

Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

When I was a young altar server, I once overheard two very different comments about the Eucharist. One person asked, "Is Father distributing the bread or the wine?" Later, another asked, "Can you go get Jesus from the tabernacle?"

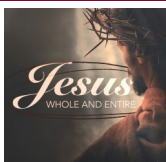
Same parish, same Mass, but two very different ways of speaking. I pondered: So, is it bread that we pretend is Jesus? Or is Jesus a tiny white thing in a box? I was utterly confused.

This Feast of Corpus Christi is an excellent time to think about how we should speak about the Eucharist. In today's Gospel, Jesus declares: "My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55) His words scandalized his listeners, who feared cannibalism, and even today puzzle many, who reduce them to metaphor. Both miss the truth.

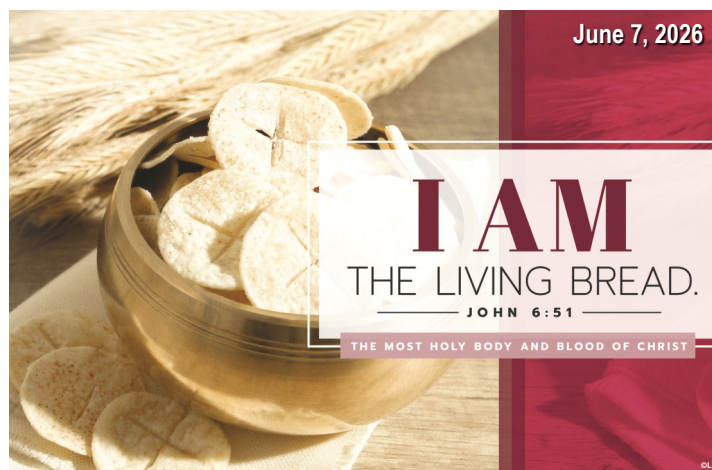
The Church gives us better words that honor Jesus' words in the Gospel. After the consecration, we do not call it "bread" or "wine." Nor do we say, "a piece of Jesus" or even "Jesus." We say: the Eucharist. We say: the Body and Blood of Christ.

We say: the Real Presence. We say: the Most Blessed Sacrament. These words safeguard the astonishing reality that Christ himself is truly present, whole and entire, under the appearances of bread and wine.

If we speak well about the Eucharist, we will think more clearly and believe more deeply. And if we believe more deeply, we will adore more truly the One who gives himself to us — not bread, not wine, but Jesus Christ himself, whole and entire.



June 7, 2026



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New Young Adult Group at SVDP

This Sunday, June 7 at Noon in the Rectory

We will have mimosas and brunch and we will take some time to talk about what we want the young adult community to look like.

This group is for all people ages 21-30. See you there!



In a historic moment, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this Thursday, June 11. At St. Vincent de Paul, we plan to join the celebration with a special daily Mass at 8 AM and an evening Holy Hour at 7 PM in the Adoration Chapel. Join us!

Blood Drive at St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, June 11 from 2 PM—7 PM

A Blood Emergency has been called by the Memorial Blood Center and donors are urgently needed to bring our blood supplies back to safe levels.

A blood drive sponsored by the Osseo/Maple Grove Knights of Columbus is coming to our parish.

There will be a signup table in the Gathering Space after all masses this weekend. Or you can sign up online with the QR code at left, or visit www.mbc.org/searchdrives, then enter sponsor code 0264.

If you want to donate but don't want to register online, call Dick Montroy at 612-419-0419.

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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday at 8 AM

Wednesday at 5:15 PM

Saturday at 5 PM & Sunday at 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

Adoration for Vocations Holy Hour

Tuesday, June 9 from 6:30-7:30 PM in the Chapel

Join us to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and spiritual support for existing vocations.

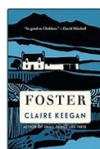
Book Club This Thursday

**Thursday, June 11 from 9:30—10:30 AM
in the Community Room**

We'll discuss Small Things Like These and Foster by Claire Keegan.



"It is 1985 in a small Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal merchant and family man faces into his busiest season. Early one morning, while delivering an order to the local convent, Bill makes a discovery which forces him to confront both his past and the complicit silences of a town controlled by the church"



"It is a hot summer in rural Ireland. A child is taken by her father to live with relatives on a farm, not knowing when or if she will be brought home again. In the Kinsellas' house, she finds an affection and warmth she has not known and slowly, in their care, begins to blossom. But there is something unspoken in this new household—where everything is so well tended to—and this summer must soon come to an end."

We meet the second Thursday of each month. On July 19 we will discuss Code Name Helene by Ariel Lawhon. All are invited!

K of C Cor, Men of the Cross

Saturday, June 13 at 7:30 AM in the Comm. Room

We welcome all men over 18 years old to attend this gathering of the Knights of Columbus Cor, Men of the Cross. All men are welcome. Beverages and light breakfast treats will be provided.



**Next Sunday, June 14
after the 9 AM & 11 AM
Masses at the School
Playground**

We invite all young families of the parish to meet up at the school playground on Sunday, June 14 to meet and play with other families. We'll serve yogurt parfaits after the 9 AM Mass, and pizza after the 11 AM Mass. We encourage all families with littles to come—especially if you are looking for a simple way to meet others at the parish.

2nd Collection Next Weekend

Our second collection for June will be for The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ. This collection will help support the many ministries they provide in both Nigeria and at their Renewal Center in Freeport, IL. Through their work in Nigeria they provide pro-life services at their Compassionate Homes, assist widows who are facing significant hardships after their husband's deaths, feed the homeless at the soup kitchen they established, care for the aging sisters in their organization, and educate current sisters and those in formation to become a sister. In the US they have opened the Immaculate Heart Renewal Center that provides a welcoming space for their mission of personal renewal, multicultural awareness and pastoral counseling. Your generous contributions will help them continue their current ministries and hopefully help them expand some of their services.

Sharing & Caring Hands This Week



We appreciate you generous bakers who kindly provide us with cookies for dessert at the shelter. Please deliver them to the parish office by 10 AM on Wednesday.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

To sign up or to be a sub, call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089 or login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration.

**Adorers are urgently needed for: Sundays at 3 AM,
Thursdays at 2 AM, & Saturdays at 3 PM.**

Join us for the Event of the Summer

Thursday, July 16 at 5:30 PM

Adults of St. Vincent de Paul are invited for an evening of music, food & drinks, and a Bags

Tournament! There is no cost to attend, but your free-will offering will benefit our School Blessing Fund for need-based scholarships. Want to join in the tournament? The cost is \$50 per team of two and you can sign up at saintvdp.org/bags-tournament.

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Mass Intentions for June 8-14

Monday	8:00 AM	† Regina Loyola Knowles
Tuesday	8:00 AM	Colleen Culhane
Wednesday	5:15 PM	† Mark Bramwell
Thursday	8:00 AM	† Nina & Charles Holloway
Friday	8:00 AM	† Rick Schroeder
Saturday	5:00 PM	† George & Mary Goth
Sunday	7:30 AM	† Gary Yanta
	9:00 AM	† Rodney & Helen Evans
	11:00 AM	Parishioners

Readings for this Week

Sunday:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
Monday:	1 Kgs 17:1-6/ Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 17:7-16/ Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 18:20-39/ Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
Friday:	Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10/ 1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday:	1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/ Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday:	Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5/Rom 5:6-11/ Mt 9:36-10:8

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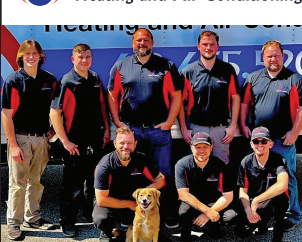
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