

June 11, 2023

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ



GOD IS LOVE

JUNE

MONTH OF THE
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



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Respect life. All life is sacred.



WELCOME TO ST. AIDAN

Our parish is a vibrant and active Catholic community located in Nassau County, Long Island, New York. We are a Roman Catholic parish in the Diocese of Rockville Centre serving the communities of Williston Park, East Williston, Albertson, and parts of Mineola, Roslyn Heights, and Searingtown.

ST. AIDAN BULLETIN

The bulletin is published on Wednesday morning. Items for publishing should be emailed to staidanbulletin@gmail.com.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS

To place an advertisement on the cover contact 'church bulletin,' the publishing company, 631-249-4994. The cost of our bulletin is covered by our sponsors who advertise on the cover.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parish family of the Church of St Aidan, strengthened by the Eucharist and encouraged by the Word of God, welcome all, for we encourage that everyone is a child of God and no one should be excluded. Guided by the Holy Spirit through prayer, we strive as one to build the Body of Christ. We commit ourselves to nurturing lifelong faith formation, fostering lay leadership, promoting social justice, engaging our youth in every aspect of parish life, and offering care and compassionate service to all. We invite everyone to walk with Jesus and experience His healing power and love.

PARISH GROWTH 2023

1. Pastoral Care of Our Youth
2. Hospitality & Social Events
3. Formation & Education in Faith Matters
4. Spiritual Resources & Direction
5. Information about Groups & Activities

THE CHURCH IS OPEN 6 AM TO 6 PM

Daily Mass can be viewed on staidanparish.org, Facebook and Vimeo. The faithful are required to attend Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation Masses. This obligation does not apply to those who are ill, those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility, or those

with serious underlying health conditions. For the safety of all, the church doors will be closed when school children attend services during the week.

MEETINGS AT ST. AIDAN

Contact the Rectory for more information.

PARKING AT ST. AIDAN

The number of parking spaces is limited at St. Aidan. The parking lot at the rear of the Upper School and the one on Dover Street are available on weekends and when school is closed. The Lower School has an area that is designated a children's play area. People with disabilities may park in the three reserved parking spaces in front of the rectory on Willis Ave. This special area is needed for church access by people who use wheelchairs and specially-equipped vehicles. Thank you for being parking considerate.

BAPTISM

To arrange a baptism contact the rectory office. Forms need to be completed giving information on the parents, child's date and place of birth, as well as the names and religious affiliation of the sponsors. At least one sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Sunday at 1:30 PM. To hold a private baptism you must make arrangements with a priest or deacon to perform the baptism. Private baptisms are held on Saturday or Sunday when the church is available. First time parents are required to attend a Baptism Class. Classes are held in the church on the second Sunday of the month after the 12 PM Mass. Parents are asked to gather at St. Joseph's statue to the right of the altar.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion unites us more closely to Jesus, and it is also a sign that we are living in communion with His Church, following the teachings that Jesus has handed down to us. If you know of someone homebound who would

like to receive Communion from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Rectory.

CONFESSION

Confessions are available in the church, screen only, on Saturday from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM and 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You can also make an appointment with a priest by calling the rectory office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory office at least 9 months in advance. Pre-Cana and FOCCUS registrations must be arranged. Pre-Cana at St. Aidan consists of a ONE DAY SATURDAY COURSE. The moderator is Deacon Rudy Martin (917) 952-6521. Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org.

Information on the Pre-Cana Course offered by the Diocese of Rockville Center can be found at www.drvc-faith.org or call 678-5800 ext. 223.

SCAM LIKELY

If you receive an email or text from Fr. Adrian or any other member of St. Aidan staff requesting gift cards or donations, delete it immediately and block the caller's number or email. It is not from St. Aidan Church or School.

PARISH EMAIL

To be added to email distributions of the Parish Bulletin please email Bonnie Parente at bparente@verizon.net.

PLANNED GIFTS FOR YOUR PARISH

Consider your Christian responsibility to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you. How will your gifts (assets) be passed on to those you love and care for when you die? Planning now will help those we love live peacefully in the future. Call Barbara Kilarjian at the Diocese of Rockville Centre at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 to find out how you can pass on your love to your family.

LIVESTREAM DAILY MASS

WEBSITE ST Aidan Parish.ORG

VIMEO ST. AIDAN, WILLISTON PARK

FACEBOOK CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN WILLISTON PARK

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM
Fr. Ken 9:00 AM
Bishop Andrzej 5:30 PM

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM
Fr. Ken 9:00 AM
Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM
Fr. Ken 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Fr. Solomon 6:30 AM
Fr. Solomon 9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Fr. Ken 6:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Fr. Adrian 6:30 AM

Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Solomon 5:30 PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Fr. Ken 9:00 AM
Fr. Adrian 5:00 PM

Fr. Solomon 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Fr. Solomon 7:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 9:00 AM
Fr. Ken 10:30 AM
Fr. Adrian 12:00 PM

Fr. Ken 5:00 PM

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 10

Arlene Babyak
Charles & Charlotte Morgan (Wed. Ann. Rem.)
Robert J. Eilbacher (12th Anniv. Rem.)

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

Catherine Walsh
Frank & Eleanor Reichart (Wed. Anniv. Rem.)
Anne Arcario (3rd Anniv. Rem.)
JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 10

Arlene Babyak
Briget Kelly (16th Anniv. Rem.)
Michael & Constance Ferragamo

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 10

John Koskol (60th Anniv. Rem.)
Martin & Lorraine Burke
Lvg. Int. for Michael Kenny

THE MOST SACRED OF JESUS

Cosgrove, Manning, Healey & Schnall Families
James O'Connell (B'day Rem.)
James Herron

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Stasia & Walter Terlecki (Anniv.)
John Koskol (60th Anniv. Rem.)
Seamus Donohoe (1st Anniv. Rem.)
Lvg. & Dcd. Mbrs. of the Barroca & Furao Families
Eleanor Carlo (15th Anniv. Rem.)
Lvg. Int. of Jason & Marie Elena Melchore (25th Wed. Anniv.)
Brother Joseph (Dunston) Gallagher, O.S.F.
Thomas Lagerman
Lvg. Int. for Christopher Dand
Iga Flores

ELEVENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME FATHER'S DAY

James O'Connell (Father's Day Rem.)
Father's Day Novena
Parishioners of St. Aidan
Claire Cunningham (B'day Rem.)
Clarence Jaye (B'day Rem.)
Edward McCrain (Father's Day Rem.)
Aldo Recine (Father's Day Rem.)
Joseph Prestia
Lino Magallanes (20th Anniv. Rem.)
Raul Lopez, Sr. (4th Anniv. Rem.)
Lvg. Int. for Kathleen & Bennett O'Donnell

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Rectory Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9 AM to 12 PM 1 PM to 4 PM
Saturday & Sunday
9 AM to 12 PM

Pastor
Rev. Fr. Adrian McHugh

Associate Pastors
Rev. Fr. Solomon Odinukwe
Rev. Fr. Ken Grooms

Deacons
Rev. Rudy Martin
Rev. Jerry Magaldi
Rev. Salvatore B. Villani

St. Aidan School
ext. 202, 203 Grades Nursery-2
ext. 302, 303 Grades 3-8
Principal Mrs. Julie O'Connell
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Barbara Graham

Faith Formation
Monday—Wednesday 2-7 PM
Thursday appointment.
Closed Friday
ext. 404, 405
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Mrs. Elaine Smith,

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Mr. Thomas Flynn

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Mr. Drago Bubalo
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Ms. Rosemarie Cavallaro

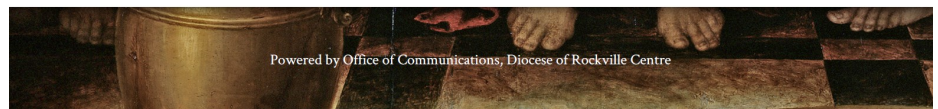
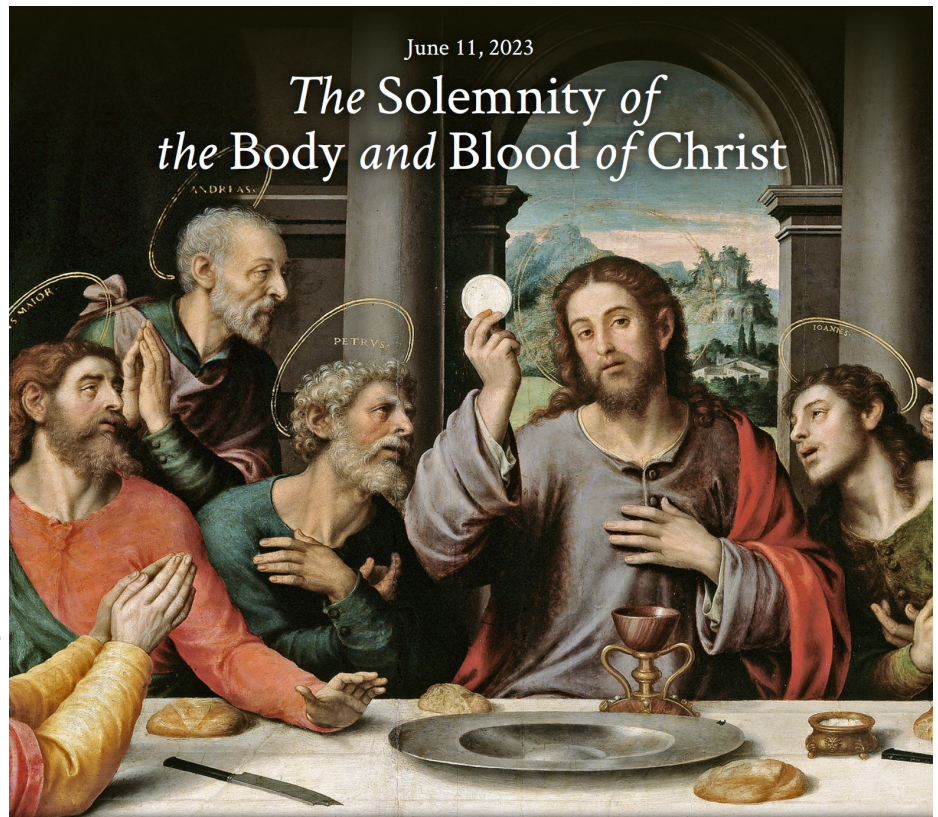


What's Pastor Thinking

What do you think is the most consistent image of Heaven in the Bible? It's not the golden streets or pearly gates. It isn't harps or eternal singing. It's feasting with the family. That doesn't mean that when we go to Heaven we are going to eat forever and ever. No, the reason for saying that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a feast or like a banquet is that God wants us to know that Heaven is about the joy of togetherness. God wants us to be united with Him and with each other both here on earth and in Heaven. St. Aidan is a Eucharistic community and Mass is central to everything we do. Every Mass is a celebration of that togetherness. We are God's true family. Our concern is not to fill our stomachs, but to cement relationships with each other and with our Lord.

In today's Gospel Jesus says, 'Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them.' God wants us to have, already here on earth, a foretaste of the feast to come. That's why He instituted the Eucharist, the Supper of the Lamb — so we can celebrate our shared faith and our shared love, and so we can feast, again and again, on the source of that love.

Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi, gives us an opportunity to thank God for the Eucharist. That, in fact, is what the word Eucharist means — thanksgiving — giving thanks not only for daily bread, and for peace and all our physical needs that God satisfies,



but most of all we are in communion with Him. We also celebrate God's forgiveness of our sins, the gift of our faith and our awareness of His love, the gift of a mission and purpose for us in life, and His gift of eternal life beginning now.

What a blessing! What a privilege! To receive Jesus, so that He lives in us! It's a family feast with Jesus as the host! What could be more important than that? We're not feeding our face, we're feeding our faith. What could be more important than that? So let us thank God for the invitation to come back together again on His feast.



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Bishop John O. Barres has declared the month of June in the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the Month of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, proclaiming to the world that "God is Love."



To learn more, visit:

WWW.DRVCGODISLOVE.ORG



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STEWARDSHIP

06/05/22 \$26,521

06/04/23 \$28,615

ATTENDANCE

06/03/04/2023 1,393

NO EXTRA ENVELOPE

ONLINE GIVING

staidanparish.org.
Click DONATE.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

Goal \$180,400

Pledges \$91,700

Donors 276

Payments \$70,229

*Thank you for supporting
St. Aidan. Please notify the
Rector's Office if you have
changed your address*

BREAD & WINE

MEMORIAL

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN KOSKOL

(60th Anniversary)

REQUESTED BY

SARAH KOSKOL

WE PRAY FOR OUR

DECEASED

HENRY BREUER

MILIVOJ ANTIC

JOHN HUGHES

FUNERAL MASS

JUNE 24 @ 11:00 AM

THEODORE MINOR

THOSE WHO ASKED US

TO PRAY FOR THEM

INCLUDE

Louise Blackford

Arianna DeOliveira

Jinny Gallagher

Bill Doyle

Judy Kostovich

Brian Closs

Hafeezan Jabar

Frank Connolly

Paul Kane

Nicole Blach

Doreen Downes

Rosa Barroca

Cathy Fleming

John Sweeney

Diane Mitra

Jimmy Elliott

Baby Bradley Marino Jelcic

P J Kennedy

Michael Kenny

Frank Gunn

Rita Grinsell

Fearghal McHugh

Christopher Dand

Eddie McKay

Eileen Mary Ebert

Fran Lesser

*To add or remove a name
from the list, call the
rectory office*

WEDDING BELLS

JUNE 11, 2023

3:00 PM

Veronica Jean Baierwalter

St. Aidan

Mike Robert Sorgie

JUNE 22, 2023

3:30 PM

Megan Cristina Clancy

St. Aidan

Christopher Paul Strauss

Corpus Christi

JUNE 24, 2023

3:00 PM

Teresa I. Ferreri

St. Aidan

Liam C. Reff

St. Rose of Lima

*If a parishioner is getting
married in another parish
and would like their
wedding listed, call the
rectory office.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING – NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

June 10	Pre Cana Closing Mass 5:00 PM
June 11	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Corpus Christi Procession after 10:30 Mass
June 11	Spring Concert 6:30 PM
June 16	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
June 17	Immaculate Heart of Mary
June 18	Father's Day
June 19	Juneteenth—Rectory Closed
June 25	Fr. Ken Farewell Mass 12:00 PM
June 25	Anointing of the Sick 1:00 PM
Oct. 20-22	NYS Eucharistic Congress, Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine, Auriesville, NY

NOVENA MASSES FOR FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18

Remember your father or grandfather, whether living or deceased, with a Novena of Masses beginning June 18th at St. Aidan's. Envelopes will be at the entrance to the church and were mailed in your collection package.

BLESS OUR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless our earthly fathers for the many times they reflected the love, strength, generosity, wisdom and mercy that You exemplify in Your relationship with us, Your children.

We honor our fathers for putting our needs above their own convenience and comfort; for teaching us to show courage and determination in the face of adversity; for challenging us to move beyond self-limiting boundaries; for modeling the qualities that would turn us into responsible, principled, caring adults.

Not all our fathers lived up to these ideals. Give them the grace to acknowledge and learn from their mistakes. Give us the grace to extend to them the same forgiveness that You offer us all. Help us to resist the urge to stay stuck in past bitterness, instead, moving forward with humility and peace of heart.

We ask Your blessing on those men who served as father figures in our lives when our biological fathers weren't able to do so. May the love and selflessness they showed us be returned to them in all their relationships, and help them to know that their influence has changed us for the better.

Give new and future fathers the guidance they need to raise happy and holy children, grounded in a love for God and other people—and remind these fathers that

treating their wives with dignity, compassion and respect is one of the greatest gifts they can give their children.

We pray that our fathers who have passed into the next life have been welcomed into Your loving embrace, and that our family will one day be reunited in Your heavenly kingdom.

In union with St. Joseph, whom You entrusted with Your Son, we ask Your generous blessings today and every day. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS

Please note the change in Faith Formation Office hours. The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2PM to 7PM. Thursdays by appointment only. The office is closed on Fridays. To contact the office call 516-746-6585 ext. 404, 405. To contact the Director, Mrs. Elaine Smith, call ext. 406

CLERGY CHANGES

- Fr. Ken will take up a new appointment as pastor of Immaculate Conception, Hampton Beach, at the end of June. A Farewell Mass will be held on Sunday, June 25th at 12:00 PM. Light refreshments to follow in Kirwin Hall.
- Bishop Barres has appointed Fr. Jacob Ernest Kwanza from Ghana as the new associate pastor at St. Aidan. He will arrive from Ghana at the end of June. St. Aidan extends a warm welcome to him and we are so thankful he is willing to minister among us.
- Fr. Patrick Abem returns in July to assist us for the Summer. Fr. Patrick was recently appointed Rector of St. Joseph Major Seminary in Nigeria. Congratulations! Please continue to pray for your priests, for an increase in vocations and for the future of the church on Long Island.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick takes place at 1:00 PM on the 4th Sunday of each month. Please wait for the priest at Our Lady's Shrine. June 25, July 23.

FRIDAY CHARISMATIC PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Join us every Friday from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Healing Mass first Friday of the month. July 7.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First and Third Fridays of the month 1:00-3:00 PM in the church.
June 16. July 7, 21.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

"That Christians inspired by the Word of God May Serve the Poor & Suffering!" – Pope Francis.

- **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 9:45 am in the Dorothy Day room in the Finamore Center to knit or crochet prayer shawls or lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. If you know of someone who could benefit from receiving one of these blessed shawls, please contact our office. New members are always welcome. You need not know how to knit or crochet. We have talented parishioners who can teach you. The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 12th and June 26th. . If you have any questions, please call the Parish Social Ministry office at: (516) 746-6585 and press 5
- Food items needed: CHICKEN, HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, FROZEN PIZZAS, DISHWASHING LIQUID, LAUNDRY DETERGENT, COOKIES, SNACKS AND KETCHUP. Please bring all non-perishable food/ personal hygiene items to the Parish Social Ministry office or to our new food box which is located near the St. Vincent de Paul clothing box. Please do not leave anything in the food box

Ignis Angelicus

Most Heavenly Choir
Handbell Choir
Angel Choir



SPRING CONCERT

Church of Saint Aidan

Sunday, June 11 at 6:30pm

FREE WILL OFFERING

which requires refrigeration or any frozen food items.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Social Ministry office hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00-3:00 pm.

LEGION OF MARY CAUSE OF OUR JOY PRAESIDIUM

- In person meetings-Convent Ivory Room every Wednesday throughout the year at 7pm or call Lisa at 516.857.7664 for details on getting connected via zoom. All are welcome. Can't make weekly meetings? Become an auxiliary member. Call Ellen at 516.567.9816 for details.
- Home Visitation Program of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The Legion of Mary will bring the Pilgrim Statue to your home if you call Joe at 917.576.6589. Wouldn't you like to have her statue in your home?
- Do you know a home bound person who would appreciate a visit or call? Contact Eileen at 516.816.9504 to schedule a convenient time. Follow us online at staidanlom.com

MONDAY NOVENA

Please join us every Monday morning after the 9:00 AM Mass for a Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary. Rosary to follow.

THE HOLY ROSARY.

The Rosary is said immediately after the 6:30 and 9 o'clock Masses daily. Please join to honor Mary, our mother.

COME & PRAY WITH US!

The Mary, Queen of Peace Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 7Pm in the CONVENT YELLOW ROOM. All are welcome to pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet to Jesus through Mary. Call Gloria, 516-859-6593.

NEW PRAYER COMMUNITY FORMING

MONDAY AT 7PM IN THE CONVENT YELLOW ROOM. COME, JOIN WITH OTHERS AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH JOURNEY GROWING DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF JESUS AND INTERCEDING FOR OTHERS. (FOR INFORMATION YOU CAN CALL MAUREEN 516-248-5445).

ST. AIDAN RESPECT LIFE GROUP

St. Aidan's Respect Life group will be meeting on Thurs, June 22, at 7pm in the Yellow Room of the Convent. This will be the last meeting before the summer break. If you are in any way unfamiliar with the Respect Life/ Pro Life message, or just want to show support, please stop by. Our group operates under the Diocesan Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics. This office enunciates and promotes the principle that human life, at all stages from conception to natural death, is a gift from God, worthy of respect and protection. This ministry encompasses prayer, education, advocacy, and care & services. More information about the office can be found at the Diocesan web site at www.drvcflife.org. The group is meeting with the purpose of promoting pro-life activities through prayer, educational opportunities, and raising funds for pro-life efforts and new mothers. Please contact Anne Marie Egan if you are interested in joining. elamjoe@aol.com 516-873-8320

THE UNITED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY PRAYER GROUP

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the church on the last Thursday of the month. Join us for Eucharistic Adoration, Mass and consecration to Jesus and Mary. For more information, please contact Tecky at (516) 655-9755. Please note: June 29th is our last meeting. We will resume back in September.

ARE YOU SEARCHING?

Are you searching for a faith to follow? Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches? Were you baptized as an infant but not raised in the faith or raised in another Christian faith? Whatever your situation, wherever you are in your faith journey, OCIA (formally RCIA) is here for YOU. OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a process by which adults can inquire about the Catholic Church. There is never any pressure put on any inquirer to become a Catholic. If an inquirer or seeker decides to move closer toward becoming a Catholic, he/she receives instruction in a small setting guided by a team of dedicated parishioners. The inquirer decides if he/she wants to move forward one step at a time. The whole parish family supports this process through

prayer and witness. Those who choose to become Catholic are welcomed into the Church through the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. If you would like to learn more, please call 516-746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

ST. AIDAN'S PRE-CANA PROGRAM

St. Aidan's Foccus & Pre-Cana program consists of a FOCCUS Pre-Marriage Inventory and a ONE DAY parish program that is held on Saturday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. FOCCUS stands for Facilitating Open Couple Communication Understanding and Study. The FOCCUS and Pre-Cana Class Fee is a total of \$125.00 payable to: Church of St. Aidan

- Fall 2023 Classes.
Opening Mass: Sun
November 5, 2023 12
Noon – 1:00pm. Pre
Cana Class: Sat:
November 11, 2023
8:30am – 5:00pm.
Closing Mass: Sat
November 11, 2023
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Diocese of Rockville Centre:
If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Center at 678-5800 ext. 223 or go on-line to register at www.drvc-faith.org. On the left column click on "Marriage". Scroll down to find Marriage Preparation and FOCCUS on line registration.

To Register at St. Aidan Courses, call St Aidan Parish Rectory Office (516) 746-6585. The St. Aidan Moderator is Deacon Rudy

Martin: Cell (917) 952-6521 Email: Dcrudy@Staidanparish.org.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Treat your wife to a special get together, just the two of you. 1 Peter 3:15-18: Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. John 14: 15: Jesus said to his disciples, If you love me, you will keep my commandments. Check out a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You will learn new skills to enrich and enhance your loving relationship. Sign up today to



*Mass for the Solemnity of the
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Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m.
at the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre, NY



Bishop Barrés will be the principal celebrant and Fr. Lachlan Cameron will be the homilist. All are welcome to attend this Mass in-person or to watch live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN).



The Mass will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN) at 7:30 p.m. Catholic Faith Network can be viewed on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296, and Spectrum channel 162/471. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".

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attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences listed below.

- June 2-4, 2023 in Upton, MA
- Jun 23-25, 2023 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Chuck & Maria Reiss at 631-486-8607 or <https://www.menyli.org/>.

WIDOWS / WIDOWERS SOCIAL GROUP

Meetings 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1 PM - 3 PM in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Ave. & Fifth Street, Garden City. Non-denominational. All are Welcome! REFRESHMENTS SERVED, \$3 PER MEETING. For additional information, feel free to call Diana (516) 481-9280

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED CATHOLICS OF LONG ISLAND

Including widows, widowers and singles. A social organization for single persons. New Member Orientation Meeting, Tuesday June 20th at 7:00PM, St. Frances Club, 1869 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (Parking in the rear of building). Non-denominational. ALL ARE WELCOME. Bring proof of single status to join. Annual dues \$30. Refreshments following the meeting. For further information, please call also to verify there will be a meeting -Vito 516-516-503-5415 or Janet 516-579-4016

SAME SEX ATTRACTION AND GENDER IDENTITY DISCORDANCE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics website is a rich source of authentically and faithfully Catholic websites and educational resources all rich in beauty to educate, form, and transform all Catholics earnestly seeking clarity on these topics, but in particular, those who experience same-sex attraction, gender identity discordance, and a range of other experiences. In addition, the websites and resources will be helpful to those with loved ones who have conveyed these experiences to them. Most especially, Clergy, Religious, Educators, Lay Leaders, Health Care workers, etc. will

find these an invaluable foundation for their ministries. Visit <https://drvclife.org/ssa-gender-education/>

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN A CATHOLIC GROUP?

The Columbiettes, from Corpus Christi Council 2502, invite you to join our group. We are Catholic women 18 years and over. We meet at the Knights of Columbus Hall 186 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola NY. RSVP to Ruth Ann at 516-317-6356 or Marge at 516-269-9178

EVENTS AND RETREATS COMING UP AT THE NEWLY -RENOVATED THOMAS BERRY PLACE IN JAMAICA, QUEENS!

TBP (the former Bishop Molloy Retreat House) offers a quiet oasis amidst the busy world around us. Our Retreat House has 50 newly renovated bedrooms, full-service kitchen, Board Room and conference rooms for up to 100 people, a Chapel for group and private meditation, beautiful gardens, grotto and seating and so much more!

Thursday, July 20 - Thursday, July 27, 2023:

Experiencing God: Our interior movements understood using St Ignatius' Rules for Discernment. This guided retreat will make use of Ignatian contemplation, imaginative prayer, and the senses to engage in conversation with God. Our days will consist of two talks and mass. There is ample time to pray. This retreat is practical, encouraging curiosity, connection and compassion with ourselves and with God!

Presenter: Fr. Jeff Putthoff, SJ is a Jesuit priest. He is deeply interested in creating communities of healing, empowering young people, brain health, and finding God in all things. This retreat begins on Thursday July 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM and ends on Thursday July 27, 2023 at 11:00 AM. There will be 2 conferences a day and Liturgy. The cost is \$700.00 per person.

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Christian university sues to block HUD order

forcing male student placement in female dorms

By Brandon Showalter, Senior Investigative Reporter

A Missouri Christian

university is suing the Biden

administration over a federal

directive that its lawsuit

claims requires religious

schools to open their

dormitories and showers

based on "gender identity."

The College of the Ozarks, a

four-year liberal arts college

in Point Lookout, filed a

lawsuit in response to a

February order from the

Department of Housing and

Urban Development that

forces any entities that

receive federal dollars

covered by the Fair Housing

Act to place transgender-

identified biological males

into female dormitories and

assign them as females'

roommates.

The lawsuit argues that the

rule forces religious schools

to violate their religious

beliefs and states that the

order was issued "without

notice or the opportunity for

public comment." The

lawsuit contends that the

policy was issued without

considering alternative

policies that "respect the interests of private religious colleges."

Representing the school is the legal nonprofit Alliance

Defending Freedom, which argues that the directive violates both women's sex-based rights and the school's religious liberties.

"The government cannot and should not force schools

to open girls' dorms to males based on its politically

motivated and inappropriate redefinition of 'sex,'" ADF senior counsel Julie Marie Blake said in a statement.

"Women shouldn't be forced to share private spaces — including showers and dorm rooms — with males, and



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- Pope Francis

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After paying the co-pays on his medications, his family's rent and utilities bills, Paul had very little left to purchase food and other necessities for his family.

It was hard for him to ask for help, but with nowhere else to turn, he did. Catholic Charities found him a specialist who assessed the family's needs and directed them to appropriate resources in their community. He went to his Parish Outreach, where his family received food that allowed them to make it through the month. Paul and his family received the help they so desperately needed.

Today, Paul is back to work and the family is doing well. *"I am so thankful that I know there is somewhere I can turn, where there are people that care, people I can talk to, if I am ever in such a situation again,"* shared Paul.

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religious schools shouldn't be punished simply because of their beliefs about marriage and biological sex. Government overreach by the Biden administration continues to victimize women, girls, and people of faith by gutting their legal protections, and it must be stopped."

LITURGY


Today is the feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ which celebrates the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. Today is also the beginning of our Year of Eucharistic Revival in all parishes in America. This is the middle year of a three-year Revival, the first of which was sort of preparatory at the national and diocesan levels. The third year will focus on how we can extend our faith to others as a missionary Church.

Why do we need a Revival? A study completed before the pandemic found that less than 40% of Catholics said they attended Mass weekly, and post-pandemic attendance is even lower. And similar surveys discovered that roughly 70% of Catholics felt that the bread and wine received at the Eucharist only symbolized the Body and Blood of Christ. That is contrary to the doctrine of the Catholic Church. There is a long history behind this, but here is the basic doctrine from the CCC "By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation." (CCC, 1376). So we need a Revival both to reinforce the understanding of the doctrine of the Real Presence in the Eucharist as well as to encourage people to return to the Mass and the Eucharist. But don't get discouraged by the numbers I cited. They are not new. In fact, the problem is similar to the genesis of the feast we are celebrating today. It goes back to 1264 when Pope Urban IV, with the assistance of St. Thomas Aquinas, created a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

And just how did this come about? The circumstances were a bit like today. The culture in the Church at the

time was ripe for a renewal of Eucharistic theology and practice. In the 13th century, Eucharistic reception among the faithful had plummeted for many reasons. And a little-known saint took up the cause. St. Juliana (1192-1258, feast day April 6), a Norbertine sister in Belgium, had been experiencing visions telling her of the necessity for a liturgical feast in honor of the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. Given the culture of the early 13th century, there was nothing she could do about accomplishing this on her own, but in addition to a few members of her monastery, she had confided in two other individuals about the visions, both of whom proved to be helpful in bringing its establishment to fruition. The first of these was Juliana's confessor, John of Lausanne, who worked with her to compose a liturgy of the hours to celebrate this feast which was accepted by their diocesan bishop in Liege who approved the texts and authorized the celebration of the feast locally. Then, after Juliana's death, Blessed Eva of Liège, from the parish attended by St. Juliana and the second of her confidantes, contacted Pope Urban IV with the request to celebrate the feast throughout the universal Church. He had been a priest in Liège and was familiar with St. Juliana's visions and their meaning. And so, in 1264, he established the solemnity of Corpus Christi, the first obligatory universal feast to be imposed by a pope. He then assigned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose new liturgical texts for the feast. Not only did this promulgation come at a time when the Eucharistic reception and practice needed to be revived, but also when scholastics debated (again) the doctrine of the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist. St. Thomas, the fifth Doctor of the Church (and the first so recognized after the original four), became the leading defender of the doctrine supporting the Real Presence, writing the philosophical backbone of the Church's Eucharistic doctrine by defining transubstantiation.

The debate surrounding transubstantiation dates back to the earliest years of the Church. It is certainly a true Mystery, both in the dictionary meaning of the word, and in the theological sense. But it is a foundational belief of our faith, and just like in the 13th century, we find ourselves challenged by falling attendance and a lack of faith. We got past it then. Hopefully this Eucharistic Revival will help us resolve some of our current issues.



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Thank you God for my Dad and for all father's who lead their children in truth. I pray ask that from your glorious riches, Lord, that you will strengthen his faith and root him in your love. May he be filled with the fullness of knowledge of you Lord and continue to use their understanding to bless others. In Jesus' Name, amen.



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Don't Forget Your Baby Bottle!



The Life Center is a pregnancy care center that consults with women and men who are experiencing an unplanned pregnancy. Did you know that they provide?

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- ✓ Medical care referrals
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We are asking that you pick up a baby bottle and fill it with your donation.
(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

PLEASE RETURN THE BOTTLES ON JUNE 17TH AND 18TH

Most importantly, we are asking you to recite the prayer attached to the baby bottle. Prayers bring about something very powerful at the Life Center... a change of a mother's heart! We believe these prayers lead abortion-minded women to reach out to the Life Center in the beginning of their pregnancy.

Prayers also spiritually equip our consultants at the Life Center to say just the right words a mother or father may need to hear with hope of choosing the gift of life for their baby.

Let us pray for the conversion of a mother's heart to give the gift of life to her preborn baby!



NEW MONTH PRAYER AND BLESSINGS



In this new month, may God walk through your house and take away all worries, sadness, illnesses, anxieties, and financial burdens.

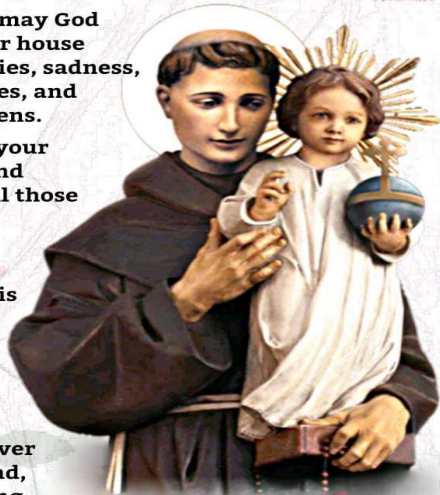
May He watch over your family, friends and loved ones, and heal all those who are sick.

May He bring peace where there is chaos, bring love where there is hatred, bring understanding where there is disharmony, and restore hope in your heart.

May He reverse whatever that will make you sad, and hasten everything that will make you happy.



May God give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed this month, in Jesus name, Amen.



Ermen Okaka



Spring 2023 Liturgical Catechesis



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THE MASS - STEP BY STEP LITURGY EXPLAINED

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Tuesday, June 20, 2023
Liturgy of the Eucharist Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
Mass Concluding Rites Explained
Curé of Ars, Merrick

All sessions begin at 7:30 pm and take place in the Church.

Curé of Ars Church
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If you have not previously registered, advance registration is preferred. Please contact the Western Vicariate office with your name, parish, email address and phone number.
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September 2023 Session: Limited Space Available
Class Meets:

Tuesdays: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM or 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday activities are the same -
Please only register for 1 day

Dates Program Runs:

Tuesdays: September 19, 2023 - December 12, 2023
Thursdays: September 14, 2023 - December 14, 2023

Cost: \$175.00

Location:

St. Aidan School (Lower School)
525 Willis Avenue

If you are interested, please mail completed form and payment to
Saint Aidan School 525 Willis Avenue, Williston Park, NY 11596 Attn: "Just We Two"
If you have any questions, please call us at 516-746-6585 ext. 202 or
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Saint Aidan School

September 2023: Registration Form Just We Two (Cost: \$175)

Please indicate 1st and 2nd choice:

Tuesday ____ 9:00 AM-10:30 AM Tuesday ____ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
Thursday ____ 9:00 AM-10:30 AM Thursday ____ 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
(Tuesday and Thursday activities are the same)

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Address: _____

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REGISTRATION 2023-2024: Registration for the new school year will open with Early Bird weekend, beginning at 12:01AM Friday, June 23rd and ending at 11:59PM on Monday, June 26th. Registration information will be posted at least one week ahead of time at staidanparish.org/ff. Follow the registration prompts. A generous tuition discount will be offered during early bird online registration only. Registration for all returning students will end on Friday, August 18th. Placement will be on a first come, first serve basis and seating is very limited. Therefore, it is anticipated that some day/time choices in particular grades may even close during early bird. Our webpage will post closed sections throughout the registration period as the information becomes available to us.

On-going Communication: Please visit our webpages at staidanparish.org/ff for updates throughout the school year.

Office Hours: The office is open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 2PM to 7PM, Thursdays by appointment only, and closed on Fridays.

Transferring Families: Parents should call the Faith Formation Office at (516) 746-6585 x405 as soon as possible. Baptismal certificates are required for all transferring students. Transfer students grade 2 and up must also submit a Letter of Transfer from the previous Religious Education program attended.

HELP US PASS ON THE FAITH IN 2023-2024: Please consider volunteering as a

catechist for the 2023-2024 school year so that every child will have a seat in our fully in-person Religious Education program. During this past school year, our enrollment was much higher than expected and staffing so many classes was a huge challenge. Every class offered must have at least one catechist. If you are concerned about the commitment by yourself, please think about teaching a class with a friend. Co-teaching works well because each co-teacher covers for the other and the children come to know both catechists. Co-teaching can be a very rewarding experience for all involved and would help us provide classes for more children. Our catechists include high school and college students, parents, grandparents, family friends of some of the students, and many dedicated parishioners who love being Catholic and want to share their faith with children. Please call the Faith Formation Office at x405 for additional information. Training and mentoring are provided, and the materials are easy to follow. Substitute catechists and hall monitors are also needed. NO previous experience is needed. Materials and lesson plans are provided for all substitutes. Thank you for your consideration.

2023-2024 School Year Grade 1: Anyone who has a child entering grade 1 in September 2023 should call the Faith Formation Office at 516-746-6585 x405 to give us your contact information so you will receive registration information when it becomes available later in the spring. We are also asking all parishioners to help spread the word to any Catholic families in our area who will have a 1st grade child in the fall. Thank you for your assistance!

Multisensory Religious Education: The Multisensory Program serves children who would benefit from a smaller class setting due to a wide variety of challenges. This program meets on Thursdays. If you or someone you know has a child who may benefit from this

type of program, please contact the Director at (516)746-6585x406 or esmith@staidanparish.org. The Multisensory Program requires a substantial amount of staffing. If you would like to learn more about how you can help, please contact the Director at x406.

Service Opportunity: The Multisensory program is always looking for a few dedicated high school teens or local college students to make a commitment to assist in the program during the school year. No experience is necessary. If you want to learn more, please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org for more information. Teens must be available on Thursday afternoons. This is a great opportunity for any teen who may be considering a career in Nursing, Teaching, Counseling, Psychology, Social Work, Occupational, Speech, or Physical Therapies. Service documentation, college recommendation letters, and scholarship letters are provided. Please consider joining us for the 2023-2024 school year.

GRADE 7 AND 8 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REMINDERS FOR ALL CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

REGARDLESS OF SCHOOLS ATTENDED: As of April 20th, all Confirmation packet assignments should have been submitted except for the Grade 8 Service Report, which is due in June 28th.. Please be sure that all the work for each submission date is stapled together and the student's name is on each page. All service reports should have service documentation verifications attached.

Grade 8 FOR ALL: Confirmation Registration Forms and Sponsor Testimony Forms were due stapled together on Feb. 16th. For those whose forms are still outstanding, please be sure the sponsor forms are signed and stamped with the parish seal from the sponsor's home parish. Sponsor Forms

cannot be accepted without the home parish seal and authorized signature.

RCIA/OCIA: If you or someone you know has ever been curious about what the Catholic Church believes and teaches; our parish is here for you! Whether you grew up in a different religion or not raised in any religion, there is a great way to get your curiosity satisfied and your questions answered. Please call (516)746-6585 x406 or email esmith@staidanparish.org.

FAMILY MASS: Please Help Family Mass! Family Mass is looking for more adults to assist in supervising the young people who volunteer each week. It takes very little time and/or training. Supervising volunteers can sign up for whatever Sunday dates work best with their schedules. Please consider helping our young Confirmation candidates to continue to assist at Family Mass. They need us to support them. Anyone 18 or older may volunteer. If you can help, please contact esmith@staidanparish.org.

Family Mass: Connecting Church and Home! Today, is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ often referred to by the Latin words, Corpus Christi. Even though we are back in Ordinary Time, the liturgical color today is white, the church's color of great celebration and joy.

In today's gospel, (John 6: 51-58), Jesus declares, "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." Today, Catholics world-wide celebrate a most important part of our faith: Jesus gave himself to us as our source of life. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We should remember this every time we receive Holy Communion/Eucharist at Mass.

Imagine the shock of people who heard this teaching! Could they have been thinking that Jesus was preaching cannibalism? In Jesus' time, bread had much more significance than it has today. People ate the basics as there weren't the many options we have today. The women spent a good amount of their time making and baking bread. Consequently, bread was the staple of the ordinary diets of that time and the whole standard of living was survival. Therefore, bread truly and directly satisfied human physical hunger and

sustained life. Jesus describing Himself as "the living bread from heaven" was surely a controversial was undoubtedly very difficult for those early disciples to grasp. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "Jesus is the surest sign of God's love for his Creation. By coming among us, Jesus destroyed the breach between God and Creation. He is the fulfillment of God's covenant, and he is the new eternal covenant. In the Eucharist, Jesus is truly present in the form of bread and wine. Those who eat his Body and drink his Blood are united to Christ and form one body. Communion in the Body and Blood of Christ renews, strengthens, and deepens their baptismal unity with the Church."(CCC,1329, 1396) Children understand the need for food. From birth, an infant will cry until he/she is fed. When people become hungry, they are uncomfortable and when their hunger is not satisfied with food, the discomfort escalates. We all know how wonderful we feel when our need for nourishment is fulfilled. The concept of eating to grow and live is innately placed in each human being. Children also understand what it means to participate in a meal. They know they will interact with those around the table, have their physical need for food satisfied, and experience being part of an important group. There should be an intimacy that becomes established around the family table, and this should be a very positive experience for children.

The idea of gathering around the table of the Lord is a commonly used term and image in First Communion preparation. As members of God's family, we gather around God's table every time we go to Mass to receive the most precious gift God can give us, His Son, Jesus Christ. As Catholics we believe that the Eucharist is the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. There is never a time in this life that we are closer to Jesus than when we receive Him in Holy Communion. As all foods we eat do, Holy Communion when eaten becomes part of us! With younger children, visit the church when it is quiet and point out the tabernacle explaining that this is where we put the Eucharist. We genuflect or profoundly bow when passing by the tabernacle to remind ourselves that we are small before the greatness of God. Also point out the sanctuary light that lets us know

Jesus, who is the Light of the World, is truly present in the tabernacle. Let children make little posters or pictures with some symbols of the Eucharist such as the chalice, the host, and the tabernacle. Talk about the expression, "You are what you eat!" Explain that when we receive Jesus in Holy Communion, we must become like Jesus just as food becomes part of us. So, we must become more like Jesus since Jesus is our close friend and savior. We must build up the Kingdom of God by our loving actions. If you personally know a Eucharistic Minister, ask that person to explain that ministry to the children. Eucharistic ministers help distribute Holy Communion at Mass and bring the Eucharist to people who are at home, unable to attend Mass because they are sick or elderly. This is a way to care for others, who also love Jesus. Have children make cards for family members or neighbors who are shut ins. Encourage children to pray for these folks every day. If possible, Share a loaf of bread during a family meal. Say a prayer asking God's blessing and thanking Him for the bread. Then pass the loaf around and let each family member tear off a piece. Remind children that we are all one body in Jesus and enjoy the bread together.

Finally, we are having a Eucharistic procession following a shorter Family Mass today. If possible, attend as a family and walk in the short procession. Honor Jesus in the Eucharist on this most joyful day! Remember, children learn what they live!

St. Aidan's Family Mass

Please join us each week at the 10:30AM Mass. Take advantage of the selection of children's worship materials.

Coming Events:

June 11th Procession for Corpus Christi. All children are invited to participate.

First Communion children are encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits! Come adore Jesus!

June 18th: Father's Day. Bring dad to Mass!



We welcome your ideas and suggestions. Please email us at: Faith.Formation@staidanparish.org.



I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I AM THE BREAD SUZANNE TOOLAN, RSM

I am the bread of life
He who comes to me
shall not hunger;
He who believes in me
shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him
up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of
the world and he who eats
of this bread,
he shall live forever. **R:**



PSALM PSALM 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20



ALLELUIA

I AM the living bread that
came down from heaven,
says the Lord; whoever eats
this bread will live forever.

SHEPHERD OF SOULS

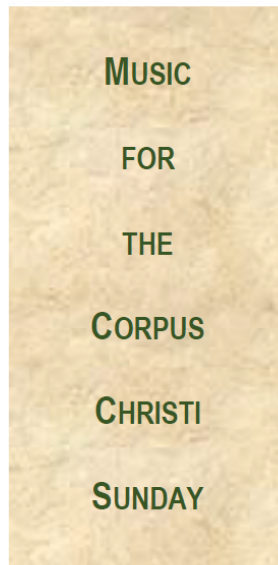
ST. AGNES JOHN BACCHUS DYKES (1823-1876)

Shepherd, of souls,
refresh and bless
Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
But by Your word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
But do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Your table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine;
Your Body and Your Blood,
That living bread, that heav'nly wine,
Be our immortal food.



EAT THIS BREAD

TAIZE

JACQUES BERTHIER (1923 - 1994)

Eat this bread, drink this Cup,
Come to Me and never be hungry.
Eat this Bread, drink this Cup. Trust
in Me and you will not thirst.

I am the Bread of Life, the true Bread
sent from the Father. **R:**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but
this is the Bread come down from heaven. **R:**

Eat My flesh and drink My blood
and I will raise you up on the last day. **R:**

Anyone who eats this Bread
will live forever. **R:**

AVE VERUM CORPUS

AVE VERUM

W. A. MOZART (1756-1791)

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine

Cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING

ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of
thanksgiving, to God the creator
triumphantly raise.

Who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us onto
The end of our days.

His banners are o'er us,
His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished
As forward we travel
from light into light..

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 DT 8:2-3, 14B-16

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD. "Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 147

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
Glorify the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
He has granted peace in your borders; with the best of wheat he fills you. He sends forth his command to the earth; swiftly runs his word!

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.
He has proclaimed his word to Jacob, his statutes and his ordinances to Israel. He has not done thus for any other nation; his ordinances he has not made known to them. Alleluia.

R. Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

READING 2 1 COR 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

GOSPEL JN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "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." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. 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. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

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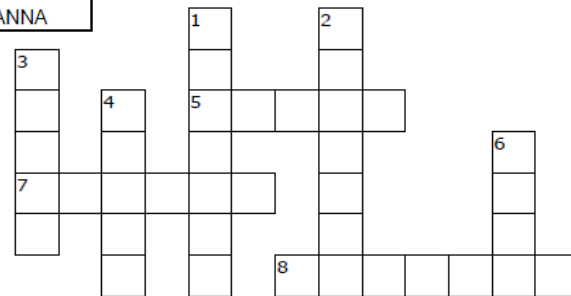
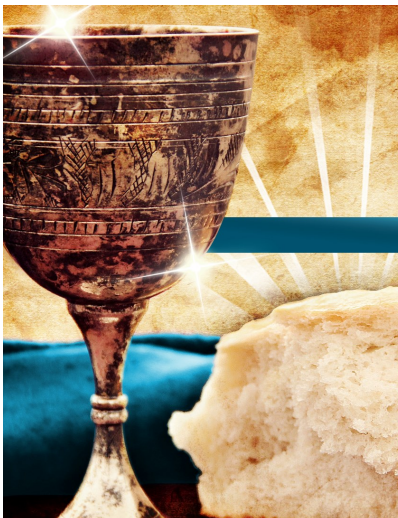
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*"I am
the living
bread."*

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LIFE	FLESH	DESERT	LIVING	JESUS
EVERLASTING	HEAVEN	TRUTH	BELIEVE	MANNA



ACROSS

5. To gain knowledge through experience or study
7. To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
8. A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example

DOWN

1. To accept as true or real
2. For everlasting time; eternally
3. The earth with its inhabitants
4. The Son of God
6. To continue to be alive

LIVE	BELIEVE	FOREVER	PROPHET
LEARN	LISTEN	WORLD	JESUS

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The Story of the Eucharist

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