

Dear Padre,

What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ’s threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. “The Eucharist’s particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1–6	1 Kgs 17:7–16	1 Kgs 18:20–39	Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3	Dt 7:6–11	1 Kgs 19:19–21	Ex 19:2–6a
Mt 5:1–12	Mt 5:13–16	Mt 5:17–19	Mt 5:20–26	1 Jn 4:7–16	Mt 5:33–37	Rom 5:6–11
				Mt 11:25–30		Mt 9:36–10:8



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 22, 2025

June 7th, 2026 - Feast of Corpus Christi



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Parish Mass, Adoration, Confession Times

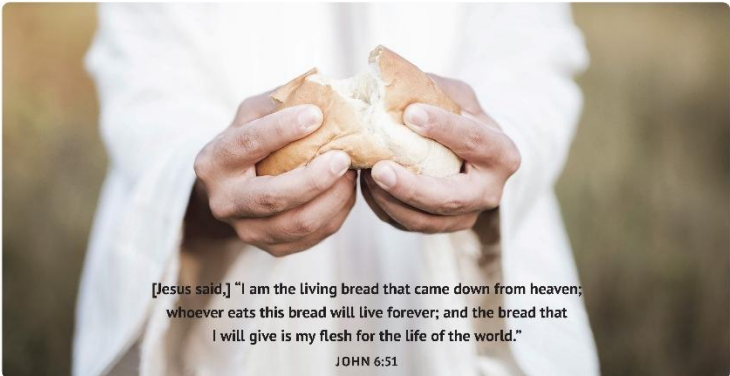
Sunday Mass: 9:00
Thursday Adoration: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday Mass: 10:00 a.m.
Confessions after Mass on Thursday

Parish Summer Office Hours

Monday-Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm.
Thursday: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 pm.
Fridays: Office is Closed

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 7, 2026
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)
Deuteronomy 8: 2–3, 14b–16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16–17 / John 6:51–58



[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”
JOHN 6:51

SAINT JUDE CALENDAR

Thurs., June 11: Mass at 6 p.m. with Adoration from 4:30-5:30 p.m. **(No morning Mass or Adoration)**
Sun., June 14th Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.
Thursday June 18th: Adoration at 9 a.m. w/Mass at 10 a.m.
Sun., June 14th Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.
Thursday, June 18th, Adoration at 9 a.m. w/Mass at 10 a.m.
Parish Picnic June 28, 2026, after Mass.
St. Jude’s Women’s Guild 4th of July Bake Sale

All You Can Eat

MIGUEL DULICK

The “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16–17.) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS:			
Sunday	June 7, 2026	The People of St. Jude and St. Mary’s	By: Pro populo
Thursday	June 11, 2026	Joseph and Ann Lukas	By: Leonard Lukas
Sunday	June 14, 2026	Jim Munn	By: Deacon & Mrs. Jim Bauer
Thursday	June 18, 2026	Kristine Cusack	By: Kathy Sarto
Weekly Sanctuary Candle		The Tom Cusack Family	By: Kathy Sarto

Weekly Ministry Schedule					
			Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
Sunday	June 7, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Rocky Karsen	Tony & Jenny Karsen	Bella, Alexa, Daisy, Bo, Hayzl, Lydia
Thursday	June 11, 2026	6:00 p.m.	Volunteer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed
Sunday	June 14, 2026	9:00 a.m.	Ellen Brown	Ken & Margie Little	Daisy, Carlena, Alanah
Thursday	June 18, 2026	10 a.m.	Volunteer		

Weekly Offertory Collection Information						
Sunday	May 31, 2026	Target	\$ 1,900	Offered	\$ 2,019.00	\$ 119.00
Year to Date		Target	\$ 93,100		\$ 99,313.24	\$ 6,213.24
Attendance		145	YTD Attendance			6,239

The Church today received Jen Lopresti into full communion with the Church as she received Baptism, Confirmation, and her first Holy Communion.

Let us all pray for her so that she and all of us may become what she received today, may she and all of us see Christ in whom we meet, and that the light of Christ burns brightly in us all.

PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for those who have asked for prayer:

Mary Hatfield

Sonny Laughlin

Mary Heinz

Vicki Clark

Father Jorgensen

Our Military who are serving at home and abroad

If you would like to add someone to the list, please contact the office.

Bishop Lohse has pledged to provide professional counseling or therapy to victims of clergy sex abuse in the Diocese. Victims can receive 24-hour care via the crisis hotline setup with Catholic Charities at 800-873-8336.

OUR PARISH PICNIC AND SILENT AUCTION IS COMING UP!!

Sunday, June 28th, after Mass

THERE ARE SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE TABLE IN THE HALLWAY

– ONE FOR ATTENDANCE AND ONE FOR DISH TO PASS –

THE CHURCH IS PROVIDING SLOPPY JOES AND HOT DOGS

If you would like to donate a gift basket or an item for the Silent Auction, please submit it no later than Sunday, June 21st.

We will have more exciting details to share with you as the date gets closer!

Bishop Lohse statement on papal encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas*

Pope Leo XIV’s first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas, arrives at a defining moment in human history. As artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes our world, the Holy Father reminds us that every technological advance must remain rooted in the dignity of the human person and the common good. I encourage all people of goodwill to read this important document prayerfully and thoughtfully and to respond to Pope Leo’s call to be ‘artisans of hope’.

SEVEN SISTERS’ APOSTOLATE

By dedicating one Holy Hour each week to support a priest in his ministry, our prayers help him navigate the challenges he faces, ask for the strength to continue his mission with enthusiasm and love, and invite God’s grace into our parish communities. If you have a passion for prayer and would like to join the Seven Sisters Apostolate in praying for Fr. David Pinto, please reach out to Anchoress Tami Carl at 269.501.9063. For more information about the *Seven Sisters Apostolate (a national organization)*, visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/>

The Living Bread from Heaven

In the Gospel of John, Jesus declares: “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh” (John 6:51). These words are at the heart of our Catholic faith and our belief in the Holy Eucharist.

As Catholics, we believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The bread and wine offered at Mass are not merely symbols or reminders of Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and the priest's words of consecration, they become the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This mystery of faith has been handed down from the Apostles, remains a central teaching of the Church.

Jesus’ words in John 6 leave little room for misunderstanding. He does not say the bread merely represents His flesh; He says, “the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” In the Eucharist, Christ fulfills this promise by offering Himself to us as spiritual food and nourishment for eternal life.

In a world that often leaves people hungry for meaning, peace, and hope, Jesus satisfies the deepest longing of the human heart. The Bread of Life strengthens us in times of struggle, forgives and heals us through His mercy, and reminds us that we are never alone. Through His Real Presence in the Eucharist, Christ remains with His people, accompanying us in our joys and sorrows and drawing us ever closer to Himself.

Because of this profound gift, Catholics are called not only to receive the Eucharist but also to believe in and revere Christ’s Real Presence. Every time we come into a Catholic Church, we should acknowledge His presence in the tabernacle. Every time we come forward for Holy Communion, we profess our faith that we are receiving Jesus Himself.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. It strengthens us, unites us with Christ and one_another, forgives venial sins, and prepares us for eternal life. As we reflect on Jesus’ promise to be the Living Bread from Heaven, may we renew our faith in His Real Presence and approach the altar with hearts filled with awe, gratitude, and love.

“Whoever eats of this bread will live forever.” May this promise deepen our devotion to the Eucharist and draw us ever closer to Christ, who is always with us.

Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On June 11, 2026, as part of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes across the country are encouraged to join the bishops in celebrating the consecration of our nation to the Sacred Heart. **The Mass at St. Jude will be at 6 p.m. on June 11th. The Mass at Saint Mary's will be at 8 a.m. on June 12th, 2026.** By celebrating this important national anniversary with this devotion, we have the opportunity to encourage all Catholics to honor our Lord and to “infuse the spirit of the Gospel into various communities and departments of life.”