out the kinks in our system!

Linen Guild Members Needed

We are currently in need of several volunteers to launder and iron the liturgical linens that are used at Mass. Volunteers commit to wash the lavabo towels, purificators, corporals, palls, and the amice. Everything should be ironed as well, except the towels, once a week for one month out of the year. We especially need volunteers for the months of April, June, and August. If you're interested in this ministry, please reach out to **Marianne Verner** in the **Front Office** 978-2340 or mverner@stcatherinesiena.org. God Bless you as you contemplate this ministry.

Stewardship

Collections May 17-23, 2021:	\$28,458
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2019-2020 Year to Date Actuals:	\$1,363,317

Giving Through eGiving & ACH

Thank you for your continued support of our church. We ask those who can to continue giving, either via mail or **eGiving through Vanco** at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/give>. If you are interested in starting an automatic deposit of offerings, we have an **Automated Clearing House (ACH)** option you can utilize. Please see more information about this program on our website at <https://stcatherinesiena.org/ach-form>.

Donations for Other Groups

When making a donation to El Sitio, Debt Reduction, Mass Intentions, Diocesan Second Collections, etc., please do not combine with your Sunday offertory envelope.



Thank you, Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry

This past month, our Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry groups recently held donation drives for food and baby items to support Caring Network families and the Bread of Life Food Program at Catholic Charities. Thank you to everyone who organized, volunteered and donated to support this important mission.

Thank You, Grounds Cleanup Volunteers

On **Saturday, May 15**, members of the **Knights of Columbus Council #6980** and **other volunteers** donated their time to

help keep our church grounds looking fantastic. Thank you all so very much! We appreciate each and every one of you. We are still looking for parishioners to weed and care for different areas of the church's grounds. If you have an interest in adopting an area, please contact **Marianne Verner** at mverner@stcatherinesiena.org or 978-2340.





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News Around the Diocese

Caregiver Support Virtual Gathering Sunday, June 6

Are you a caregiver for someone with a disability? Do you sometimes feel alone or overwhelmed? You are invited to a virtual gathering on **Sunday, June 6 from 1:00 – 2:00pm**. The focus is to build relationships, share faith and experiences, and create a supportive community. To learn more or to register go to <https://diokzoo.org/caregivers> or contact **Lisa Irwin** at the Diocese of Kalamazoo **903-0177** or by email at lirwin@diokzoo.org. Zoom link will be sent to those who register.



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The Ark Services for Youth



The Ark Services for Youth, a program of Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, helps runaway and homeless youth across nine Southwest Michigan counties. The Ark can help youth and families who are in crisis become stable, improve relationships, and develop positive, achievable goals for the future. The Ark Shelter in Kalamazoo is always open, and available through the confidential crisis line at **(800) 873-8336**. IF YOU are in crisis or know of a youth who needs help, call now. To learn more or to donate visit <http://ccdok.org>.



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continue to guide you in all
your future endeavors.

IN ALL YOUR WAYS BE
MINDFUL OF HIM, AND
HE WILL MAKE
STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS.
PROVERBS 3:6



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

JUNE 6, 2021

On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, we give special honor to Jesus, truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar. As Catholics, we worship the presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, both during Mass and outside of Mass. We are encouraged to spend time in prayer before the Lord in the Eucharist. Many parishes offer regular exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance. We may also choose to visit the church at other times to adore the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle.



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Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?

Jesus gives himself to us in the Eucharist as spiritual nourishment because he loves us. God's whole plan for our salvation is directed to our participation in the life of the Trinity, the communion of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our sharing in this life begins with our Baptism, when by the power of the Holy Spirit we are joined to Christ, thus becoming adopted sons and daughters of the Father. It is strengthened and increased in Confirmation. It is nourished and deepened through our participation in the Eucharist. By eating the Body and drinking the Blood of Christ in the Eucharist we become united to the person of Christ through his humanity. . . . 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. . . .

By being united to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we are drawn up into the eternal relationship of love among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As Jesus is the eternal Son of God by nature, so we become sons and daughters of God by adoption through the sacrament of Baptism. Through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Chrismation), we are temples of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in us, and by his indwelling we are made holy by the gift of sanctifying grace. The ultimate promise of the Gospel is that we will share in the life of the Holy Trinity. The Fathers of the Church called this participation in the divine life "divinization" (theosis). In this we see that God does not merely send us good things from on high; instead, we are brought up into the inner life of God, the communion among the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In the celebration of the Eucharist (which means "thanksgiving") we give praise and glory to God for this sublime gift.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

When the bread and wine become the Body of Christ, why do they still look and taste like bread and wine?

In the celebration of the Eucharist, the glorified Christ becomes present under the appearances of bread and wine in a way that is unique, a way that is uniquely suited to the Eucharist. In the Church's traditional theological language, in the act of consecration during the Eucharist the "substance" of the bread and wine is changed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the "substance" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the same time, the "accidents" or appearances of bread and wine remain. "Substance" and "accident" are here used as philosophical terms that have been adapted by great medieval theologians such as St. Thomas Aquinas in their efforts to understand and explain the faith. Such terms are used to convey the fact that what appears to be bread and wine in every way (at the level of "accidents" or physical attributes--that is, what can be seen, touched, tasted, or measured) in fact is now the Body and Blood of Christ (at the level of "substance" or deepest reality). This change at the level of substance from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is called "transubstantiation." According to Catholic faith, we can speak of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist because this transubstantiation has occurred (cf. Catechism, no. 1376).

Anima Christi Prayer

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification.
 Body of Christ, be my salvation.
 Blood of Christ, fill all my veins.
 Water of Christ's side, wash out
 my stains.
 Passion of Christ, my comfort be.
 O good Jesus, listen to me.
 In Thy wounds I fain would hide,
 Ne'er to be parted from Thy side,

Guard me, should the foe
 assail me.
 Call me when my life shall
 fail me.
 Bid me come to Thee above,
 With Thy saints to sing Thy love,
 World without end.
Amen.

The introduction of this article is taken from the Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, Revised Edition (Washington, DC: USCCB, 2007) 146. The articles "Why does Jesus give himself to us as food and drink?" and "When the bread and wine become the Body of Christ, why do they still look and taste like bread and wine?" are excerpts from The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers, which was produced by the Committee on Doctrine of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and was approved by the full body of bishops at their June 2001 General Meeting.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY: June 5, Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00 pm Sarah Kominek†

SUNDAY: June 6, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

7:30 am Steve Borchert's Deceased Family Members; esp. Kathy Borchert† on the Anniversary of Her Death

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Donald P. Stone†

5:00 pm People of the Parish

MONDAY: June 7

2Cor 1:1-7; Mt 5:1-12

9:15 am Millie McCarthy†

TUESDAY: June 8

2Cor 1:18-22; Mt 5:13-16

9:15 am Beatrice Huss†

WEDNESDAY: June 9, St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church

2Cor 3:4-11; Mt 5:17-19

9:15 am CeCe McGuinness†

THURSDAY: June 10, 2 or 3:15----4:1, 3-6; Mt 5:20-26

9:15 am People of the Parish

FRIDAY: June 11, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

9:15 am Sue Nevala†

SATURDAY: June 12, Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2Cor 5:14-21; Lk 2:41-51

(Private) People of the Parish

SATURDAY: June 12, Vigil of the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Steve Momotiuk†

SUNDAY: June 13, The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 17:22-24; 2Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

7:30 am For the Birthday of Maria Jose Wink

9:00 am Christine Coulter†

11:00 am People of the Parish

5:00 pm People of the Parish



Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit, and raises man to Heaven.

- St Ephrem

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