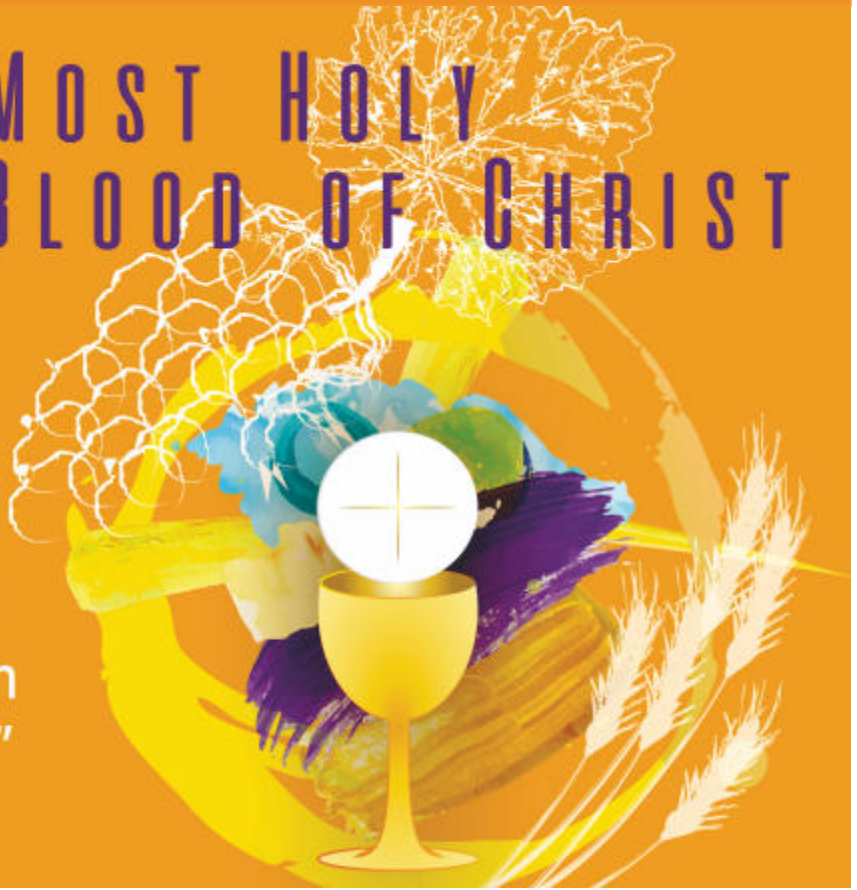


St. John The Beloved Parish

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"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."
- Jn 6:51



JUNE 14, 2020

Pastor: Very Rev. Joseph Piekarski

Liturgy Schedule

Saturday	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses

Mon - Sat. 8:00 a.m.

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*Our Mission: "Growing a welcoming community of disciples through participation
in the sacraments, service, prayer and ongoing formation."*

Welcome to St. John the Beloved Parish.

To register to become a member of our faith community, please visit SJBDE.org and click on the "Join Our Parish" button to register online.

Parishioners, please take a minute to update your information at wilmington.parishsoftfamilysuite.com. We appreciate your assistance. **Thank you!**

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Reconciliation is available on Saturdays from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in the sacristies. Masks are required.

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To schedule a Baptismal Preparation Class please call the Parish Office at (302) 999-0211.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please complete our online Wedding Form at SJBDE.org one year prior to the wedding.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK Anyone seriously ill, or facing surgery, please call a priest to make arrangements.

HOLY DAY MASSES As announced.

DEVOTIONS - MONDAYS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - suspended until further notice.

Adult Choir - suspended until further notice.

Holy Spirit Prayer Group - suspended until further notice.

First Saturday Devotions with the Blue Army are held monthly beginning with 8 a.m. Mass.

Legion of Mary - suspended until further notice.

Lazarus Ministry helps those who have lost a loved one. [More at SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry](http://SJBDE.org/lazarus-ministry).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith, or in learning more about the Church? For information please call the parish office.

Sunday Reading Discussion - suspended until further notice.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality meets the first Sunday of the month at 7:30 a.m. Mass to honor our Blessed Mother, (September - June). Please join us after mass to pray the rosary.

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The opening of our churches has been a needed spiritual feeding for many of the faithful. Especially for Catholics, the reception of Holy Communion has been longed for and finally satisfied. Although most of us have had the opportunity to make spiritual Communions, the actual reception of the consecrated Host is most desired. For Catholics, Holy Communion is a tangible and absolute encounter with the Lord.

It is true; God is transcendent and therefore is everywhere. It is in today's Gospel, known as the Bread of Life Discourse, that we hear the unfolding of God's specific involvement with us. A great multitude of people gathered in order to listen to the teaching of Jesus. In time, they became naturally hungry for food. Miraculously Jesus multiplies a few fish and loaves of bread to feed everyone.

Five thousand people are overwhelmed by Jesus satisfying their hunger and recall the great miracle where Moses fed their ancestors in the desert with manna from heaven. Jesus reminded them that in each case the provided physical food sustained the people in their biological life, but it is powerless to provide eternal life. But for those who consume Him, they will live forever. Jesus is supernatural food for supernatural life. This mystery reflects the incarnation, where God took flesh

and dwelt among us in actual matter.

In our Gospel, some argued with Jesus that it is impossible to take seriously what Jesus said: *"He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal and I will raise him up on the last day."* And many of them left Him. Even today, some argue that Jesus' words here and at the Last Supper are to be taken symbolically or metaphorically. Jesus doesn't back down with some explanation but solemnly assures His listeners that His follower must eat His Body and drink His Blood to have eternal life.

A careful study shows that whenever Jesus used metaphors, His listeners seem to have been aware of it. For example when Jesus said *"I am the vine and you are the branches"* (John 15) or *"I am the sheep gate"* (John 10). Whenever there was confusion, Jesus clarified it with an explanation. It is clear from Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel that Jesus' audience understood Him literally in their response by staying with or departing from Him.

From the beginning, the Church believed that the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine become the glorified body and blood of Jesus. St. Paul gives us the earliest writing of the New Testament and in his first letter to the Corinthians he asks: *"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?"* In the same letter, Paul warns the nascent church in Corinth not to eat and drink unworthily: *"Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord"* (1 Corinthians 11).

Today's feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that in the sacrament of the most Holy Eucharist are contained truly, really and substantially the body and blood together with the soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and consequently the whole Christ. As Catholics, may we recognize the true presence of God, totally, in the Eucharist. May this specific encounter be the spiritual food that sustains us in the many difficulties of our day as it promises us eternal Life in Him.



Readings for the week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Week of June 14, 2020 Saints and Special Observances Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood Of Christ (Corpus Christi)

7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family
9:30 a.m.	Anna Papa Gallagher
11:30 a.m.	Joseph Permar
5:00 p.m.	James Herington

Monday: 11th Week in Ordinary Time

6:30 a.m.	George Reph
8:00 a.m.	Thomas M. Tubbs

Tuesday: 6:30 a.m. Anna & Vincent Vari
8:00 a.m. Robert Turnberger

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Agnes Dworsky
8:00 a.m. Virginia DiSouza

Thursday: 6:30 a.m. John Noonan
8:00 a.m. Felix & Mary Pacinelli

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:30 a.m.	John Blyskal
8:00 a.m.	Joseph Cieniewicz

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m.	Elizabeth Doyle Stephen Voitus Marie Walls
5:00 p.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased

Sunday: 12th in Ordinary Time, Father's Day

7:30 a.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
9:30 a.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
11:30 a.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased
5:00 p.m.	All Fathers, Living & Deceased

Your gifts make a meaningful difference to St. John The Beloved Parish's ministries and programs. We wish to extend a sincere THANKS to everyone who financially supports our parish through weekly giving, special collections, one-time gifts, and all of the other avenues of giving (e.g. volunteering your time and talent). Everyone's income and needs are different, and each gift is understood to be a sacrifice given for the greater good. May God Bless your efforts. We appreciate all you do. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish as your gift for the good things God has given you.

Offertory for May 31, 2020	\$ 9,302.00
Building & Maintenance	249.00
Easter	50.00
Father's Day	190.00
Outreach	100.00
Poor Box	10.00
Total Parish Collections	\$ 9,901.00
St. Vincent DePaul	559.00
Diocesan Collections	715.00
Total Collections	THANK YOU! \$ 11,175.00

PARISH NEWS

Please join us in congratulating Sr. Dolores Huhman on her retirement. Sister Dolly served as a Secretary in our parish office for the last four years. Her beautiful smile and loving grace will be greatly missed.

Sister Dolly, God blessed you with a long and meaningful career and your contributions have made more of a difference than you might imagine. May God continue to guide and bless you in this exciting new start where your time is your own. Enjoy.

All our love, Father Piekarski, Father Szczur, Deacons Bailey, Fontana & Wuebbels and the staff of St. John the Beloved Parish

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in opening back our Church. These past months have been difficult for several reasons but necessary in keeping the COVID 19 pandemic at bay. Pope Francis has expressed his joy in seeing many of the faithful returning to St. Peter's Basilica for Mass and his blessing but advised them to keep the precautions because the pandemic is still prevalent in parts of the world. We are asked to follow basic guidelines from the state and diocese That is the reason for our present format in church. Please visit SJBDE.org to review our parish guidelines.

For Mass Intentions, or to purchase a Mass card, please call the parish office. Thank you.



A big **THANK YOU!** to all who participated in the Outreach Clothing drive. The generosity of our community continues to amaze us. We are temporarily putting a hold on all clothing donations. We are currently in need of plastic bins (12-18 gallon sizes only please). We are also looking for volunteers to help in our clothing closet this summer. If you're working from home, a teenager looking for service hours, or just looking for a way to get out of your house for a few hours a week, we need you. It can be 1 day a week, or 3. We'll also be announcing some Saturday hours soon. Please contact Outreach via email or phone if you have any questions or to volunteer. Visit SJBDE.org/Outreach for more.

Your help is greatly appreciated. Sign up to assist at Mass, Monday, June 15 through Sunday, June 21, by clicking on the link to completing the form online at SJBDE.org.

SJB Football Signups are open for the 2020 season! The JV team includes 4th grade - 6th grade students, Varsity consists of students in 7th and 8th grade. Sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/SJBfb2020reg> For more info please email: Philipjohnston1@comcast.net.



Please remember in your prayers all who have gone before us and all the deceased of the St. John the Beloved Parish Community.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

+ Carmela "Lina" Terranova
+ John Francis Ruff
+ Deacon Ed Lynch
+ Patricia Bogan O'Hanlon
+ Richard Hickman, Jr.
+ Elaine V. Cirillo
+ Jimmie R. Murphy

May their soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

Every Outreach donation goes to assist those members of our community most in need. Visit sjbde.org/outreach to learn more. Thank you.

- ___ soup, beans, rice,
- ___ canned fruit and vegetables
- ___ mac & cheese
- ___ pasta, pasta sauce
- ___ peanut butter and jelly
- ___ tuna, canned meats
- ___ breakfast cereal
- ___ shampoo, deodorant
- ___ body wash, bath soap (toiletory items)
- ___ toothpaste and toothbrushes

*If you are able, please prayerfully consider making a donation to Outreach @ [online giving > sjbde.org/connect-now-giving](http://online.giving>sjbde.org/connect-now-giving), or in the collection.



CELEBRATE MASS AT HOME

To abide by social distancing, take advantage of the many wonderful spiritual exercises available on television and websites:

- Sunday Mass at St. John the Beloved www.youtube.com/channel/SJBDE
- Daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron online www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/
- livestream Saint Patrick's Cathedral, NY, Daily Mass at saintpatrickscathedral.org/live
- EWTN Daily Mass is live-streamed every weekday at 8:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., and 7:00 p.m.
- [Weekly Catechetical Video Series for Families with Frs. Rich Jasper and Carlos Ochoa](#)

Make a Spiritual Communion when you listen and participate reverently in Mass online and televised. This is the act of unifying yourself with the Eucharistic Lord, like:

My Jesus, I believe that you represent in the Holy Sacrament. I love You above all else, and I desire You in my soul. As long as I can't receive You sacramentally, at least enter spiritually into my soul.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

We are growing because dynamic and committed families such as yours have made Religious Education a priority. Please continue to do so as our youths need these moral teachings and faithful examples to live good and holy lives.

If you are interested in becoming a catechist, please contact the RE office via reled@sjbde.org to meet with Mrs. Ballintyn. Visit SJBDE.org/religious-ed-program to learn more. Thank you

INSPIRE

FAMILY LIFE CAN BUILD VALUES integral to a strong vocation — whether to priesthood, religious life or marriage. Teaching your children to value commitment, service and prayer will help them make strong vocation decisions as adults and live out those vocations with success and fulfillment.

Serra for priestly and religious vocations

Pray for Vocations: For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a profoundly personal way through their vocations, we pray to the Lord. **Amen.**

Marriage Moments: There's YOU, ME, and US. The US is different from each of us individually. Perhaps you might call it the Spirit of our union. Identify 3 ways you are stronger together this week.

Parenting Pointers: It may seem funny to a young child to think about how some of their traits came from their parents. Acknowledge a physical trait of your child today that matches one of yours.

By Susan Vogt www.SusanVogt.net

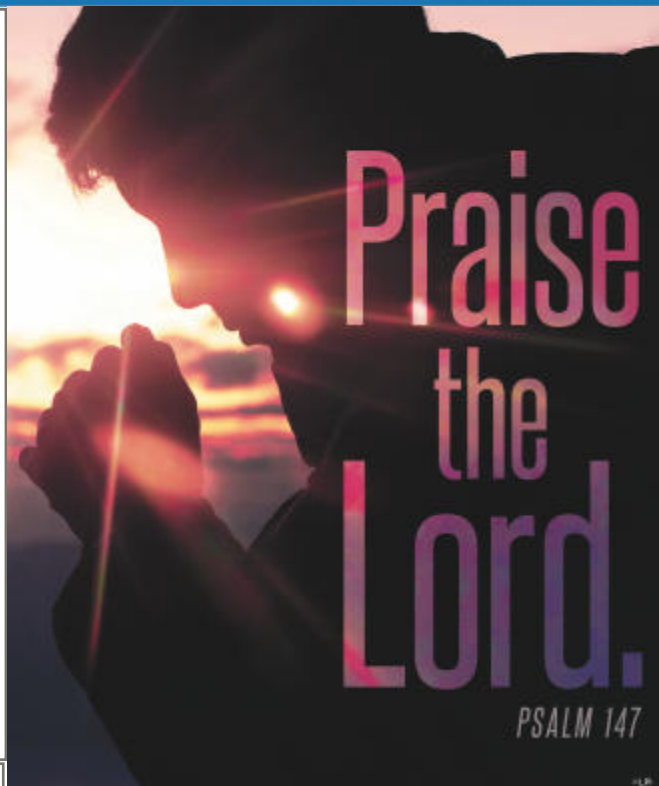
*"Not by bread alone does one live,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD." (Dt 8:3b)*

AROUND THE DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

Thank you for your prayers for our students. The following young women from your parish are members of Padua Academy's Class of 2020:

Daisy Bartholomew
Jade Carey
Jordyn Collins
Caitlyn Donnelly
Audrey Embley
Sara Grumbine
Angelina Hobbs
Darragh Jeker
Hannah Jeker
Sarah Jennings
Jordan Keomanikhoth
Alexis McKeown
Sydney Smith

The Class of 2020 was awarded more than \$20 million in college scholarships and was accepted into 195 colleges/universities.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Time

together! Do you think that the lockdown has taught you some new things about your spouse? It is possible to get to know the person you married in an even more loving and compassionate way! Learn how on our next Marriage Encounter weekend which is November 6-8, 2020 in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For more information visit our website at www.wwme-delmar.org or to register for the weekend, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-220-9833.

The Diocese of Wilmington has issued guidelines for parishes to resume funerals, weddings and baptisms at the discretion of each pastor and in adherence with safety precautions in place at each church. Please visit SJBDE.org for details specific to our parish.

*** Statement from Bishop Malooly on the Killing of George Floyd and Aftermath**

May 30, 2020 — (Wilmington, Delaware) — The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington has issued the following statement on the killing of George Floyd in Minnesota and the resulting demonstrations and violence that has erupted across the United States.

"I express my sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Floyd. I pray for the repose of Mr. Floyd's soul, and that God will send comfort and consolation to his family. While I support those who seek justice through peaceful demonstrations, we must keep in mind what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught us about non-violence. It is easy to lash out in anger when confronted by injustice, but the easy thing to do is often not the right thing to do. Please join me this Pentecost weekend in prayer that the Holy Spirit will guide us to lasting, peaceful solutions to the problems we face as a society. Racism, brutality, murder, violence, bigotry, and disenfranchisement are not Gospel values and must be condemned in the strongest terms. Let us proceed as brothers and sisters, beloved children of God."

For more from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, [click here](#).

As you may recall, we asked parishioners and friends to share a picture of their dedicated space for prayer at home last month. The following shares were submitted online. To send a your picture and story, email SJBDE.org/Bulletins.



This is our dedicated space for Our Sacred Heart of Jesus and Our Blessed Mother Mary. We gather together around our statues and prayed the Holy Rosary as a family.

— The Gestwicki's (image left)

On a trip home from Rehoboth (spelling) we found this beautiful statue of Mary and Jesus in a thrift shop and we just couldn't leave her there. We bought the statue and it is now the focal point of our sunroom as a cherished treasure.

— John and Betty Papili (image below)

To enjoy listening to the hymn Immaculate Mary sung by St. John the Beloved Parish Cantor, Alexia Nebraska go to <https://youtu.be/ZLL-Gwc1Jxc>. The accompanying video includes images of all the statues of Mary that can be found on our campus.

The many ways Mary is honored in May are as varied as the people who honor her. May crownings aren't just a "church" thing. When we echo the customs and traditions of the Church in our homes – our domestic churches – we participate more fully in the life of the Church.

If you haven't already, create a prayer corner in your home, a place designated for God, and more specifically, for spending time with Him. More > www.ncregister.com_blog_mfenelon_why-is-may-the-month-of-mary



WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**Question:****Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?****Answer:**

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We cannot only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness. ©LPi



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK — They recognized him in the breaking of bread. This was the amazing revelation or epiphany that occurred on the Road to Emmaus. Bread that had been transformed into the Body of Christ opened the eyes of the disciples and showed them who was really with them. Their hearts were burning. Sometimes we struggle with our belief in the Eucharist because we make it too much of an intellectual challenge. If God’s divinity was wed to humanity in the incarnation of Christ, then why is it not possible for God to take simple elements of bread and wine and transform them into his Body and Blood? Affirm your faith today that the Eucharist you receive is God Himself. Become what you eat and allow God to embrace your soul and touch that part of you that no one else can touch. ©LPi



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“Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in
me and I in him.”

JOHN 6:56

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, “How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?” The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS.

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