



June 22, 2025

## THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST / CORPUS CHRISTI

Sunday	6/22	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Donald & Helen Vande Hei's Wedding Anniversary <i>Mass at St John's Sharon Marcks</i>	Corpus Christi Procession Following Mass
Tuesday	6/24	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Joseph Liebhaber</i>	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Wednesday	6/25	8:15 AM 9:00 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Brian &amp; Lynn Gilbertson</i> Holy Communion Outside of Mass / Faith Formation to follow	
Thursday	6/26	8:15 AM	<i>Mass at St John's Barb Wagner</i>	
Friday	6/27	8:15 AM	Donald Vande Hei From Trudie & Kathy	The Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday	6/28	4:00 PM	<i>Mass at St John's Jean Birling</i>	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday	6/29	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Mary Wilinski for Her Birthday By Jill Hodkiewicz <i>Mass at St John's Bob Uecker</i>	Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ Luke 9:11-17

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

**He takes:** Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

**He blesses:** Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

**He breaks:** Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

**He gives:** Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir



### (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

#### As the Day Was Drawing to a Close

It isn't uncommon for me to get to the noon hour only to realize that I haven't yet eaten anything that day.

It drives my husband crazy. He was raised by a bunch of Italian women, so he can't help but think three meals ahead. And don't get me wrong, I love food — I literally dream of donuts. But some days, I'm just so busy and I keep putting it off until I realize how weak I feel, how light-headed. And I think to myself: *Stupid, you've done it again.*

This is what comes to mind today, on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, as I read the Gospel account of the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

I think of hunger, distraction and the poor planning of those who pride themselves on being capable.

"As the day was drawing to a close," it is written — that's when the disciples finally realized that 5,000 hungry people is not an ideal situation.

I wonder, did Jesus roll his eyes when they came to him, and think, "Finally"? At any point he could have pulled out a fish and said a blessing. But he waited for them to ask. He waited for them to realize how badly they needed it.

Sometimes we forget that we *need* the Eucharist. It's not just a nice thing to have, a sweet act of devotion, a sacramental item that bolsters our faith. The Eucharist is none of those things. The Eucharist is the food without which we will die. The Eucharist is something we must seek out. Remember: the day is drawing to a close.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



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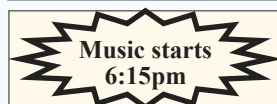
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<b>Sunday 8:00 AM</b> <b>June 29</b>	Ellie Melchert	Jessica Melchert	Paden Melchert Parker Nagel	Jacob VandenHeuvel Steve Hackl

#### **INCOME FOR WEEK:**

Church Support	\$ 1905.00
Loose Collection	\$ 94.01
Votives	\$ 9.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 200.00
Diocese Collection (Home Missions)	\$ 50.00

#### **DISBURSEMENTS FOR WEEK:**

The Catholic Foundation	\$ 70.00
St John's (Homeless Shelter Donation)	\$ 500.00
Cathedral Book & Gift	\$ 41.85
WeShare CC Fees	\$ 3.40



**Seymour's 2025 ~ Music in the Park**  
June 25th - Rocker, Rocker, Rocker

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

##### **Sacred Vessels**

Have you ever paid attention to the purification of the sacred vessels after Holy Communion? If you haven't, I highly recommend doing so this Sunday. See the care with which the priest handles the chalice and the paten, pouring water into them to cleanse any loose particles of the Body and Blood of Christ. Observe the loving reverence he uses in wiping them dry with a special purificator. It's a ritual unto itself, and a powerful moment for reflection.

These vessels begin as earthly objects. They are made by human hands. There is nothing special about them — not until they go about the work for which they have been created. Until they contain the Body and Blood of Christ, they are only ordinary objects. But after they have carried within them the Eucharist, they are never the same. They will always be special and deserving of special care.

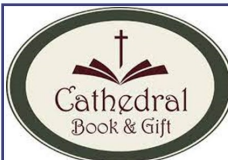
That's why partaking of the Eucharist is, for us, an evangelical undertaking. It is both a transformation and a declaration. When we accept this tremendous gift, we are proclaiming what we believe, and we are accepting the grace to follow through on that commitment.

When we are receiving the Eucharist, it is not possible for us to be passive. We become the vessel. We carry Christ into the world with us.

But do we act like it? Do we treat ourselves — our bodies, our souls — with the same respect as the priest cleansing the chalice? Do we treat one another with the reverence we would reserve for a sacred object? When we look at another person with anger or irritation or envy, do we acknowledge the change that we have willingly undergone by receiving Christ's Body and Blood into ourselves? — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

#### **Bulletin Changes**

Beginning with our July 6th bulletin, you will see that the front & back cover will no longer be in color print. With everything moving toward digital, the company we worked with no longer offers this service. We are trying a trial subscription to obtain the cover online and looked into having them printed in color for us, but the expense is quite high. For this reason, we will be printing them off ourselves with our black & white copier we currently have. We will continue to look into different avenues for the future. Thank you for your understanding!



**131 S. Madison St.  
Green Bay, WI**

**All Are  
Welcome!**

#### **FREE EVENT!**

**Catholic Kids Story & Craft Time**  
**Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Starting at 11am**  
**At Cathedral Book and Gift Store**

Come hear a story read by our  
guest reader:  
Sister Maria Clercx

#### **Devotions, Explained! Marian Consecration**

Marian Consecration is the act of consecrating oneself to Jesus through the intercession of his Blessed Mother and is rooted in the words of Jesus himself when he beseeched the Apostle John to look upon Mary as his mother (John 19:27).

#### **Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week**

Five loaves and two fish; a measly portion of food for such a large crowd of people. But we must remember that it doesn't matter what the size of our offering is. If we only lay it before Christ, he will take it and make it a mighty bounty.

#### **Prayer for the True Presence**

Jesus, What a gift we have in your True Presence; the assurance of your friendship, your company, your grace, your love. Increase our thirst for you as you, also, desire to draw closer to us. Amen.



**St Sebastian's has reached**  
**\$14,280.10 of our \$15,974 goal!**

**89% of Goal!**  
**Thank you!!**

**Ministry of the Sick:** Please notify the parish office if a member of your family is confined to their home or is hospitalized. Also, please inform the hospital of your affiliation with your parish.

**Baptisms:** Please call the parish office two months in advance.

**Marriage:** Please call St. John's parish office eight months in advance.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Please call St. John's parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick and Dying:** Please call St. John's parish office.

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**Wed: 8:30 – Noon, Closed: Tues & Fri**