

The Pastor's Corner

THE WAY WE RECEIVE SPEAKS VOLUMES!

Today, we celebrate the traditional feast of Corpus Christi, or as it translates, the Body of Christ. Though this may seem a redundant celebration, since we celebrate the Eucharist each and every time we come to Mass, this is more than what may meet the eye, and often we simply scratch the surface. We need a moment to recognize a simple matter of faith: when we receive the Eucharist, we don't receive bread. We don't receive just a symbol. We don't receive something that is frivolous or even easily dispensable to living a worthy life of faith. We receive Jesus: Body, Blood, soul, and Divinity. This is truly Jesus, even if sensibly it seems nothing like what we would expect Him to be.

Why does this matter then? It matters because we need to reflect on the way that we reflect this reality in our life of faith. When we receive the Eucharist, do we receive it as if it is truly the Son of God- which it is? Or, do we treat it as one activity amongst many, even perhaps excusing ourselves from Holy Mass if we feel it would be inconvenient while we are on vacation, for example? Then, it isn't enough for us to just "show up." We need to be prepared for reception of communion! We are likely all aware we must fast for an hour before Mass, but what about the deeper preparation we can do? Have we been to confession recently (within six months)? Are we in a state of grace (is our soul free from serious or mortal sin, such as unchastity, missing Mass on a Sunday, being wrathful, cheating, amongst others)? Or, have we taken time to pray or read scriptures, perhaps the readings for Mass, even before we arrive? Finally, when we are at Mass, do we receive with hearts that have a simple petition: "Lord increase my faith!"

May we, as we celebrate the solemnity of Corpus Christi truly show by our lives that we believe what we receive!

-Fr. Belken

Readings for Next Sunday

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 9, 2024

Gn 3:9-15
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mk 3:20-35

PLEASE NOTE

Parish Email Addresses have changed!

Office: office@stlnh.org

Billy Ray: billyray@stlnh.org

Fr. Belken: frbelken@stlnh.org

The Phone System now includes options to reach Fr. Belken's office, and also an option for the case of sacramental emergencies or to notify him of a deceased parishioner. Phone number is the same.

TOTUS TUUS

"Totally Yours"

June 9-14, 2024

Calling all youth! Deepen your faith and experience the sacraments in an engaging way!

Please contact Pat Moore!



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST · JUNE 2, 2024



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Mass Schedule					
Sat.	Jun	1	4PM	Alex Jr. & Vera Burger	Thu. Jun 6 7AM Shelby & Charlene Steger
Sun.	Jun	2	8:30AM	Parish Family	Fri. Jun 7 7AM Chrles & Lucille Heuring
Mon.	Jun	3	No Mass		Sat. Jun 8 4PM Andrew Essner
Tue.	Jun	4	No Mass		Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM Parish Family
Wed.	Jun	5	No Mass		

SUNDAY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA VISITATION. JUN 2-Mary B. Glastetter, **JUN 9**-Terri Stuckey, **JUN 9**-Norma Seyer, **JUN 16**-Jackie Griffith, **JUN 23**-Pat Moore, **JUN 30**-Mary F. Glastetter.

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

May 26, 2024: Loose \$90, Envelopes \$1422, Total: \$1512.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, ADORATION. St. Lawrence Church, 7:30-10:30AM.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7th, CHURCH CLEANING. Chairman: Jim & Jill Pinkston

Evan & Jordan Reischman, Gary & Debbie Reischman, Richard & Andrea Reeves.

JOB OPENING. Saint Denis School in Benton, MO is seeking friendly faces to be a part of the "Saint Denis Difference" for these following positions: a principal and part-time teacher, a full-time elementary teacher, and a part time administrative assistant. These positions are all a part of the school family atmosphere, making a difference in young disciple's spiritual and intellectual journey! For applications, qualifications, or for further inquiries, please contact Fr. Belken at the Saint Denis Parish Office at 573-545-3864 or please email office@stdenisbenton.org.

TOTUS TUUS. Totus Tuus is coming to St. Lawrence June 9-13 for grades 7-12, 7-9PM. June 10-14 for grades 1-6, 8:30AM-2PM. For more information, please contact the Parish Office or Pat Moore for more details.

Anyone wanting to donate cookies please leave in the back of church, it is needed and appreciated.

DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF). As of the 4th week of DDF, 60 families have graciously donated. Thank you so much. We are over 65% of the way toward reaching the goal. To date, our parish has given \$16,095.00 toward our \$23,472.00 goal. We need \$7,377.00 to reach the goal. We have 5 weekends until the established goal of 30 June. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make your pledge, there are cards in the pews, in the back of church, and we will be mailing out a second donation letter in two weeks to those who have not already turned in the forms. For more information regarding DDF, you can contact Billy or Stacey Johnson at the Parish Office.

PASTORAL NOTE: One-Handed Reception of Holy Communion- Over the coming weeks, Father is asking that those who must receive the Eucharist with only hand transition to either receiving on the tongue, or in the case that this is not possible, on one hand which is flat and outstretched to receive our Lord, and then is

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Organist/Cantor:	Sat. Jun 8 4PM	Cheryl Kern/Mary B. Glastetter
Gift Bearers:	Sat. Jun 8 4PM	Mr./Mrs. Danny Joe Glastetter
Servers:	Sat. Jun 8 4PM	Drew Essner/Isabel Crook/Wyatt Farrow/Bennett Essner
Ushers:	Sat. Jun 8 4PM	Dirk Dirnberger/Blake Dirnberger/Gerard Dirnberger/Brandon Dirnberger

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Organist/Cantor:	Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM	Cheryl Kern/Jamie Essner
Gift Bearers:	Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM	Mr./Mrs. David Glastetter
Servers:	Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM	Brady James/Vanellope DeShaney/Leigha Estes/Parker Reeves
Ushers:	Sun. Jun 9 8:30AM	Cody Dirnberger/Darryl Dirnberger/Derek Dirnberger/Henry Dirnberger

immediately moved to one's mouth to receive. Please do not "pinch" the host to receive it from the minister's hand to receive. Though this may be unfamiliar, it is simply a movement into greater conformity with the instruction of the Church on how to properly receive Holy Communion. Thank you for your attention to this matter, as we continue to renew ourselves in our love for the Holy Eucharist!

CAMP RE-NEW-ALL. Camp Re-NEW-All Fredericktown is in need of help with the following positions: 1F (June 9-14), 2 girl counselors, 1 boy counselor and a Lifeguard; 2F (June 23-28), a medical professional (nurse, EMT, etc.); 3F (July 7-12), 5 boy counselors. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Sellers, kimsellers66@gmail.com or call Linda Glendenning at the diocese office, 573-866-0841. Thank you so very much for your consideration, God Bless.

STEUBENVILLE, CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE SUMMER 2024. Join us in Springfield, MA on July 26-28! Secure your spot for the weekend that changes everything. Register now and give your teens an opportunity for spiritual growth and lasting transformation. Whether your teens are disengaged, doubtful believers, dedicated 'youth group kids,' or devout Catholics, these conferences present the gospel in a fresh and compelling way. This event promises to be a life-changing experience for your teens, offering them the opportunity to deepen their faith, connect with like-minded peers, and encounter the incredible power of God's love. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Next week 2nd collection for Catholic Communications Campaign.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Shelton and for his family during this time of loss and sorrow.