

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

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Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Mass: Wednesday 6:00 pm

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 19, 2022

June 26, 2022

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Eucharistic Minister

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Sick and Homebound**

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“Take it; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.” Mark 14:22a-24

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God! What a Gift we celebrate today!

The Eucharist is everything. It’s all things, the fullness of life, eternal salvation, mercy, grace, happiness, etc. Why is the Eucharist all this and so much more? Simply put, the Eucharist IS God. Period. Therefore, the Eucharist is all that God is.

In his beautiful traditional hymn, *Adoro te Devote*, St. Thomas Aquinas writes, “I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe...” What a glorious statement of faith in this wondrous gift.

This statement of faith reveals that when we worship before the Eucharist, we worship God Himself hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Our senses are deceived. What we see, taste and feel do not reveal the reality before us. The Eucharist is God.

Throughout our lives, if we were raised Catholic, we were taught reverence for

the Eucharist. But “reverence” is not enough. Most Catholics revere the Eucharist, meaning, we genuflect, kneel, and treat the Sacred Host with respect. But it’s important to ponder a question in your heart. Do you believe the Eucharist is God Almighty, the Savior of the world, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity? Do you believe deeply enough to have your heart moved with love and profound devotion every time you are before our divine Lord present before us under the veil of the Eucharist? When you kneel do you fall down prostrate in your heart, loving God with your whole being?

Perhaps this sounds like it’s a bit excessive. Perhaps simple reverence and respect is enough for you. But it’s not. Since the Eucharist is God Almighty, we must see Him there with the eyes of faith in our soul. We must profoundly adore Him as the angels do in Heaven. We must cry out, “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.” We must be moved to the deepest of worship as we enter into His divine presence.

Ponder the depth of your faith in the Eucharist today and strive to renew it, worshiping God as one who believes with your whole being.

I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe. Jesus, I trust in You.

St. John’s Offering

June, 5, 2022

Regular Offering: \$777.79 Building Fund: \$25

Please add names of church members and their family members to the sick list in the foyer of the church so that we may pray for you. We will update the list weekly and remove names from the list monthly. If a name should remain on the list indefinitely, please notify Celeste Sheehy.

Sick List

Father God, we pray for all those who are facing sickness in their bodies. We ask that you restore their health, soothe their pain, and ease their worries. Give them your peace and comfort.

In Jesus name, Amen!

Don McKelvain

Sonja Hemstreet Gaines

Hilde Ouellette

Jessie Hithe

Mike Wardlaw

Matthew Olivarez

Diocesan News

June 25, 2022, 9:00 am- 2:30 pm – AGAPE, El Amor de Dios en el Matrimonio Nos dice San Juan que “ el que no ama, no ha conocido a Dios, porque Dios es amor” (1 Jn 4:8) ¿De qué tipo de amor nos habla el Apóstol? En este retiro exploraremos cómo Dios llama a los esposos a ser el reflejo de su amor incondicional en el matrimonio. El presentador es el Diácono Victor Alvarado de la parroquia San Luis Rey de Francia en Austin y conductor del programa “5 minutos con el Espíritu Santo” en Radio Encuentro Austin. El costo es de \$40 por persona, lo cual incluye el almuerzo.

July 23, 2022. 9:00 am – 2:30 pm – Being a Catholic Family is a day of wisdom, reflection, and help to strengthen every family. Beth and Kristofer Cowles, parishioners at St. Anthony, Bryan give fun, interactive and engaging presentations on how Being a Catholic Family is doable and rewarding. The day, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, will include lunch. The cost is \$45.

Our Mission Statement: To be a faith community bringing the presence of Christ to all by celebrating God’s word and the Sacraments.

Our Vision Statement: To build a strong and vibrant community through core values based on love, selflessness, and service.

Announcements

We will have **pastries and coffee available in Sophie Hall after Mass** every Sunday. Please stop by and visit for a few minutes.

On the **first Saturday of every month**, we will have **Adoration** from 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **followed by Mass** at 4:00 pm.

June 19, 2022 - Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth marks the anniversary announcement of General Order No. 3 by Union Army general Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865, proclaiming freedom for enslaved people in Texas. Originating in Galveston, the holiday has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since the 1860s, often broadly celebrating African-American culture.

July 30, 2022 – Together is the theme of the 1st ever **RED-C Catholic Radio Family Retreat in Central Texas**. The retreat takes place on Saturday, July 30 at the St. Louis Catholic Church Activity Center in Waco. Activities include Mass, Adoration, Confession, lunch, dinner, drinks and snacks for everyone in attendance. There will be three great speakers for the adults, as well as childcare and programs for children of all ages. Early registration is only \$30 per family. To register or for more information go to redcradio.org/retreat or call Deacon Robin Waters at 254-749-4937.

We will have a **Souvenir Book for the church's 70th anniversary**. Please help us collect ads and patrons. Inside and Back Cover \$175; full page \$150; 1/2 page \$75; 1/4 page \$45; Business card \$25; Patron \$10. Teaberta Black and David Gradel will accept money for the ads and patron list.

If you are interested in **becoming a member of St. John's**, please fill out the membership card located at the back of the church. St. John's would like to welcome our new members and our guests. We are so very glad to have you with us.

Contact Carolyn Brown or Gwendolyn Stewart either while at church or email at saintjohn1312yahoo.com **if you are aware of a church member who is ill, hospitalized, or homebound**.

If you have **items for the bulletin**, please submit them to Celeste Sheehy at stjohn1312@yahoo.com. Please submit all items by 5:00 pm on Thursday to allow time to prepare the bulletin for Sunday Mass.