

St. Joseph Church

June 2, 2013 - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
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St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement

We, the faith community of Saint Joseph Parish, open to the Spirit as disciples of Jesus Christ, proclaim, witness and celebrate the Kingdom of God among us, through service, healing and reconciling love.



Masses for the Week

Monday, June 3	12:00 Noon	Jerry Westendorf
Tuesday, June 4,	12:00 Noon	Garrity Family
Wednesday, June 5,	12:00 Noon	Robert O'Rourke
Thursday, June 6,	12:00 Noon	Michael Kics
Friday, June 7,	12:00 Noon	Fr. William Dineen C.P.P.S.
Saturday, June 8,	12:00 Noon	Lion McDowell
	4:30 p.m.	Carmen Florio
Sunday, June 9,	10:00 a.m.	St. Joseph Parishioners

Parish Registration: Call the rectory Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Baptisms: Call the rectory to schedule

Weddings: You must be a registered parish member for six months to set a date. Allow 6 months preparation time.

Confessions: Monday thru Saturday 11:30 am until 11:55 am

Holy Day Mass: Noon on the Holy day

St. Joseph Staff

Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.P.P.S., Pastor
Rev. Ken Pleiman, C.P.P.S. Assoc Pastor
Rita Zimmerman, Business Manager
Bill Baron, Maintenance

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Lou Homan
Jonathan Spowart

Parish Council

Harry Bossey John Ludwig
Rick Carlile Cindy Luzar
Mary Doerr Amy Spowart
Gary Gregory Libbie Worley
Michael Landry

St. Joseph Update



Coffee and Donuts

Join us next week following the 10:00 Mass in the school cafeteria for coffee, donuts and fellowship. All are welcome.

Thank you for your generous support of the survivors of the tornadoes in Moore, Oklahoma. We collected \$1516.00 to send to the Chancery.

St. Vincent De Paul Needs Help

St. Vincent de Paul is in need of a volunteer to take client calls. Work at home on your own time. You will be trained. If interested, please call John Stiers at 898-1183.

Hunger Knows No Season

This time of year is hard for food pantries as donations are light. Please remember our pantry by donating non-perishable food. You may also donate funds and we will do the shopping. Be sure to mark funds "Food Pantry". Thanks for your continue support of the needy.

Sisters of the Precious Blood

Is God calling you to feel motivated beyond yourself?

The Sisters of the Precious Blood are hosting a 'Come and See' Day of Reflection for women 18-45 who are interested in learning more about life as a consecrated woman. The event will be held June 22 at Salem Heights in Dayton. Reservations are due by June 19 and can be made by emailing Sister Mary Yarger at vocations@cppsadmin.org. There is no cost for the event. The Sisters of the Precious Blood are united by a rich and active contemplative spirituality that is firmly rooted in Eucharistic prayer and devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus.

Pray for the Men and Women Serving in the Military

Gary Eilers Cody Landers
Greg Marcus David Musgrove

It's Time to Plant Flowers!

We will plant flowers around the church and rectory on June 8th starting at 9:00 a.m.. If you love to play in the dirt and see the beauty of your efforts, come and join the fun. All help is greatly appreciated.

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Lion McDowell



Financial Information

Collection for May 26th \$4482.50
Charity Collection \$109.00

Thank You! Fr. Angelo and Fr. Ken

Prayer List

Please keep the following people in your prayers. If you are seriously ill or undergoing surgery and would like your name added to the pray list please call the rectory.

Jim Allen	Dorothy Grant
Peg Anderson	Norma Hickey
Patricia Bornhorst	Randy Kramer
Greg Bower	Cathy Kreitzer
Robert Caulfield	Jane Lewis
Tim Chapman	Chris Luehrs
Betty Criner	Lyndsey Luehrs
Fran Dabrowski	Helen Moore
Brian Deckard	Joe Moretto
Jacqueline Deckard	Barbara Pacey
Nancy Dolan	Isaiah Ramsey
Willie Dunson	Pat Somers
Mary Fiste	Henry Sorokin
Sally Fitzgerald	Ed Sullivan
Joseph S. Franchina	Bob Turk
Robert Garrity	Mary Helen Wedig
Clara Garza	Betty Wenzel
Jackie George	

Pastor's Corner

In today's readings we hear about a person named Melchizedek. He is a King and a priest of God the Most High who recognized in Abram, later to be named Abraham, a person blessed by God because of Abram's victory in battle. Melchizedek offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving in Abram's name. The offering is bread and wine. Abram also recognizes that it was not by his own strength that he was victorious over the four kings and so he gives a tenth of his possessions as an offering to the Lord. This is the source of the biblical concept of tithing.

Little is known of Melchizedek. No one knows where he came from or where he went after this encounter with Abram. He is the first person in the bible to be given the name of "priest." Christianity has seen Melchizekek as a foreshadowing of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our eternal priest and King of Kings who is both the sacrifice and the offering. Just as Melchizedek offered a thanksgiving gift of bread and wine to God, so too, Jesus gives us His body and blood in the form of bread and wine as a thanksgiving offering. Through the Eucharist, a word that means thanksgiving, we are able to share in the life of Jesus today and His gift of eternal life.

The Gospel reading of the multiplication of loaves and fish is also a foreshadowing of the Eucharist we share. St. Mark says: "Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied." Only Jesus is able to provide food for such a large crowd. The abundance of bread given to us by Jesus will always be enough to satisfy the hunger of the world. Our sharing in the meal of the Lord is helping us to prepare to enter the eternal banquet feast of heaven.



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In reflecting on the gift of the Eucharist, Fr. Wilfred Theisen, O.S.B. makes the following observation. "The Eucharist does not change what we are, but our view of ourselves, and the world in which we live. The Eucharist helps us to see that God's energy and life are in the world. The Eucharist helps us to make a beginning in the conquest of despair, anger, irritability, helps us to suppress unkind words and thoughts towards others, dishonesty and other destructive behavior. We struggle unsuccessfully by ourselves. When we turn to the Lord in the Eucharist instead of ourselves, we find the courage, resolution, and perseverance to work on those matters in our life that need to be changed. It is through the Eucharist that we can change what should be changed in our lives and learn to accept what cannot be changed and gain the wisdom to know the difference."

On this Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ may we be more aware of the great gift of the Eucharist that has been given to us and realize that by our participation in the Eucharist we "proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes."

Fr. Angelo

Reflecting on the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

In the year 1263 Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ as a way of strengthening our belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Pope asked the great theologian St. Thomas Aquinas to compose various prayers to help express our belief in the Eucharist. One such prayer became the hymn Pange Lingua.

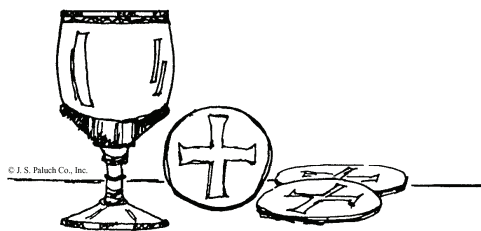
In this hymn St. Thomas says: Jesus gives himself to us as food with his own hands. “The Word made flesh by his own word makes -true bread- become his flesh.” God, who by His word created the universe and all that is in it...that same living Word of God, transforms the elements of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. In doing this Jesus wanted to assure his disciples and all of us that he would be with us forever, walking with us through the desert times of life as well as in our days of joy.

It's important to remember that the food we receive is not symbolic of the body and blood of Christ; it is the Real Presence of Christ! Yes, our senses tell us it has the appearance of bread and wine, but our senses can only take us so far. What we come to see in life is that there is often a deeper truth that isn't apparent at first glance.

For example, when we use our sense of sight and look into the night sky we see the light of the stars and might think that the light of the star is being produced today. Yet, looking deeper we understand through science that the light we see today was actually produced some 35-80 years ago and it has taken this long for that light to get to us.

At Mass, through the words of consecration and the power of the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become the body and blood of Jesus. We believe this in faith. As St. Thomas teaches, let faith fill in where the senses fail us. The awesome gift we receive is the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. In other words we experience a bit of heaven, here on earth.

As we receive the body and blood of Jesus today may we be aware that the Real Presence of Jesus is with us to fill our every need and to strengthen us so that we may respond like Christ in this journey of life and one day share in that promised gift of everlasting life.



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As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

— 1 Corinthians 11:26

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;
Mk 12:18-27
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5;
Mk 12:28-34
Friday: Ez 34:11-16; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5b-11; Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:17-24; Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13; Gal 1:11-19;
Lk 7:11-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Wednesday: St. Boniface
Thursday: St. Norbert
Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; First Friday
Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed
Virgin Mary