

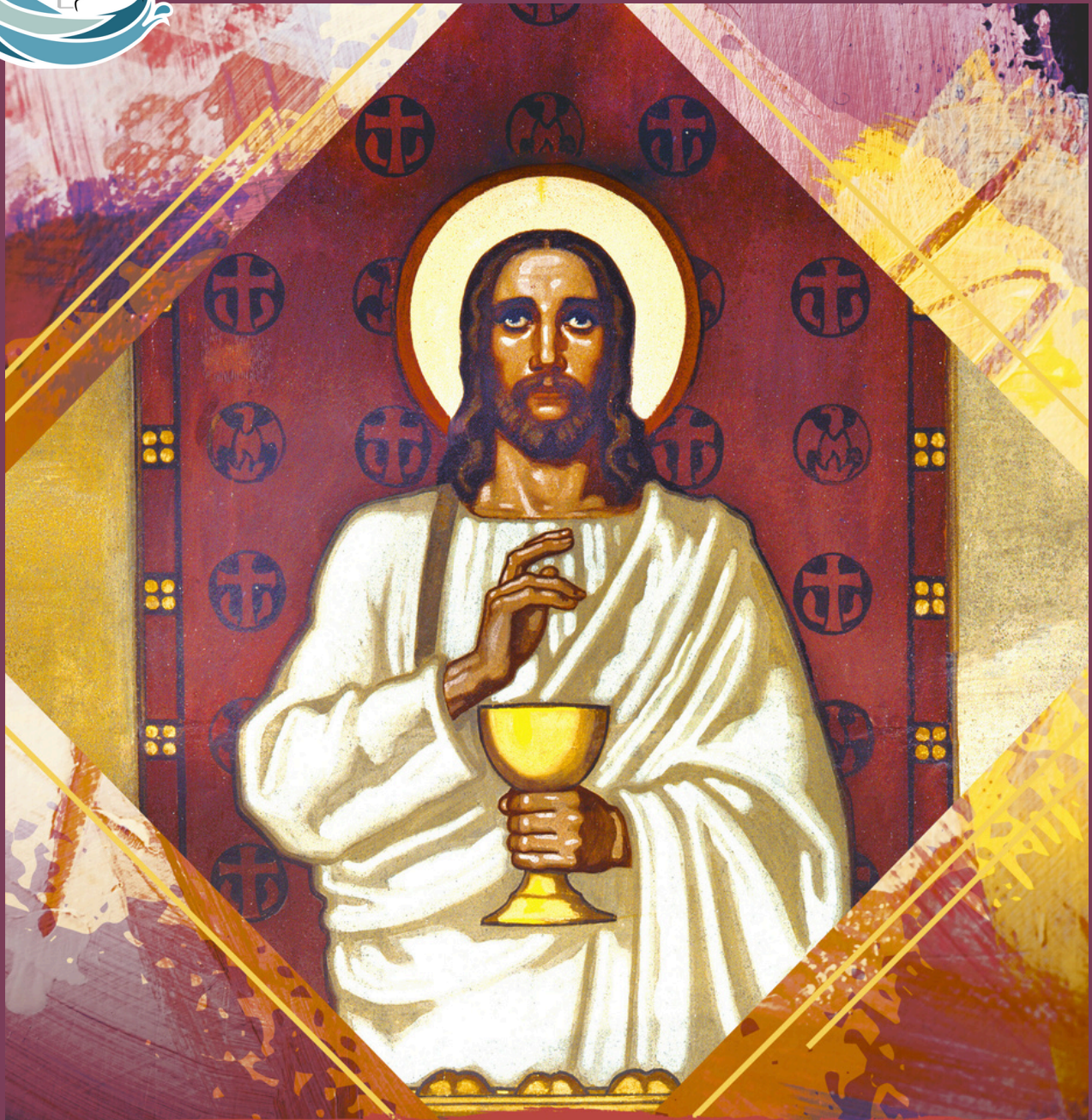
June 22, 2025



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever.” - Jn 6:57-58

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Events

SATURDAY June 21st

Sacrament of Reconciliation
3:00 - 4:30pm - Confessional

SUNDAY June 22nd

Corpus Christi Procession
**11:00am - 11:30am - Our Lady of the Cove
Kimberling City**

TUESDAY June 24th

Adult Bible Study
10:00-12:00pm - Faith Formation Room

Bereavement Ministry
2:00-3:30pm - Heritage Room

Spiritual Companionship
6:30 - 7:30pm - Resource Room

Come & See
6:30 - 7:30pm - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY June 25th

Stitchers
9:00am - 12:00pm - St. Francis Room

Music Practice
6:15 - 7:30pm - Music Room

Stars Across America Concert
6:00pm - 7:00pm - in the Church

THURSDAY June 26th

OLL Games
1:00 - 3:00pm - Faith Formation Room

FRIDAY June 27th

Spanish Charismatic Group
6:00 - 9:00pm - Faith Formation Room

SATURDAY June 28th

WELCOME Women Meeting
8:30 - 1:30pm - Heritage Room

Mass Times

SATURDAY

5:00pm
7:00pm (Spanish)

SUNDAY

8:00am
10:30am

MONDAY

9:00am

TUESDAY

9:00am

WEDNESDAY

5:30pm

THURSDAY

9:00am

*Flower Intentions
available for
June & July*

Adoration

TUESDAY

No Adoration,
will resume July 15th

THURSDAY

No Adoration,
will resume July 17th

Important Links

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Mass Intentions

Sat.	6/21	5:00pm	Sammy Cospers +
Sat.	6/21	7:00pm	Taney County Parish Family (Living)
Sun.	6/22	8:00am	Loftis Family (Living & Deceased)
Sun.	6/22	10:30am	Robert Zechman +
Mon.	6/23	9:00am	Karen & Neil Murphy (L) (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
Tue.	6/24	9:00am	Phil Harter +
Wed.	6/25	5:30pm	Sammy Cospers +
Thur.	6/26	9:00am	Deceased family members of John & Margaret Casey +



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Collection through June 15, 2025

Envelopes:		\$35,328.79
Plate:		\$1,730.00
Green Envelopes:		\$11,573.57
Total:		\$48,632.36

COME SEE

Do you know someone who would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith?

Please invite them to any one of these Come and See sessions.

The 1st session is THIS TUESDAY

The Come and See summer sessions are

- meet and greet
- an opportunity to ask discerning questions about the Catholic Faith
- decide if you want to go further and learn more.

Tuesday, June 24th, 6:30 - 7:30pm

Tuesday, July 15th, 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday, August 5th, 6:30-7:30pm

Sessions will be held in the Heritage Room, on the lower level of the Church.

Childcare provided.

There is no decision making you have to commit to.
This is simply a Q and A discussion.

No registration required, just show up!

STARS ACROSS AMERICA 2025 CONCERT TOUR



The North Star Boys Choir from Maple Grove Minnesota will perform.

June 25th
after the 5:30 Mass

The North Star Boys' Choir is devoted to the traditional boy choir repertoire including sacred music of all periods, dating back to the 5th century, classical works, spirituals, and folk music from around the world.

Free will offering

JUNE
25

Our Lady of the Lake
Branson, Missouri

Concert: 6:00 PM



To date our parish has given \$66,422.62
toward our \$79,163 goal.

Thank you!

If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift,
whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already
given by returning a pledge card. The diocese and Church in
southern Missouri needs your participation.



2025 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

**ONE CHURCH,
Anchored in Christ**

Thank You



**There's still time to
make your pledge!**

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Tuesday Morning Adult Bible Study

10:00am

**Faith Formation
Room**

Upcoming Dates

June 24th

The Chosen: S5 E1 - Entry

Jesus rides into the holy city as king, but finds
that the rulers have turned His Father's house
from a place of prayer to a corrupt market.

July 1st

The Chosen: S5 E2 - House of Cards

Why kill Jesus when Rome can do it for you?
As the Jewish High Priest schemes to bring
Him down, Jesus strikes first: turning the
tables.

The Chosen Season 5 picks up immediately
after the ending of Season 4, with Jesus'
triumphal (and tragic) entry into Jerusalem to
kick off Holy Week. However, a plot is afoot
that will change the course of mankind.



The table is set. The people of Israel
welcome Jesus as king while his
disciples anticipate his crowning.
But—instead of confronting Rome—he
turns the tables on the Jewish religious
festival. Their power threatened, the
country's religious and political leaders
will go to any length to ensure this
Passover meal is Jesus' last.



If you have any questions regarding PSR, Sacraments, or Quinceañeras.

Please call, text, or email

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Director of Formation



Corpus Christi Procession, Litany and Eucharistic Benediction

will be held at

Our Lady of the Cove, Kimberling City

Sunday, June 22nd

directly following the 10:00 am Mass

Procession will be led by the Knights of Columbus #7588

and should take about 30 minutes



RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM
WEEK

Religious Freedom Week

June 22- June 29, 2025

Witnesses to Hope

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all.

Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.

June 22: Political Polarization: Pray that Catholics will have the courage to put the truth of the gospel and fidelity to the Church above partisan politics.

June 23: IVF Mandates: Pray for couples who suffer fertility challenges, and that political leaders would promote therapies that respect the dignity of all human persons.

June 24: Catholic Healthcare: Pray that governments will respect the consciences of all people who care for the sick and vulnerable.

June 25: Nicaragua: Pray for Christians in Nicaragua, where the Catholic Church faces brutal government persecution.

June 26: Parental Choice in Education: Pray that governments would strengthen the ability for parents to direct the education of their children.

June 27: Immigration Services: Pray that the Lord would protect vulnerable migrants and refugees, and that the Church enjoy the freedom to carry out the ministries that Christ has handed to her.

June 28: Freedom to Serve the Common Good: Pray that government leaders would recognize the contributions that religious charities make to the common good.

June 29: Nigeria: Pray for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who are suffering violent religious conflict.

OFFICE OF CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

Safe Environment Requirements for:



Clergy
Employees

Adult Volunteers*

*(which include the following ministries)

Knight of Columbus

PSR

Welcome Women

Safety & Security

Ushers

Music

Help Desk

Eucharistic Ministers

Parish Office Volunteers

Bible Study Leaders

Homebound



Before engaging in diocesan, parish and school-sponsored activities for minors and vulnerable adults, all clergy, employees and adult volunteers are required to be in compliance with the diocesan Safe Environment Requirements which include:

- 1) A Background Screening,**
- 2) Safe Environment Training, and**
- 3) a Code of Conduct.**

The Code of Conduct is **required annually** and is made available at the beginning of each fiscal year, **July 1**.

The Code of Conduct can be accessed through the diocesan webpage

<https://dioscg.org/child-youth-protection/>

Scroll down - towards the bottom of the page there's a **RESOURCES SECTION**

Select the **Prevention and Protection tab**.

The documents may be found there.

or through

VIRTUS: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Select: Springfield-Cape Girardeau, MO (Diocese)

The Code of Conduct is to be read, signed, and submitted to the local Safe Environment Coordinator at the parish - Nickie Rivera

- For **new employees and volunteers**, to begin the process, an account must **first be created in VIRTUS**.
- There the Background Screening Application will be prompted and is now completed online through their VIRTUS account.
- The training, which includes "**Protecting God's Children**" and "**Mandated and Ethical Reporting**", are accessible through their VIRTUS account and are also completed online.

If you need assistance, please contact

Nickie Rivera

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Director of Formation

Any questions may be directed to the Associate Safe Environment Coordinator, Shelly Ferry, sferry@dioscg.org or the Director of Child and Youth Protection, Bill Holtmeyer, billholtmeyer@dioscg.org or at The Catholic Center, (417) 866-0841.

Hey Deacon!

By Deacon Dan Vaughn

Feast of Corpus Christi - Why it matters

In reflecting on this beautiful feast day celebration, I came across an article posted by Catholic Answers. The following are some key points about the feast that I wish to share.

The Feast of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Catholic celebration of the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist—and thus a sacred reminder that, in every Mass, Jesus' one sacrifice on Calvary is sacramentally made present and offered anew for "the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit." (CCC 1366)

While Holy Thursday recalls Christ's institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Corpus Christi gives Catholics a joyful opportunity to honor our Eucharistic Lord Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. This includes public devotion apart from Mass.

When Is the Feast of Corpus Christi celebrated?

Corpus Christi was celebrated on the Thursday following the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. However, in the United States, and in many other countries, the celebration was transferred to the following Sunday so that more of the faithful can participate. (This year it is on June 25.) And despite the move to Sunday, the feast remains anchored in its traditional Thursday observance on the Church's liturgical calendar -- as a second remembrance of Holy Thursday and the Last Supper.

Why does the Catholic Church celebrate Corpus Christi?

The Church celebrates Corpus Christi to profess and adore our Eucharistic Lord. Jesus is truly present body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharist. At every Mass we partake of the Lamb of God, the New Covenant Passover sacrifice. This feast highlights the sacramental and sacrificial reality of Christ's presence and affirms the Church's teaching on transubstantiation. It invites the faithful into deeper Eucharistic devotion.

How did the feast begin?

The visions of St. Juliana of Liège (modern day St. Juliana) inspired the Feast of Corpus Christi. St. Juliana, a 13th century Norbertine religious, saw a moon with a dark spot in a vision. This symbolized to her the absence of a liturgical feast to specifically honor the Real Presence. With the support of theologians and other Church leaders, particularly Archdeacon Jacques Pantaléon—the future Pope Urban IV—Corpus Christi was first celebrated in the Diocese of Liège in 1246.

Fast forward to 1263, when a Eucharistic miracle occurred in Bolsena, Italy. Pope Urban IV was so convinced of this miracle that he instituted Corpus Christi as a universal feast in the Church the following year. He did so through his papal bull 'Transiturus de hoc mundo'.

So, what was the miracle of Bolsena?

The Miracle of Bolsena occurred when a German priest known as Peter of Prague was struggling with doubts about the Real Presence. He prayed fervently against these doubts. Then during one Mass, right after he pronounced the words of consecration, he noticed blood seeping from the host. The blood stained the corporal (a small linen cloth on the altar), Fr. Peter later brought the host and corporal to Pope Urban IV who was residing in nearby Orvieto. This Eucharistic miracle further affirmed Catholic teaching on the Real Presence, while directly leading to the global celebration of the Corpus Christi Feast.

Many pilgrims and tourists today continue to visit the Basilica of St. Christina in Bolsena, where this Eucharistic miracle took place, and the Cathedral of Orvieto where the miraculous, blood-stained corporal is reserved.

The feast of Corpus Christi is a testament to the Catholic Church's belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith. May it continue to nourish our minds and souls.

OLL Games



OLL Train - Ed's Follies
BIG Winner is Julie -256

Ed - 265

and then it became a close
game

Pam - 331 Brenda -358

Lil' Winner is Anne Marie -378



Join us on June 26th for
OLL Game Day

OLL Train - The FAB 5
BIG Winner is Marty -305
another close game

Joe -314 Eva -334 Remy -407

Lil' Winner is Judy -461

Plan to come together with fellow parishioners for fun and games!
Thursday Faith Formation Room 1:00pm



Swoop - The Hands of God Wins!

BIG Winner is Fr Dhaneesh -276

Margaret -342 Sharon A -483 Karen -521

Lil' Winner is Joyce -585

And the FUN is in playing the game!



Is it SKILL... LUCK of the draw... who you sit next too???
concentration, study the next play... laugh, share a joke!





**CONGREGATION
of the MISSION**

THE VINCENTIANS
WESTERN PROVINCE

Our Lady of the Lake Welcomes Rev. James Cormack

On June 28-29, 2025, Rev. James Cormack, C.M. will speak at the Masses regarding the Kenya Mission of the Vincentians.

The Vincentians follow Jesus Christ, evangelizing the poor, in the Spirit of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

The Vincentians in Kenya and Uganda serve the poor through:

- Evangelization - The Vincentians bring the Good News during liturgical masses.
- Education - In the schools run by the Vincentians, the charism is taught. We teach children, offer subsidized school fees and enable the poor to access education.
- Direct assistance - We provide, medical support, school fees, housing, and clothing to the most needy in Kenya.
- Social impact projects – We organize and execute projects that are designed to empower the vulnerable women, girls, persons with disabilities and destitute with knowledge, and skills to secure a better livelihood for themselves and their families.

Your gift this year will help repair the sanitation system at the seminary in Kenya, construct a greenhouse for the priests and community surrounding the neighborhood of Komarock, organize medical assessments and education for the poor, and enhance the computer lab at the seminary in Kenya.

***Please help the Vincentians continue to serve
the most vulnerable in need.***

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our mission.

"May we draw close to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, especially in the disappointments of life."

Bishop Edward M. Rice



June
PRAYER INTENTION



THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS— JUNE 27

**Bishop Rice will celebrate two Masses on
Fri., June 27,
the Feast of the Sacred Heart,
which will be offered for an increase in
Vocations in our diocese:**

- 10:30 a.m.—St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Ozark
- 5:30 p.m.—St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield,
*Reconciliation at 4:30 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

IT'S BACK! CATHOLIC NIGHT

**Plan to attend Catholic Night
with the Springfield Cardinals
Sun., Aug. 3, 6:05 p.m.**

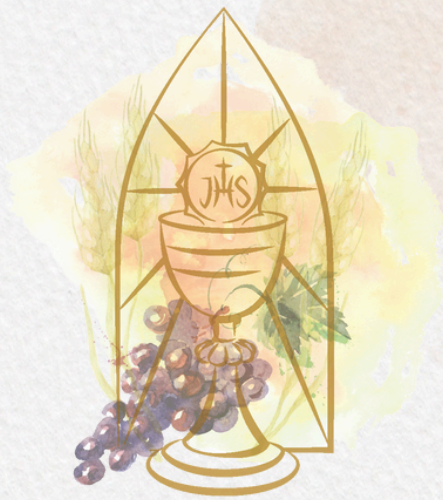
**Ticket information and other
details will be available soon!**



**Join
Bishop Rice
Friday, July 4th
9 a.m.
at
St. Agnes
Cathedral**

**To pray for an increase in Vocations to the
Priesthood and religious life in the
Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.**

**The Rosary will be prayed following the
liturgy, as we continue to pray for more
vocations to the priesthood and religious
life in our diocese.**



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Ways to Grow in
Devotion to the
Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus

1.

Morning Offering:
At the beginning
of each day,
offer your whole
day to the Sacred
Heart of Jesus
in prayer.



2.

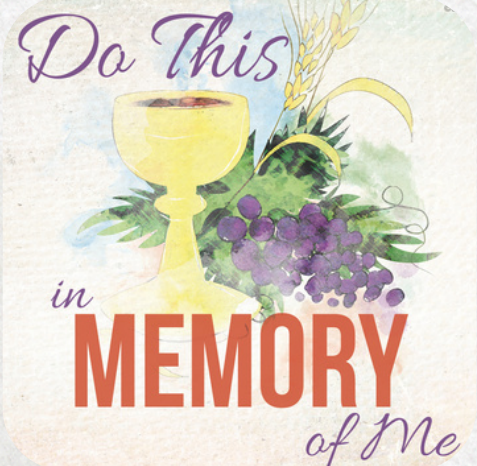
**First Friday
Devotion:**
Attend Mass
and receive the
Eucharist on the
first Friday of
every month.

3.

**Pray the Litany
of the Sacred Heart:**
The Litany contains
33 invocations,
one for each year
of Jesus' life on Earth.



THIS IS MY BODY
GIVEN FOR YOU;
DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.



SPREAD KINDNESS

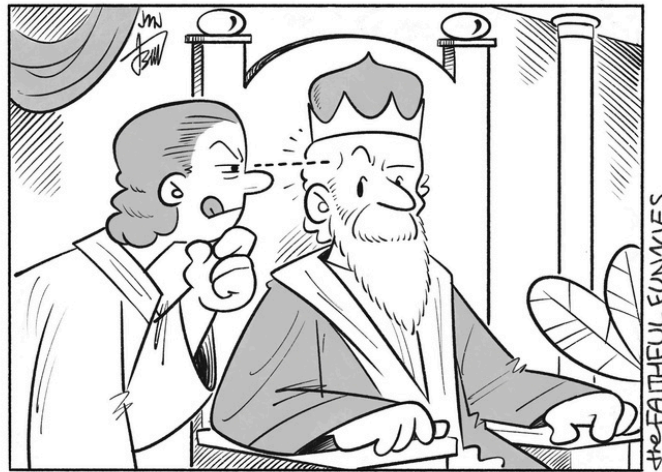
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does the celebrant say at the conclusion of each Mass?

Answer: “The Mass is ended, go in peace.”

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“Where was Solomon’s temple located?”



“On the **side** of his head.”



King Solomon was known for his wisdom. Once, in a dream, God told Solomon to ask of Him anything and He would grant it. Solomon humbly asked for wisdom to govern God’s people. This pleased God and He not only granted this, but also blessed Solomon with wealth and long life.

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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

NOTICE THAT
WHEN JESUS FED
THE MULTI-
TUDES, HE GAVE
THE BREAD TO
HIS DISCIPLES
TO DISTRIBUTE
RATHER THAN
DOING IT
HIMSELF...



REMEMBER
THAT, THE NEXT
TIME YOU ASK
JESUS TO HELP
A HOMELESS
PERSON.



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THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

So JESUS
BROKE THE
BREAD, AND
THE BREAD
WAS HIS
BODY?

RIGHT!



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OUCH

AND
HOW



1 COR 11:23-26

Stay Positive!

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real’” (CCC 1374).



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To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org



PAUL HARING / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
*The Nativity of
St. John the Baptist*
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12,
17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–
16 or 16:6b–12,
15–16 Mt 7:21–
29

Friday

June 27 *The
Most Sacred
Heart of Jesus* Ez
34:11–16 Rom
5:5b–11 Lk
15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
*Sts. Peter and
Paul, Apostles*
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8,
17–18
Mt 16:13–19

**Do you have a question
for the Padre?**

Go to DearPadre.org to send your
question and to learn more
about **Dear Padre**.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, something to bolster our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die.

As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we need the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

Answer:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

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:

Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab
and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: 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

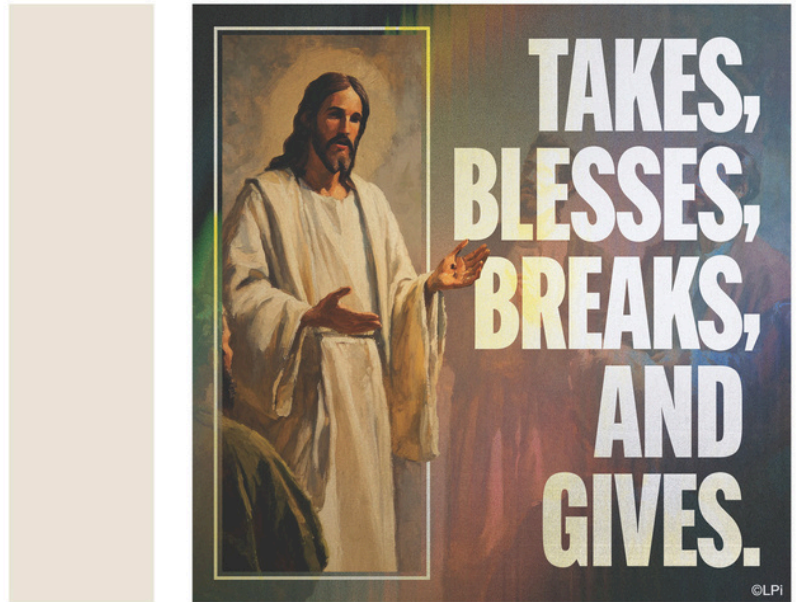
Next Sunday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/
Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He **takes**: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He **blesses**: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He **breaks**: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He **gives**: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm:

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading:

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel:

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

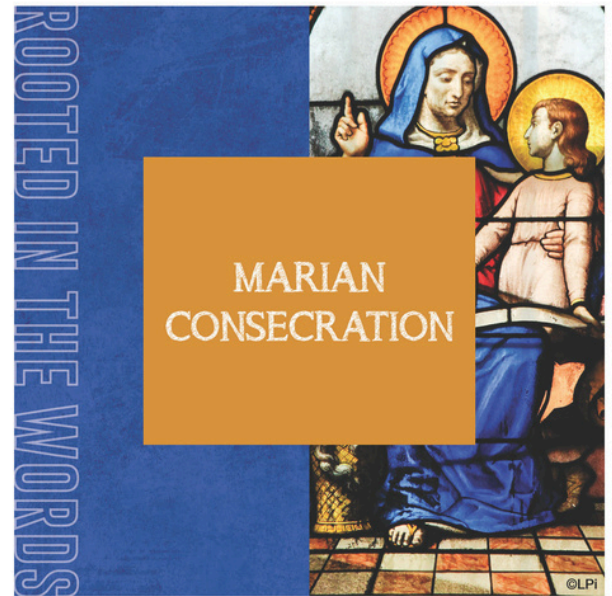
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Five loaves and two fish: a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

- Sunday:** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
- Tuesday:** The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- Friday:** The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Saturday:** The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church
- Next Sunday:** Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles



Devotions, *Explained!*

Marian consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

Prayer for the True Presence

Jesus,
What a gift we have in your True Presence: the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us.
Amen.

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Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am (Live-Streamed)

WEEKDAY

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 am
Wednesday 5:30 pm
1st Friday 10:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation

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1st Wednesday of the month. After Mass -

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Thursday 9:30 am - 7:00 pm

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