

This is my Body

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June 22, 2025 | Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ
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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, June 21

8:00am Deceased members

of Jedd and Feik

**Families** 

5:00pm †Arnold Kumorek

Sunday, June 22

6:45am †Barbara Jungels 8:30am †Peter Bogusz 10:30am Dec. Member:

Sherry Family

12:30pm †Paciana Reyes 4:30pm People of SSPP 7:00pm †Anne Smith

Monday, June 23

6:45am Int. Susan Olinger 8:00am †Isabelle Wagner 5:15pm †Jeanne Kamps

Tuesday, June 24

6:45am †Carlos Simbulas 8:00am Sagen Family 5:15pm †George Olinger

Wednesday, June 25

6:45am Int. Claire Baek 8:00am †Delores Quinn 5:15pm †Harold Crandall

Thursday, June 26

6:45am †Donald O'Connor 8:00am †Margaret Trunk 5:15pm †Kathleen Rost

Friday, June 27

6:45am Int. Kaylee Baek 8:00am †Arnold Kumorek

Saturday, June 28

8:00am †Joyce Hartung 5:00pm †Joseph Limano



#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday—Thursday

6:45am, 8:00am and 5:15pm

**Friday** 

6:45am and 8:00am

Saturday

8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday

6:45am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

& 7:00pm

**Tridentine (Latin) Mass** 

4:30pm

# RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Held in Holy Family Chapel located in the Ministry Center

Monday

4:15pm - 5:15pm

Thursday

11:00am - 12 noon

Saturday

3:00pm - 5:00pm

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Held in the St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the St. Paul Center (Access code needed after hours)

**Adoration Hours-**

Sunday at 5pm-Saturday at 5pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30am - 4:00pm

Friday

8:30am - Noon





## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

ear Parish Family,

Blessings to you as we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi - The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ! Throughout the ages the Church has witnessed to and lived the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. The Saints, throughout the ages have added their voices: Saint John Bosco said, "there are two things the devil is deadly afraid of... fervent Communions and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament." Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "We must not separate our life from the Eucharist. The moment we do so, something shatters." Pope Saint John Paul challenged all of us to put faith into action... "The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration."

This weekend as we celebrate the Lord Jesus, really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist, we hold our annual Corpus Christi Procession after the 12:30pm Mass. Following the Procession, everyone is invited to a reception on the front lawn of the Ministry Center [weather permitting]. This weekend, we also welcome Father Michael Lane, the Pastor of Queen of Apostles Parish in Joliet. In the 1980's Father Lane was a young, beloved associate here at Saints Peter and Paul. Throughout his life as a priest of the Diocese of Joliet, Father Lane has been instrumental in establishing, maintaining and encouraging Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in churches and chapels throughout the Diocese. He will speak at all masses this weekend on Adoration, and encourage everyone to sign-up for a specific hour of Adoration in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Please welcome Father Lane and be attentive to his message. Our ultimate goal, here at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, is to re-establish Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Saint Francis of Assisi Adoration Chapel. Let's give the Lord our first and our best!

Today's feast is meant to highlight and focus our attention on this great gift, the gift of God Himself to us. Nothing is more important to the life of the Church, to the life of Saints Peter and Paul Parish, than the Eucharist, and the celebration of the Liturgy. They are the center of our Catholic Faith, our Parish, and our lives as Catholics... the Eucharist and the celebration of the sacred Liturgy is the source and summit of the true Christian spirit. I truly believe that our first, our best, our most special and our highest regard should be with our church, our liturgy, and the celebration of the Sacraments. Generous donations have been received, and continue to come in, for the repair and restoration of our Altar of Sacrifice. God comes first, and we must attend to the broken Altar in our church. I want to thank all those who have so quickly and generously responded to the parish's appeal to provide funds to restore



and repair the Altar of Sacrifice, refinish the wood floor under the pews of the church, and refinish the church pews and replace the kneelers in our church. If you have yet to make your gift, please do so in the coming week. I would like to have the needed \$500,000 "in hand" by July 1st so that the repairs to our beautiful church can begin. Information regarding the project can be found on our parish website and in the Sunday Bulletin.

You've heard me say, and I truly believe: GOD COMES FIRST! If God doesn't come first, we are lost. If we attend to Him, give Him our first and our best, then everything else will come. If it doesn't, He didn't want it for us. The Feast of Corpus Christi is all about giving the Lord our first and our best. It's about focusing our attention on the *Real Presence of Christ*, and recognizing the Gift that is given... finding, recognizing and honoring our *Real Treasure!* 

As we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, I want to once again encourage every single parishioner to make a habit of stopping in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel [located behind the church in the Saint Paul Center]. Spend some time with Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament. Simply sit in His presence and ask Him to increase your faith and love. You'll see... if you are quiet enough, and sit with him often, for a while... He will speak to your heart and fill you with great love, peace, and a desire for Him. It is in the "discipline of the silence" that you will be able to hear and distinguish His voice from the many voices we hear in this troubled world. Your faith will come alive, giving you the courage to do His will.

The Lord is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament, don't disappoint Him. Make the effort, to give Him your first and your best. Give Him your heart, and He will give you Heaven. If we are going to grow in our love for someone, and deepen our relationship with them, we have to spend time with the one we say we love. It's that way in our relationship with the Lord. To love Him, we have to know Him, and to know Him we have to be with Him. Not only should we spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, but we should also be especially attentive to our reception of Holy Communion at Mass — recognizing the gift we receive. The Eucharist is our greatest treasure. Today as we celebrate this feast in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, let's pray for a greater faith, love, and desire for Jesus, who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

Blessings to you, and all those you love!



Father De Salvo

#### The Sick

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

Linda Gentzen Dennis Gorecki Jim Gratzke Rita Guill Lynn Higgins Penny Holtz Bob Hoole Tori Hudgins Chris Johnson Sarah Kukulski Edmund Kurzawa James Lohse Michael Luft Joseph Marchese Christine Marra Mike Marra Sam Marra Lynne McConaghy Samuel Mulay Jillian Navarro Iohn Pisut Carter Polizzi

Carolyn Preston Joy Quinn Ramona Race Walter Rafacz Lauren Reirson Gina Rovito Betty Ryan Mary Sagen Pilar Salazar Dr. Derek Speten Randall Stall Barbara Strugalla Marty Szczech Nancy VanderHye Marino Verdico Theodore Weber Matthew Weidner Iim Weidner Pam Willis Janis Wozniak Kristin Zwirkoski

Prayers for the sick and for our beloved dead are included in every Mass celebrated in our church, and are in the daily prayers of our priests. If you would like the name of a family member or friend included in the list published in our Sunday Bulletin, please call Kayla Knisley at 630-718-2131. When adding someone to the list of the sick, please make sure you have permission from the person you want listed, before you call us to add their name. The list of the deceased will ordinarily carry the names of those who were buried from our church that past week, or will be buried from our church the coming week. Ordinarily, names of the sick will be kept on for three months. The publishing of the names in the Sunday Bulletin will be the ordinary way to request prayers for specific loved ones.



#### **Prayers for our Beloved Deceased**

We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of

Francis Jungels

#### Please Remember in Prayer Those Serving in the Military

U.S. Air Force
Sgt. Cory Bassett
Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns
2nd Lt. Daniel Caddigan
Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain
Lt. Theodore M. Jackson
Master Sgt. Mike McDonnell
Sgt. Zachary McKenty
Sr. Airman Patrick Neis
Sr. Airman Daniel Shea
Sr. Airman Amanda Shea
Sgt. Dan Steenstra

U.S. Army PFC Sam Allard Major Angelo Bartocci PVT Justin Bielefeld SPC Ryan Bridgman Captain Michael Caddigan Major John J. Case Major Sydney Case Major Eileen Cassidy Major Mary Cassidy Major Tom Crane SPC Joshua Adam Demerin Captain Reilly Dougherty Col. Edward Fisher 2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame Sgt. Nick Gedvilas Major Thomas E. Goerling SPC Trevor Gomoll SPC Jarred Hampton Lt. Col. Sean Hermick Sgt. Kellen Jones SPC Mark Keough Lt. Colonel Stephen Laz 1st Lt. Connor Mulhere SPC Steven Powell Col. Michael Predny Captain Daniel Rickert 1st Lt. David Rickert

Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht SPC John August Sopuch IV

lst Lt. Winnie Springer

1st Lt. Samuel Wehrli

2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper

Sgt. Craig Vladika

LCDR Thomas Bock
LTJG Brian Conlisk
LCDR Dustin Flaum
Captain Anthony Giglio
Ensign Nicholas Jacobs
Captain Michael Jelinek
CDR Tom Kuhrt
Commander Chris Kurgan
Lt Andrew Parent
LCDR Patrick Marsh
SN Jenny McLaughlin
LCDR Caleb Moore
LCDR Kasey Scheel
LCDR Matthew Scheel
Ensign Michael Schmitz

U.S. Navv

U.S. Marine Corps CPL BJ Boren CWO2 John Crites Major Donald J. Carlsen Sgt. Richard DiBiaso PFC Jonathon Dragovan Sgt. Luke Focer 1st Lt. Robert Gortner 2nd Lt. Eric Hovey Sgt. Ivan Karamysev Major Pete Keough Corporal Joseph Murray LCPL Matthew Prasse LCPL Maddox Ritter Corporal Luke Russell Corporal Joseph Taylor PVT Chris Vazquez

U.S. Air National Guard LTC Scott Paeth

U.S. Coast Guard SR John Aabram P.D. John McNellis

U.S. Space Force Major Nick DuPre

To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at www.welcomeyouhome.org

#### **Daily Readings**

Sunday

Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17

Monday

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Wednesday

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday

 $Gn\ 16:1-12,\ 15-16\ or\ 16:6b-12,\ 15-16/Ps\ 106:1b-2,\ 3-4a,\ 4b-5/Mt\ 7:21-29$ 

Friday

Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

#### Mary — Mother of the Eucharist... Pray for us!

Archbishop William E. Lori — Archbishop of Baltimore

Who better to help us grow in our understanding and love of the Eucharist than Mary, the Mother of our Lord and *the sanctuary of the Holy Spirit*. Although the Blessed Virgin Mary was not present at the Last Supper, she remains for all time **The Woman of the Eucharist**, as Saint Pope John Paul II called her in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*.

We know from the Acts of the Apostles that Mary was present at the earliest celebrations of the Mass (2:42), and the Eucharist is never celebrated without invoking her name in the communion of saints. But Mary's role in the Eucharist goes deeper. Mary conceived the Word of God in her sinless heart before she carried him in her womb. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived physically the one whom we receive, "Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity," each time we go to Communion. As she carried Jesus in her womb to visit her cousin Elizabeth, Mary "became in some way a 'tabernacle' — the first 'tabernacle' in history" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 55).

More than anyone else, Mary followed her son and embodied the kingdom of the Beatitudes that he preached. She stood beneath the cross, sharing in her son's sacrifice, her soul pierced with sorrow. She received the good news of the resurrection with joy and prayed with the apostles as the Holy Spirit descended at Pentecost. She stored in her heart the living memory of Jesus and his saving deeds, which the Church remembers and re-presents every time the Eucharist is celebrated. Mary, who assented to the mysteries of Christ, teaches us to say "Amen!" to the mysteries in which we are so privileged to share at every Mass.

When we meditate on the Institution of the Eucharist, and celebrate the great mystery Christ gives us in the Eucharist [as we do on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi], we ask Mary to intercede for us, so that we may enter into the glory of this great mystery of faith.

Let us ask Mary, from her place in the



heavenly liturgy, to help us love the Eucharist and give thanks. And let us beg her intercession for the many Catholics who absent themselves from this mystery, which is indeed "the source and summit" of the Church's life.

#### A History of Today's Feast

Many centuries had passed before there was any distinct feast in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. And in the 13th century, when Our Lord chose that it should be instituted, He had recourse to a simple nun in a vision to be the instrument of this devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Thomas Aquinas was living then, and



so was King St. Louis, but God chose neither the learning of the one nor the royal power of the other to be the means of executing His desire.

From the age of 16, Saint Juliana of Liège (1193-1252), recurrently received the same vision when she knelt in prayer: A brilliant moon continually appeared before her with one small portion obscured and invisible. That Belgian canoness in the Augustinian Convent of Mont Cornillon tried in vain to chase the vision away. Finally Our Lord Himself came to explain it to her. He said it was to show that the liturgical year of the Church would remain incomplete until the Blessed Sacrament had a feast of its own, and He wished it to be instituted for the following reasons: First, in order that Catholic doctrine might receive a strengthening from the institution of this feast at a time when the faith of the world was growing cold and heresies were rife. Second, the faithful who love and seek truth and piety could draw from this source of life new strength and vigor to walk continually in the way of virtue. Third, irreverence and sacrilegious behavior toward the Divine Majesty in the Blessed Sacrament might, by sincere and profound adoration, be expiated and repaired. Then He bade her to announce to the Christian world His will that this feast should be observed. Fearful, St. Juliana asked the Lord to be released from the charge. Our Lord answered her that the solemn devotion which He ordered to be observed was to be begun by her and to be propagated by the poor and lowly.

For 20 years the secret lay hidden in Juliana's heart; she dared not reveal it to anyone, and yet an interior impulse urged her on so that she could not forget it. So terrible was her repugnance for the mission assigned to her that she shed tears of blood over it. At length she imparted the mission to her confessor, and with her permission he consulted others, especially Father James de Threzis, Archdeacon at the Cathedral of Liège. This priest was afterwards elected Bishop of Verdun, then Patriarch of Jerusalem and, at last, Pontiff of Rome, being called Urban IV. The Corpus Christi feast and procession entered the Church calendar in the 13th century. Throughout her life, she continued to spread devotion to the Eucharist among the simple and poor people she encountered, constantly seeking to win-over priests, bishops, and the educated classes. After Juliana's death, Pope Urban IV, who was favorable to the feast, was asked to extend the devotion to the entire Church. The Eucharistic miracle of Orvieto in 1263 was instrumental in his final decision favoring the installation of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena while on a pilgrimage to Rome. At that time this priest was suffering a crisis of faith, doubting that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina in the church named after this martyr, he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal (the small cloth used by the priest at the altar to place the chalice and host upon for consecration). At first the priest attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV was then residing. The Pope listened to the priest's account and dismissed him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the Diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. With Archbishops, Cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the Cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

Soon after the miracle of Orvieto Urban IV commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office for the feast day. As part of those texts, the great hymns (still used today), *Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris Hostia* were given to the Church. One year later, in August of 1264, Urban IV, instituted the feast of Corpus Christi for the universal Church. The triumph of the Blessed Sacrament was complete, and the devotion spread throughout the length and breadth of Europe. From that time [until after Vatican II], every church in a Catholic country, from the cathedral of a royal city to the most modest village chapel, kept the festival on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday. In the United States, the solemnity is moved to the Sunday following that day.



# St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

ATTENTION ALL VISITORS, SUBSTITUTES, FAMILY AND FRIENDS!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO OPEN OUR CHAPEL ON
SATURDAY EVENINGS AND SUNDAY!

Many people have been instrumental in keeping our Adoration chapel going for over 22 years (including during Covid), and we want to let you know there are plans for bringing back Saturday evening and Sunday if we can just get enough people to signup.

To accomplish this goal we need to fill the hours of Saturday at 5PM to Sunday at 5PM... 24 More Hours... 48 More People

Prayers for an opening start date of June 28/29, Feast of Saints Peter and Paul For more information go to sspeterandpaul.net/adoration

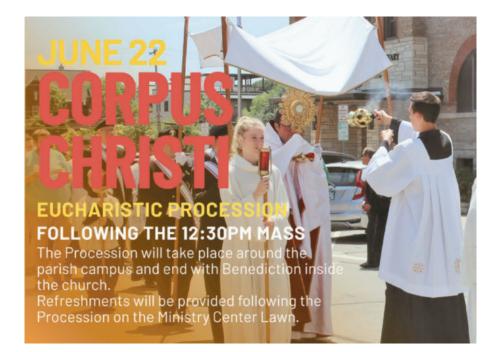
#### Corpus Christi Weekend June 21/22

This weekend, Fr. Michael Lane from Queen of the Apostles Catholic Church in Joliet will be preaching at all our Masses. He will speak on Eucharistic Devotion, inviting and challenging us to give the Lord an hour a



week, so that we can restore Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Adoration Chapel.

We also have sign up forms in the pews this weekend to commit to a weekly hour of Adoration. You can also use the form below to sign up!





# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SIGN-UP**

Yes! I accept the weekly call to prayer and holiness...

(Sign up as an individual or a family, ensuring that someone will be there for the specific hour of adoration, to which you commit. Please print clearly and **turn in this form by June 25**.)

Name:			
Email: _			
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Please circle the day(s) and hour(s) of Adoration you prefer.

Saturdays 5PM-6PM 6PM-7PM 7PM-8PM 8PM-9PM 9PM-10PM 10PM-11PM 11PM-12AM

Sundays 12AM-1AM 1AM-2AM 2AM-3AM 3AM-4AM 4AM-5AM 5AM-6AM

6AM-7AM 7AM-8AM 8AM-9AM 9AM-10AM 10AM-11AM 11AM-12PM

12PM-1PM 1PM-2PM 2PM-3PM 3PM-4PM 4PM-5PM

Please place your completed form in the Sunday Offering or sign up with the QR Code. Someone will reach out to you to confirm your selected day and time.



Sign up online!

For questions contact Kathy Durow at adorerkd@gmail.com or 630-818-7897.

O Sacred Banquet,
In which Christ is received,
The memory of His Passion is renewed,
The mind is filled with grace,
And a pledge of future glory is given to us.
Amen.

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the first "Tabernacle" in history, shows us and offers us Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life [John 14:6]. If the Church and the Eucharist are inseparably united, the same ought to be said of Mary and the Eucharist. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know that transforming power present in the Eucharist. In Her we see the world renewed in love! [Ecclesia de Eucharistia, #57, #62]



Come to Jesus in Adoration. He is waiting for you!

# Pope Saint John Paul II: The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

The solemnity of Corpus Christi is a feast of adoration, contemplation, and exaltation. This is a sublime and ineffable mystery. The Mystery before which one remains spellbound and silent, in an attitude of profound ecstatic contemplation. In the Sacrament of the altar, all the depth of the mystery of Christ is offered for our loving contemplation... In His Body and His Blood the invisible face of Christ, the Son of God, is revealed.

By the Eucharistic Bread we nourish ourselves in order to become authentic witnesses of the Gospel. We need this bread in order to grow in love, an indispensable condition for recognizing the face of Christ in the face of one's brethren. It is necessary to journey *setting out anew* from Christ, that is, from the Eucharist. We journey with generosity and courage, seeking communion within our ecclesial community and dedicating ourselves with love to humble and selfless service toward all, especially the most needy."

"May Christians, reinvigorated by His Body and by His Blood, show Christ to all with their way of life — with their unity, with their joyful faith... with their goodness!"

# GET INVOLVED AT SAINTS PETER & PAUL Are you looking for a way to grow in faith, serve others, and build community? Join one of our parish ministries! Browse through our many ministries by scanning the QR code or going to sspeterandpaul.net/our-ministries Parish Life Liturgy and Worship Adult Faith Formation Christian Service PETER PAUL CARRENT PAUL CARRENT PAUL

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#### Come, Let Us Adore Him

Archbishop William E. Lori — Archbishop of Baltimore

The Eucharist is the *source and summit* of the true Christian life and spirit. As Catholics, we are a Church centered on the Eucharist. And each year we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This great feast, also known as *Corpus Christi*, is an invitation for us to encounter the Lord more deeply in the Eucharist. It is also a grace-filled opportunity for us to renew our understanding and love of this sacrament, for it is the most powerful and effective way to enter into the presence of Jesus and encounter his love for us.

At the heart of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist is a wonderful and consoling truth. The Lord Jesus, the Son of God who became one of us, preached the Good News, died and rose to save us, and is now exalted at the Father's right hand, remains with us in this sacrament. By the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the words of consecration uttered by the priest, bread and wine are completely changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Although the appearances of bread and wine remain after the consecration, they are no longer such but rather the living personal Presence of Christ, crucified, risen and exalted. We call this miracle that takes place on our altars "transubstantiation." This is how Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink so as to nourish our souls.

Even after Mass has ended, Jesus remains with us in the tabernacles of our churches. For this reason, the Church lovingly invites us not only to attend Mass but also to take part in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and to take time to pray before the Eucharist reserved in the tabernacle, and in our adoration chapels.

As St. John Paul II once wrote, "The Church and the world have great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go and meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1380). Once we have welcomed the Eucharistic Lord into the depths of our hearts, nothing remains the same. Christianity becomes not a sideline but a way of life. What we say and what we do, the choices we make, the way we treat others — most especially the poor and the troubled — all are shaped by our repeated encounters with the Lord. United deeply to Christ our life, we commit ourselves to the Church's mission of spreading the Gospel. We see the Church not merely as an institution but as the Body of Christ, of which we are living members. We want everyone to know Jesus and to welcome him into their hearts. We want the Church to be strong and unified so that others may believe.

Who knows what graces will be ours as we unite in prayer before Jesus in the Eucharist? How many hearts will be touched with the truth and beauty of the Gospel? How many vocations to the priesthood and religious life will be fostered? How many sinners will he converted? How many sins atoned for? How many bodies and souls healed of physical and spiritual infirmities? How many lukewarm Christians converted into ardent followers of Christ?

# THE MASS EXPLAINED

#### The Mass: Secularism at Mass

To live and love our Catholic Faith, we have to know it!

Each week we will examine the mass, piece by piece, looking at all the elements that go into this great prayer, the greatest act of worship of the Roman Catholic Church.

The celebration of the Mass, the liturgy, is a foretaste and a participation in the Heavenly Liturgy. This ancient teaching, coming to us from the Apostles, is based on the words of the Book of Revelation. And, most devout practicing Catholics would agree with our recent Holy Fathers, at least in theory, that the beauty of the liturgy must be preserved and that secular elements must be shunned, so as not to distract from the worship of God. By trying to bring these more secular notions and trappings into the liturgy we are, in effect, saying that the liturgy — the ancient rituals of the Church — are not relevant, they don't matter, they have no meaning: I have to give the mass meaning, I have to make the human element the focus, since God doesn't matter... He's the backdrop we use to produce this emotional social/cultural event. I have to give meaning to the mass! And, of course, those secular notions are false and must be resisted so that the Church may remain faithful to Her Lord. God is not the backdrop for our emotions, no matter how strong or impassioned.

More and more in this secular age, weddings, baptisms, First Holy Communion, and Confirmations are being seen as mostly cultural or social events. Unfortunately, funerals are quickly going down the same path. For example, very few people today seem to understand the real purpose of a funeral. In an October, 2016 article, Monsignor Charles Pope (a popular Catholic author and Apologist) commented on the way in which we conduct ourselves at funerals, the manner of preaching at funerals, and other visible attitudes expressed at funerals. He points out that such secular inclusions not only teach poorly, but are often a countersign of biblical and Church teaching on death, judgment, Heaven, and Hell. Rather than honoring the dead, because of our emotions and needs, we end up offending proper piety and devotion.

There are many problems, both sociological, and liturgical, that combine to create an environment that not only obscures Catholic teaching on death, but often outright contradicts it. Monsignor Pope says: Not every family or parish exhibits all or even any of these problems I site as examples, BUT, they are common.

[1] There is basic confusion about the purpose of a funeral. Many people arrive at the parish to plan a funeral, presuming that the funeral should be all about "Uncle Joe," who he was, what he liked, etc. This leads to a series of requests, some of them inappropriate. For example: Uncle Joe's favorite song was My Way, so we want a soloist to sing it at the funeral. Uncle Joe had three favorite nieces who would each like to speak after Communion to say "a few words" about what a great uncle he was. Uncle Joe was a big football fan; he never missed a game. So we'd like to have flowers in the team colors and a football displayed on a table near the altar. We received a letter from the team's front office and we'd like to have it read in tribute after Communion (after the nieces). The priest should also, in the homily, remember to mention Joe's great concern for such-and-such cause, and he shouldn't forget to mention that he was a founding member here at St. Esmerelda's and was the president of the parish men's club. Requests can go on and on in an attempt to give meaning to the liturgy of the Church which a grieving person may or may not fully understand or appreciate.

Of course none of this is the real purpose of a funeral at all. However, like any celebration of the Sacred Liturgy, the Funeral Mass is primarily for the worship of God, the proclamation of the Gospel, and the celebration of the paschal mystery. Secondarily, the Mass is offered for the repose of the soul the deceased, inviting prayer for the mercy of God, the forgiveness of sins, the judgment he faces and for his ultimate and happy

repose after any necessary purification.

The sacred liturgy exists to glorify God, not man; to praise the Lord, not Uncle Joe. No matter how great a guy Uncle Joe was, he doesn't stand a chance if not for Jesus and His mercy. Uncle Joe needs prayer more than he needs praise. Whatever gifts he did have were from God. God should be thanked and praised for them. And we should remember that the things of this world are passing.

Too many funerals focus on man, not God. Too many funerals focus on human achievements rather than the need for grace, mercy, and gratitude for all that has been received.

[2] A step is skipped at most funerals. Upon the death of a loved one there is often the instant declaration that "He's in Heaven now." Sometimes it's worded a little differently: "She's in a better place" or "He's gone home." Of course such statements are grossly presumptive and in making such declarations, people attempt to sit in the judgment seat that belongs only to Jesus. If we were to say, "Uncle Joe is in Hell now," people would be justifiably angry and accuse us of being "judgmental." But of course those who say "Uncle Joe is in Heaven now" are doing the very same thing.

Further, Scripture doesn't teach that people, even believers, die and go straight to Heaven. No, there is little "pit stop" first, an appointment to keep. Scripture says, It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment (Hebrews 9:27). For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil (2 Cor 5:10). Always speak and act as those who are going to be judged under the law of liberty (James 2:13).

Thus instant promotion of the deceased to the realm of Heaven is inappropriate. Instead, we should give them to the Lord with our prayers, asking for a merciful and kindly judgment, and that any necessary purification be accomplished soon. The prayers for, and comments about, the deceased can include gratitude for their life and the gifts they brought. But we should never to fail to mention that the deceased goes to judgment and that we should pray for them, more than praise them. The whole point of praying for the dead is Purgatory! If the dead are in Heaven, then they don't need our prayers. Sadly, if they are in Hell, they can't use them either. It is those in Purgatory who both need and can use our prayers. Jesus said, You must be perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect (Mat 5:41). This is a promise, not a threat. And St. Paul said, May God who has begun a good work in you bring it to completion (Phil 1:16).

Most of us know that we are not perfect and that God's work in us in not complete. If we were to die today, God would still have some work to do in us. Purgatory just makes sense; clergy ought not to be so hesitant to preach it clearly, particularly at funerals. We are not just here to pray for the family; we are here to pray for the deceased because he or she has gone to judgment.

[4] The immediate family should not be the only object of concern and ministry at a funeral. While every priest and deacon who preaches is aware that a funeral is a sensitive moment for the family, he cannot minister only to them. Present at most funerals (most often in great abundance) are many who are unchurched and need to be called to Jesus. Often some of these people are in the immediately family of the deceased. Clergy should not let this opportunity pass. The only time many of us see a lot of these people is at funerals. Waiting for "another time" to call them to repentance and to follow Jesus should not be an option. They are here now and must be called now. Likewise, the liturgy, in all its beauty and dignity should be faithfully celebrated to proclaim our faith in Christ. After all, we preach Christ, not ourselves, and we are faithful to Him.

Using the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial, this is just one example of the age old adage: Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi (the law of worship is the law of belief). We need to make sure our worship reflects what/who we are and believe as Catholics — not our own individual interpretation of Catholicism.

# 2025 ALTAR AND CHURCH RESTORATION

#### The Altar

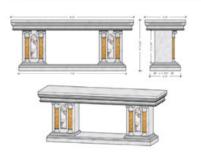
While the parish priests were performing the traditional washing of the Altars and sanctuary floor in preparation of the Good Friday Services, Father De Salvo discovered that all eight of the black marble supports/legs holding up the massive marble top of the Main Altar of Sacrifice in our church were shattered. The weight of the mensa [the top of the Altar], is too heavy to be supported by the eight marble pillars/legs of the Altar. Installed in the 1970s for the reformed liturgy, the Altar has failed.

#### Total cost to properly repair the Altar of Sacrifice in our Church:

\$59,200

Total cost to restore High Altar [Tabernacle Altar] and Baptismal Font:

\$82,400 [if available/provided]



Rendering of Restored Church Altar



Crack in Marble Altar leg



Temporary bracing system under the Altar

#### **Church Pews and Floors**

The pews in the church need refinishing. During the Covid shutdown, harsh chemicals were mandated to be used to sanitize the church. Because of this, the finish on the pews was ruined and must be replaced. Additionally, new kneelers need to be installed on the pews. They are more than 40 years old and are failing. Most importantly, the 100 year old wooden floor under the pews MUST be refinished. The old finish is completely worn. Sanding and refinishing the floors before further damage is done will save us the expense of completely replacing the wood floors under the pews.

Total cost to refinish/repair pews: \$274,000
Total cost of new kneelers: \$49,400
Total cost to refinish the wood floor: \$35,000
\*to totally replace the wood floor would be hundreds of thousands of dollars. Our 100 year floor has one more refinishing in it, saving us a lot of money.



Current floors in church



Torn Kneelers



Wood is faded and worn on pews in church

# **OUR GOAL!**

To make the necessary immediate repairs to our church... \$500,000 is the Total Parish Goal.

Please do what you can, allow the Lord to direct you in your generosity, and make your gift today. We have to have the funds in hand by July 1st so that the work can be done as soon as possible. Gifts received at the \$250 level or more will be included on a permanent scroll of names to be placed within the leg of the restored Altar.

# **GIVE ONLINE**

Scan the QR Code or go to sspeterandpaul.net /online-giving



#### **Pope Leo XIV Event**

On June 14, Saints Peter and Paul Parish's Sister Maryann Dosen, SSFCR joined with Sisters from her religious community, the School Sisters of Saint Francis of Christ the King from Lemont, at Cellular Field in Chicago to celebrate Mass with Cardinal Blase Cupich and 30,000 Catholics from the Chicago area. The Mass was held to celebrate the election of Pope Leo XIV, the first American Pope, and a South-Side native son. The Holy Father addressed the crowd with a special video message from the Vatican.



Sister Therese Ann and Sister Cindy pose "with" the Pope at the Mass



Sr. Therese Ann, Sister Provincial of the U.S. Province, Sr. Maryann, and Sister Cindy

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Actual Fiscal Year to Date Average Sunday Collections (47 Sundays) \$46,215



#### Offertory

Support the ongoing, operational needs at Saints Peter and Paul. As we gather to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, we are reminded that every blessing we receive is a gift from God. The Offertory is not only the presentation of bread and wine, but also a moment when we are invited to offer ourselves—our time, talents, and treasures—back to the Lord in gratitude.

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful stewardship. Your offerings support our parish ministries, outreach efforts, and the mission of Christ in our community. Make a gift online at speterandpaul.net/online-giving.



#### **Peter's Pence Second Collection Next Weekend**

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Francis. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please be generous.

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#### **Your Generosity Makes a Difference**

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Please look for the CMAA mailing in your mailbox or visit jolietdioceseappeal.org to learn more and make your gift. Thank you for your faithful generosity!



# **2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Weekly Dashboard Parish Report** Results through 6/15/2025

	2025	2024	Inc/Dec	2024 (Final)
Parish Goal	\$211,100	\$206,700	\$4,400	\$206,700
Amount Pledged	\$253,407	\$242,983	\$10,424	\$281,093
Amount Paid	\$240,036	\$214,219	\$25,817	\$278,702
Balance Due	\$13,370	\$28,764	(\$15,394)	\$2,391
Donors	479	547	-68	611
2025 Rebate	\$20,255			

# Are you Interested in Becoming Catholic? Or are you already baptized Catholic, but have not yet been Confirmed? Classes begin in August!

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. Participants can be those who are unbaptized and have no Christian background, or those who were baptized and raised in other Christian communities.

This class is also intended for baptized Catholics who have not yet been Confirmed. If you would like more information, please contact Michael Lewandowski, Director of Adult Catechesis and Evangelization, at 630-718-2156 or mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.





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Society of Saint Vincent dePaul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. Call 630-718-2127 to learn more or to request assistance.

#### **Respect Life at Planned Parenthood**

Join us every Monday from 2pm-3pm to pray the rosary at Planned Parenthood in Aurora (3051 E. New York St.).



# **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



#### **REGISTER NOW FOR 2025/2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!**

If you have a child in public school and have not registered them in Religious Education, we invite you to register! Registration packets can be downloaded from the RE page of the parish website or picked up in the RE Office.

The Diocese of Joliet requires two years of preparation prior to receiving a sacrament, which means that children typically start preparing for First Communion in 1st or 2nd grade. Those preparing for Confirmation must complete Grade 5 prior to entering PreConfirmation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! The following volunteer opportunities are available, and you don't need to have a child in the program to volunteer! Material, training, and support provided, as well as the opportunity to work with other amazing volunteers.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS 4:15 - 5:30 PM

Catechists and assistants needed for Eucharist 1, Eucharist 2, Grade 3 and Grade 4

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7:15 - 8:30 PM

Catechists and Assistants needed for PreConfirmation and Confirmation 1.

Safety monitors are needed for all sessions. Free childcare is available for the younger children of volunteers for the Wednesday 4:15 session.

For more information about registering or volunteering, contact the Religious Education office at 630-357-2436.



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> Saturday, June 21, 2025 Sts Peter and Paul Ministry Center

Come to hear and share stories about the many Eucharistic miracles that confirm our Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist. If you cannot join us in person a Zoom link will be emailed this week. Email us if you want to be added to our contact list.

#### **AGENDA**

6:15am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests 6:30am: Rosary in Holy Family Chapel 7:00am: Talk Theme: Our Living Daily Bread

7:15am: Small-group discussions 7:40am: Wrap up 7:50am: Closing prayer

8:00am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul Bring your own coffee and reflection guide (see email).

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#### Save the Date!

The celebration of the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Revival will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Sunday, July 13 beginning with the 10:30am Mass. After the Mass, Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this Mass

code for registration and more information!

#### **Jubilee Mass for Grandparents** and the Elderly

All grandparents and the elderly and their family members are invited to a special Jubilee Mass with Bishop Hicks at the Cathedral of St.

Raymond Nonnatus Sunday, October 4, 2025, at 11:00AM

and Eucharistic Procession.

Location: Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus,

604 N. Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL



604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL Registration Required Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the OR code or website link: https://forms.office.com/r/ qu9fbEpfkr



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**Baptisms** Held each Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Prep classes are held every other month on the first Monday in the Parish Ministry Center at 7 p.m. If this is your first child, you must attend a class before receiving a date for your baby's baptism. To register for a class, contact Lynne Passarella, 630-718-2101, lpassarella@sspeterandpaul.net.

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**First Communion** There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

**Confirmation** There is a two-year preparation period prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Contact Theresa Pratt, 630-718-2133, tpratt@sspeterandpaul.net.

**OCIA** To inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults contact Mike Lewandowski, 630-718-2156, mlewandowski@sspeterandpaul.net.

**Marriage** Diocese requirements include a formal engagement preparation period of at least six months before the date of the wedding. Wedding dates fill up quickly and you must confirm a date as your first step in the process. Visit sspeterandpaul.net/marriage if you are interested in being married here.

**Holy Orders** Contact any priest to be connected to others exploring a vocation. For more information on formation events, visit **dioceseofjoliet.org/vocations**.

**Reconciliation** Confessions are held in the Ministry Center on Mondays (4:15 to 5:15 p.m.), Thursdays (11 a.m. to 12 p.m.) and Saturdays (3 to 5 p.m.).

**Anointing of the Sick** If you or a loved one are in need of anointing, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

**Eucharistic Adoration** The St. Francis Adoration Chapel is open Sunday at 5:00pm to Saturday at 5:00pm.

**Funerals** Most funerals are scheduled through area funeral homes. To inquire about a liturgy, call the parish office at 630-355-1081.

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