The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"The Eucharist is not a prize for the strong but a source of strength for the weak, for the sinners." - Pope Francis

Dear Friends in Christ,

We celebrate with such immense joy Corpus Christi this weekend, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. On this Holy Day we remember the truth about the Most Holy Eucharist, that It is our Lord's Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity present in that Sacred Host.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi, speaks even deeper to us Catholics throughout the world this year. COVID-19 prevented so many souls from receiving our Lord in Holy Communion, some places in the world even locking their church doors so that it was
impossible for anyone to be near our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

I have heard on Catholic radio and in person the different sorrows people have felt in not being able to receive our Lord in Holy Communion during the lock down. I have also heard from a few souls that after they returned to public Masses and received our Lord in Holy Communion again, that their eyes welled up from the sincere joy of our Lord being Present within them.

Furthermore, a few souls have shared with me how the lock down phase from COVID-19 has shown them how much they took the Blessed Sacrament for granted. We know from late 2019 the Pew Research how roughly only 30% of Catholics believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi (which is Latin for "the Body of Christ") hits home for us as Catholics, possibly unlike any other Feast throughout the year because only us Catholics are graced with a valid Eucharist. No other Christian faith can claim that. Due to Apostolic Succession, we are so blessed in the Catholic Faith to have God in our Tabernacles.

My prayer and hope for my flocks at both parishes is how the Eucharist is not only Something but Someone that you are yearning for, more so now than ever before in your life because of COVID-19. If you need help in growing in your love for the Eucharist, then go to Mother Mary, who will undoubtedly bring you closer to the Eucharist, because it is none other than her Son, Jesus Christ, Whom we worship in that Most Sacred and Holy Host. O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving be Every Moment Thine. It is the Eucharist and our Mother Mary that will sustain us and save us in all we undertake and endure. God bless you all and Mother Mary keep you safe.

In Christo et Maria,

Father Vogel
Parochial Administrator

Liturgical Ministers for This Weekend

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**
Server: Leland Edenburn
Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Adam Sabaliauskas
Rosary Leader: TBA
Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**
Server: Ryan and Curtiss Schaller
Ushers: Bill and Thonya Kennedy
Rosary Leader: Barry Schaller
Music: Renee Edenburn, Judy Wolf
Looking Ahead: Liturgical Ministers for June 20/21 and June 27/28

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20**
- Server: Zander Peck
- Ushers: D. J. Breitbach, Henry Saubers
- Rosary Leader: TBA
- Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21**
- Server: Aidan Fleischmann
- Ushers: Bill and Thonya Kennedy
- Rosary Leader: TBA
- Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**
- Server: Tavin Glass
- Ushers: Guy Emhoff, Tim Long
- Rosary Leader: TBA
- Music: Kaitlin Long, David Bremer

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**
- Server: Leland Edenburn
- Ushers: Mark Bock, Tim Davis
- Rosary Leader: TBA
- Music: Renee Edenburn, Daniel Yung

### Mass Intentions

**11th Week in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday, June 20**
- + Pam Stobart by Stephanie Lewis and Mary Ann Batliner

**Sunday, June 21**
- 12th Sun. in Ord. Time
- For parishioners of St. Bridget Parish

### Gifts to God and Church

**June 5, 2020 - June 12, 2020**

- St. Bridget Envelopes: $3559.62
- Dream Fund: $885.00
- Youth Group: $30.00
- Votive Candles: $1.00
- Special Collection: $500.00

**Dream Fund MTD $2452.50**

### Father Vogel on Vacation

I will be on vacation visiting my brother and his family all next week, enjoying being an uncle with my niece and nephews and enjoying my brother and his wife for a few days. Since I will be gone, all Masses and Confessions are canceled next week except for the Sacred Heart Mass on Friday evening at St. Patrick on June 19 (please see updated information on that below). Adoration will still occur, from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. I will be back for our weekend Masses as normal. - Fr. Vogel

### Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday June 19, 2020 at St. Patrick parish in Holden, I will be offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It will be live-streamed on [St. Patrick's Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/StPatricksHolden/).

It is a special day in the life of our Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states the following about the Sacred Heart of Jesus: **The Heart of the Incarnate Word**

**Word 478** Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us: "The Son of God . . . loved me and gave himself for me." He has loved us all with a human heart. For this reason, the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
Parish Unsung Heroes

There are many people who work behind the scenes to keep our church and grounds beautiful and clean, and they do it out of the goodness of their hearts. They wipe down the pews after every Mass, mow the grass, trim the edges, clean the church, keep the flowers outside looking beautiful, and take care of the inside environment. If you know who some of these people are, please thank them and pray for them.

The church cleaners and mowing crew in particular are overworked. The parish needs more volunteers. It would involve a regular commitment, approximately once every 6 weeks. Please pray about participating in these ministries. If you (and possibly some friends or family members) feel led to perform these charitable acts of service, please contact the church office at (816) 540-4563.

Thank you to all of our special volunteers. Your gift of self is deeply appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Love Fund Collection

The Knights of Columbus are taking up a collection for the Pleasant Hill Lay Clergy Love Fund beginning this weekend and running through the weekend of July 18th and 19th. Your donation will help the needy of Pleasant Hill, and at this difficult time there are more needing assistance than usual. The Knights will match up to $500 of your donations. Please drop a check made out to "Knights of Columbus" (or cash) in the collection basket at church, at the parish office or mail it in. This will be a real blessing to the Love Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

Outpace Poverty Thank You

What a great response to our recent virtual Outpace Poverty! Our communities really came together to make this an enjoyable, although not quite traditional, event. Amazingly, we had participants from coast to coast this year since it was a virtual event. We also had a record number of teams and our captains really stepped up to pull together some great participants and donors to add to the cause. Thank you to all the parishes who formed teams and the parishioners who participated individually. We are honored to be your partners in Outpacing Poverty in the Kansas City and St. Joseph Diocese. For more information about our programs and how your donation helps, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at nbutters@ccharities.com or (816) 659-8266.
Rachel's Vineyard - Kansas City

Are you or a loved one suffering from abortion? Find hope and allow God to heal your heart by attending a Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat. The second retreat of 2020 to be held in the Kansas City area will be on July 24-26. For more information or to register, please call Teresa O'Donnell at (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com (please note: you might have to check your Spam folder for the guaranteed email reply) or visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary - June 19th and 20th

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a solemnity in the Roman Catholic Church and is celebrated nineteen days after Pentecost. It always falls on a Friday. The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated on the Saturday after the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. They are on June 19th and 20th this year. Here is a prayer to the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary:

O Heart of Jesus pierced for our sins and giving us your Mother on Calvary!
O Heart of Mary pierced by sorrow and sharing in the sufferings of your divine Son for our redemption!
O sacred union of these Two Hearts!
Praised be the God of Love who united them together!

May we unite our hearts and every heart so that all hearts may live in unity in imitation of that sacred unity which exists in these Two Hearts.
Triumph, O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary!
Reign, O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! – in our hearts, in our homes and families, in the hearts of those who as yet do not know you, and in all nations of the world.
Establish in the hearts of all mankind the sovereign triumph and reign of your Two Hearts so that the earth may resound from pole to pole with one cry: Blessed forever be the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary!
Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and a fervent love of the spiritual life.
May all my actions be done for the greater glory of God in unions with the divine heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Hear and answer our prayers and intentions (mention your petition) according to your most merciful will. Amen.

Reflection: The Singular Love Given to You

When pondering the love and the Mercy of God, it is tempting to see His love in a more general way, as if it were something evenly distributed to all people in the same way. But God’s love for you is something so much more than a general gift to all people. It is deeply personal and singular, being offered specifically for you, out of love for you. God does not see you as one of many; rather, He sees you as a singular focus of His love. Each and every person is loved by God in this singular and unique way. Thus, you are loved as His one precious child for whom He has offered His life. Know that God loves you as you. He knows every detail of your life and pours His grace upon you (See Diary #824).

How aware are you of the unique and singular love God has for you? His love is personal in that you are an object of His burning Heart of Mercy. God is fully capable of loving each and
every person in this way, seeing each one as His precious child and loving each person in their uniqueness and even in their sins. Let yourself, today, experience this personal and abundant love of God in your life. It will sustain you in all things and help you to always know that you are loved above all.

Lord, I love You and adore You and thank You for loving me with a perfect love. Help me to receive Your unique gift of love offered to me as Your precious child. May I return this love for You by acknowledging You as my one and only Lord and God. Jesus, I trust in You. (This free reflection can be found at: https://divinemercy.life/2020/06/08/reflection-161-the-singular-love-given-to-you-2/)

**Reflections by Father Paul Turner**

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1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Real Communion

“The Body of Christ” refers to the church as well as to the Eucharist. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, we have communion with God and with one another.

Jesus is present to us in many ways. We hear his voice in the gospel. We experience his love in our community. We receive him sacramentally in the Eucharist. We are called the Body of Christ because Christ dwells with us.

St. Paul wrote the Corinthians, “Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.”

When we receive communion we experience our communion with one another. Many though we are, we are one in Christ. Just as many grains of wheat make one loaf, just as one loaf is shared by many people, just as many people become one by sharing that one loaf, so do we many become one in Christ. Jesus unites our community when we share our communion together.

Paul’s words were especially significant to the Corinthians. He began this letter addressing the divisions in their church and calling the faithful there to unity. At this point in his letter, we understand why. Their unity in the church is critical to the integrity of their worship.

If our Eucharist is to be sincere, our communion must be real. We eat the Body of Christ. We drink the Blood of Christ. We are the Body of Christ.


**MASS TIMES**

- Saturday 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday 6:00 p.m.

**CONFESSION**

- Sunday 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.
- Tuesday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.
- Wednesday 5:25 p.m. - 5:55 p.m.
- Thursday 8:25 a.m. - 8:55 a.m.

**ADORATION**

- Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Fifth Friday 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday 4:45 p.m.

**ROSARY**
OFFICE HOURS  Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS  Bulletin announcements are due via e-mail by Monday of week of distribution.

PRAYER REQUESTS  If you wish to be added to the prayer chain, please contact Roberta Klein at (816) 540-5980

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please register after Mass using the registration form in the vestibule, download form from our web site, or contact the parish office.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM  Parent preparation session is required. Please call the parish office prior to the birth

ANOINTING OF SICK  As requested after Mass and by appointment

CONFIRMATION  Program for high school students, according to Diocesan guidelines

MARRIAGE  Please call the parish office when engaged. A nine-month preparation period is required (diocesan policy). One party should be a registered, attending parishioner.

2020 SECOND COLLECTIONS

June 21: Communications
July 5: DREAM  Fund
Aug. 2: DREAM  Fund
Aug. 15: THE ASSUMPTION
Aug. 16: Diocesan Life & Justice
Sept. 6: DREAM  Fund
Sept. 20: Church in Latin America
Oct. 4: DREAM  Fund
Oct. 18: Mission Sunday
Nov. 1: ALL SAINTS DAY
Nov. 1: DREAM  Fund
Dec. 6: DREAM  Fund
Dec. 8: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Dec. 13: Religious Retirement
Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and

2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and

3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse to the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.
abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at (816) 812-2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Services Coordinator, Kathleen Chastain, at (816) 392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.