

Welcome to the

Catholic Community June 11th, 2023

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From the Pastor

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the great feast of *Corpus Christi* - the Body & Blood of Christ. This feast was established in the 1264 by Pope Urban IV at the urging of St. Thomas Aquinas. This was a time of dwindling belief in the real presence, it was also a time in which God was ready to once again remind the world that He meant what He said when He said, "THIS IS MY BODY" & "THIS IS MY BLOOD". In that same year Pope Urban recognized the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. At that time this feast was established on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. This was so that people would make a connection with the Last Supper, which occurred on a Thursday and was the occasion of the *institution of the Holy Eucharist* (which happens to be the fifth *Mystery of Light* of the Holy Rosary.

In our own time, there persists a lack of belief in the real presence AND Eucharistic Miracles continue to occur in multiple countries. Our God and Father continues to desire to make his Son known through the power of the Holy Spirit. The question remains, "Are we paying attention yet?" It might seem to require a miracle.

So many have given witness that this awareness of Christ's presence finally came to them through their intentional participation in the Mass -or- in Eucharistic Adoration. There are so many opportunities for both during any given week in our parishes. I hope more will take advantage of these so they too may be filled to overflowing from the fountain that is Christ.

Peace to all,

Fr. Klas

On Living the Vocation to Holiness

On this feast of Corpus Christi and as we prepare for our second Healing Service, it is a great time to hear another witness story from "I Am Here". This one is from Anthony Feola of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

At the rocky age of sixteen, this fallen-away son of the Church encountered Jesus Christ through the radical witness of a non-Catholic 'born again Christian' who saw the trajectory of my life leading me to hell. In my wholehearted surrender to the Lordship of Christ, the Holy Spirit renewed in me the baptismal graces I had received as an infant and I began to follow Christ again, but no longer as part of the Catholic Church. From that moment on, I knew there was so much more!

Desiring more of Jesus drove me to daily immersion in the Scriptures, especially the Acts of the Apostles where the early Church drew me into its dynamic narrative of the power of the Holy Spirit, mission, and miracles. *(Continued on the 2nd page)*

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Because we believe in the ordinary necessity of Baptism for salvation, it is customary that newborns be baptized as soon as is practical, usually within a month after birth. Parents need to attend baptism preparation with Deacon Sam prior to scheduling a baptism. Please contact the parish office for details or to register.

Marriage: Couples should contact the Pastor at the time of formal engagement or at least eight months prior to the desired date of the wedding. In the case of a mixed marriage, the non-Catholic party must arrange to receive instructions about the Catholic faith prior to the celebration of the sacrament.

Penance:

Saint Augustine Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Saint Mary Thursday after Mass Friday 7:30am Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m.

Anointing of the Sick: Those who are seriously sick, have been ill for a long period or are to undergo surgery should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please contact the Pastor or the parish office.

Visitation of the Sick: If you become hospitalized, institutionalized or homebound because of illness and would like communion brought to your home or just to be visited, please call the parish office.

Catholic Education: Sacred Heart School offers Christian formation to children in grades 4K through 8. Call the school, 654-7733, to visit or request an application for enrollment.

Bulletin Deadline: Please submit items for publication in the weekly bulletin before 8am Wednesday.

On Living the Vocation to Holiness (Continued from the front page)

There was so much more out there than what I was experiencing in my day-to -day existence! I persistently pursued the Holy Spirit in prayer to the point of holy discontent, asking him to fill me. He answered powerfully, and His rivers of living water swept me into an intense life of prayer, holiness, and the mission of proclaiming the Gospel around the world. I saw firsthand God's power at work in the lives of those who believed the Gospel. Seeing Jesus in the eyes of someone who had just encountered him for the first time became my driving passion. Even here, the Spirit called me closer with his gentle whisper: *There is more.*

As my family grew, so grew my hunger for more of Jesus. Family life melded with ministry life as we prepared to give the greatest 'yes' of our lives to serv as missionaries to a Muslim country together. Simultaneously, our hearts were drawn to Jesus' priestly prayer in John 17, 'that they may all be one...'

During that season, this hunger for greater union with Christ and His Church collided with my deeply buried Catholic roots. Shoots of green pushed through the soil of my heart as my missionary life stumbled into Holy Mother Church in various ways through the witness of faithful Catholics, cracking open the Catechism and not being able to put it down, and long forgotten prayers resurfacing in the secret places of my heart.

Compelled to visit my baptismal parish for the first time in decades, I was hit with an awkward yet familiar sense of 'home'. Like the gravitational pull of the earth, the Mass drew me back again and again to its center: Christ himself.

One evening during the consecration, my gaze shifted from the elevated host to the crucifix and back again as these Scriptures raced through my mind: 'Take, eat, this is my body. Drink, all of you...This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins' (Mt 26:26-29). 'The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? (1 Cor. 10:16-17).

In this moment, Jesus removed the remaining scales from my eyes and clearly revealed himself to me. In the breaking of the bread, I saw him lifted high, inviting me into more of himself and I knew there was only one appropriate response. Out of sheer love and true surrender, I must yet again leave all to follow him.

My family would later meet Jesus in the Eucharist as well. We would go through the pain of leaving behind our much-loved faith community, a ministry salary and parsonage, our missionary plans, family members and friends who did not yet understand what Jesus was doing in our lives; not because we were dissatisfied, but because we had discovered this 'pearl of great price' again.

Ths Jesus always was, always is, and always will be worth leaving all to follow. This Jesus invites us to decrease so He may increase in our lives. This Jesus is able to satisfy the deepest longings of every heart. This Jesus lifted high I the Holy Eucharist continues to draw my longing heart deeper into him with the ever-growing sense that even here in the midst of the Sacraments and in my day-to-day life as a joyful missionary disciple within the Catholic Church—there is more.

Celebrate the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Among the many glorious feast days of our Catholic faith, Corpus Christi is arguably one of the richest! This is so because of what we're celebrating — namely, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1324). It is also so because of the circumstances that led to the proclamation of the feast, which involved a nun, a priest, a bishop and a Eucharistic miracle.



St. Juliana of Liège (in Belgium) was a nun who had a deep devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. After Jesus gave her a mission through visions, she set out to make the church recognize a special feast for the Body and Blood of Christ. But how? She was a nun in the middle ages without any power or influence. Enter Father Peter of Prague. He was wrestling with the debate at the time about just how real the Real Presence was. His doubts were quelled when he was celebrating Mass and blood began seeping from the consecrated host. Father Peter brought this miracle to the bishop, who

was also aware of St. Juliana's visions. That same bishop soon became Pope Urban IV, who proclaimed the feast of Corpus Christi to the whole Church.

The pope sought the assistance of none other than St. Thomas Aquinas to write the feast's liturgical text and hymns. Some of the hymns sung at Benediction (*Tantum Ergo* and *O Salutaris Hostia*) are the result of Thomas' efforts. We celebrate Corpus Christi on the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Central to the feast is the call to Catholics to express love of the Eucharist to the world, to "proclaim on the housetops" (Mt 10:27) what the apostles came to know at the Last Supper. This is why the Eucharistic procession is the hallmark of celebrating the feast of Corpus Christi (June 14 this year). Following the guidelines set forth, many dioceses or individual parishes host Eucharistic processions that go blocks or even miles, with the faithful following Jesus through the streets singing, chanting or praying. If there is a procession near you, by all means bring the family and take part! It's an amazing experience.

If you can't get to a procession, you can still celebrate this beautiful feast, by breaking bread with your family, literally. At your family meal, pass the bread around the table and, as each family member takes a piece, have them tell what they remember about their first Communion and what the Eucharist now means to them.

A family trip to Eucharistic Adoration is another way to proclaim belief in the Real Presence. Even if you can't make a whole hour, perhaps because you have little ones, spending a few minutes in front of the Blessed Sacrament and talking about how Jesus is truly there can make a big impression on little children.

However you choose to recognize this miraculous feast, promise your humble author one thing: Don't tell my husband that waking up early to make Belgian waffles for the family isn't part of the official celebration!

Michelle Schroeder is a working mom of two teens and author of <u>The Handy Little Guide</u> series for OSV.

Do you have a need for healing - spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional?

Join us for Mass and a Healing Service on Monday, June 12th at Sacred Heart Church in Cashton, WI (1205 Front Street)

Schedule of Evening

—4:30 pm - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the evening beginning at 5:30 pm.

-5:30 pm - Holy Mass

After Mass - Adoration continues with Prayers of Healing & Deliverance

Our clergy and prayer teams will pray over those who desire it.

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a means of fertility awareness that encourages husbands and wives to love each other through communication and self-control during times of abstinence." (John and Sheila Kippley in, The Art of Natural Family Planning, 1996, p. 1. Mr. and Mrs. Kippley are co-founders of the Couple to Couple League, a national NFP provider organization.) To learn more visit diolc.org/nfp, or contact Christy Kitzhaber at ckitzhaber@diolc.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is like spring-time. It's a weekend of fresh air, the rebirth of romance and new beginnings. If you would like to make your marriage even more special than it already is, visit wwme.org, call 563.920.9419 or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR code to the left for more information. The next weekend is Sept. 22-24 in Dubuque, IA.

Saint Augustine PCCW

St. Augustine's PCCW will be meeting on Monday June 12 at 6:30pm in the Church basement. We will be electing officers, if you are not attending you may get a job. If you have any interest in your parish please attend this important meeting.

Reading Reflection

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings focus on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life. Why? As stewards, we recognize that all we are and all gifts are from God. We are to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to more profound gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist. In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through a lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important. And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so is the Eucharist's nourishment. Jesus could not make this any more apparent to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now -"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the Word of God's and the Eucharist's gifts, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Therefore, let us resolve to always steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts

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The Week at a Glance...

Monday, June 12th

- —Healing Service at SH
- 4:30pm Adoration
- -5:30pm Mass
- -Healing Service after Mass

Tuesday, June 13th

-Mass 8am SH

Wednesday, June 14th

-Mass 8:30am SA

Thursday, June 15th

- -Adoration 6:30pm SM
- -Mass 7:30pm SM

Friday, June 16th

- -Mass 8am SH
- -Adoration 9-11:45am SH
- -Adoration 5:30pm SA

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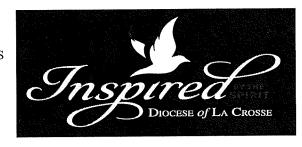


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Cash: \$42,148

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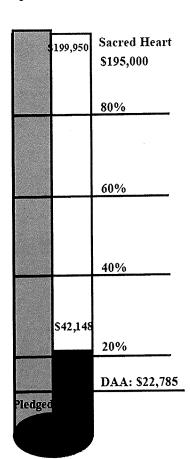
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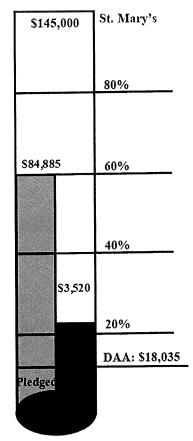
St. Mary's

Cash: \$33,520.00 Pledged: \$84,885 Diocesan Appeal Goal: \$18,035 Capital Campaign Goal: \$145,000

St. Augustine's

Cash: \$6,780 Pledged: \$31,720 Diocesan Appeal Goal: \$12,285 Capital Campaign Goal: \$50,000





\$50,000	St. Augustine's
	80%
\$31,720	60%
	40%
	DAA: \$12,285
	20%
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For Youth and Young Adults

The saint we will learn about today was what I would call "gutsy". He was willing to take some chances but for good reason.

St. Joseph Cafasso was ordained in 1833 and became a successful preacher, confessor and teacher. He had a spine that was deformed in a way that made it curve in an unnatural way but despite that, in a society that did not value those with disabilities, he was quite popular.

One story that we have (we get from St. John Bosco) tells us that St. Joseph was planning to hear confessions from 45 criminals. They had agreed to do it and he was willing to hear their confessions. However, when he got there, none would go to confession. St. Joseph Cafasso wouldn't stand for that. He went up to the criminal who acted as a leader and grabbed his beard. He told the criminal that he wouldn't let go until he went to confession. Whether it was that the criminal had respect for the priest or that God was working through him, he finally relented. Fr. Joseph prepared him for confession and

then heard his confession as well.

The criminal was so moved he almost couldn't finish his confession and when he was done, he was able to persuade the rest of the criminals to also receive the sacrament, telling them that he had never been so happy in all his life.

Fr. Joseph personally accompanied at least 60 criminals to their executions, saying they were his best parishioners. Fr. Joseph died in 1860. John Bosco had become his good friend and preached at his funeral. I don't think it's a coincidence that our recent saints have influenced future saints.

Are we trying to surround ourselves with saintly friends? Or are we surrounding ourselves with "friends" who don't help us be our best? Are we trying to be a good example to those around us, even recognizing when we have failed, and receiving the sacrament of reconciliation to get back on the right path? St. Joseph Cafasso, pray for us.

Upcoming Dates

Watch here for details on Catholic Kids Camp and Next years CCD!

- 1. Jesus knew in advance that he would die a violent death. True or False?
- 2. A deacon of the church is able to say Mass when a priest is unavailable. True or False?

Mass Intention Schedule

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Sat. June 10th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	† Charles & Elrita Leis & Carlton VonRuden		
	6pm at St. Augustine's	For the People		
Sun. June 11th	8am at St. Mary's	† Mary Marquardt		
	10am at Sacred Heart	† Dorothy Hansen		
Mon. June 12th	5:30pm at Sacred Heart	Celebrant's Intention		
Tues. June 13th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Henry Geier, Aaron Watters & The Geier Family		
Wed. June 14th	8:30am St. Augustine	† Mary Schmitz		
Thurs. June 15th	7:30pm at St. Mary's	† Randy Burrington		
Fri. June 16th	8:00am at Sacred Heart	† Carlton & Dorothy Von Ruder & Family		
Sat. June 17th	4:00pm at Sacred Heart	† Jerome & Martha Hundy & Judy Dickson		
	6:00pm at St. Augustine's	† Gallis Schmitz		
Sun. June 18th	8:00am at St. Mary's	For the People		
	10:00am at Sacred Heart	† Jim Neubauer		

Lector/Serving Schedule June 17th & 18th

St Augustine	Saint Mary's	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart
6pm Saturday	8am Sunday	4pm Saturday	10am Sunday
Zaida Carpenter	Glen Miller	Jack Herricks	Enid Neubauer
	<u>Servers</u>		<u>Servers</u>
	Volunteer's		Harris Boys
	Appreciated		

Weekly Readings

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58 (167)

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12 (359) <u>Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16 (360)</u> <u>Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19 (361)</u> <u>Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Mt 5:20-26 (362)</u>

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 (170)
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21 (364)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)

Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8 (91)

Please pray for these Intention

- -+Alred Schmitz
- -+Bobby John Brueggeman
- -Jeff Mullenberg
- -Grace Fowler
- Pope Francis
- -Bishop Callahan
- -Barb Scholl
- -Margaret Jothen
- -John Hundt
- -Nancy Karis
- David Schwarz
- -Sandy Von Ruden
- Alred & Alice Schmitz
- -Mary Leuck
- -Bobbi Baker
- -Dennis Hemmersbach
- -Mike Metzler
- -Joshua Mack
- Bobby John Brueggeman
- —For Vocations to Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life and all the seminarians of the Diocese of La Crosse including our own seminarian Thomas Cummings.

—For the abolition of torture (Pope's June Intention)

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

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