

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 14, 2020

*The bread that we break,
is it not a participation
in the body of Christ?*

*Because the loaf
of bread is one,
we, though many,
are one body,
for we all partake
of the one loaf.*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17



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CORPUS CHRISTI

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: *"I am the living bread that came down from heaven."* John 6:51

Today, we celebrate the solemn feast of Corpus Christi. It is three feasts in one: the feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice, the feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament.

Today's celebration of the Body and Blood of the Lord originated in the Diocese of Liege in 1246 as the feast of Corpus Christi.

We celebrate today Christ's gift to us of the Eucharist, the source and summit of our life together as the Church. The Council of Trent (1545 to 1563), declared that we must honor Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist publicly so that those who observed the faith of the Catholics in the Most Holy Eucharist might be attracted to the Eucharistic Lord and believe in the Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in this great Sacrament. ***"The Catholic Church reaches that in the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of the God-man are really, truly, substantially, and abidingly present together with his soul and divinity by reason of the Transubstantiation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This takes place in the unbloody sacrifice of the Mass."***

Jesus instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist while eating the Passover meal, the feast which the Jews gathered annually to commemorate their ancestors' deliverance from Egyptian slavery. This foundational event began the night God "passed over" the Israelites while punishing their

oppressors, who had resisted His will. Israel was "saved through the blood" of sacrificial lambs sprinkled on doorways.

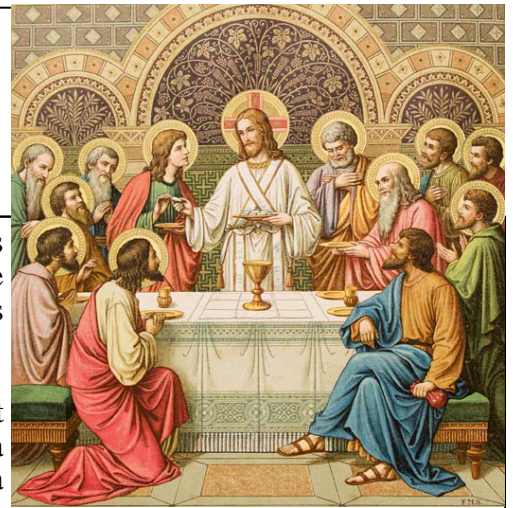
Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist during the Last Supper as a Sacramental banquet and a sacrificial offering. As a Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist is an outward sign in and through which we meet Jesus who shares his life of grace with us. ***"In the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist the Body and Blood, together with the soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained"*** (CCC #1374). In this Sacrament of the Eucharist, we do meet Jesus, the Risen Lord who comes to us under signs of Bread and Wine to nourish and strengthen us for our journey through life.

The Eucharistic Meal is a great mystery because during the Eucharistic celebration the substance of bread and wine are converted into the substance of the risen Jesus' Body and Blood, while their appearances (or 'accidents') remain.

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us his own Body, broken for us on the cross and his precious Blood poured out for us, in order that our sins may be forgiven.

The Eucharistic celebration is also a sacrifice because it is the representation of re-living in an unbloody manner of Christ's Death on Good Friday and of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

We need to prepare properly to receive Holy Communion. We have



tarnished God's image within us through acts of impurity, injustice, disobedience and the like. Hence, there is always need for repentance, and a need for the Sacramental confession of grave sins, before we receive Holy Communion. We should remember the warning given by St. Paul: *"Whoever, therefore, eats the Bread or drinks the Cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the Body and Blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the Bread and drink of the Cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the Body, eat and drink judgement against themselves."* (1 Cor 11:27-29)

After Communion you and I are tabernacles - the physical presence of Jesus continues in us for a brief time. I encourage you to use well the time after Communion to say thanks and to express your gratitude.

~Fr. Idzi



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Parish Office Hours

Monday through Friday
9:00 am—7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am—12:00 pm

Schedule of Masses

Sunday
7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

Saturday Evening Mass
5:00 pm

Weekdays: 8:00 am
Monday through Saturday

Holy Days:
7:30am, 9:30 am and
7:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

Monday - Saturday
after the 8am Mass

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CHURCH REOPENING GUIDELINES

As we progress, we have been given strict guidelines that **MUST** be followed from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The guidelines briefly listed below are for confessions, private prayer and public Masses. Please contact the parish office (773.767.1523) for more information or if you have any questions in regards to the guidelines. Also, please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to join our Reopening Team.

Mass - Attendance Capacity Restricted to under 20% - Social Distancing

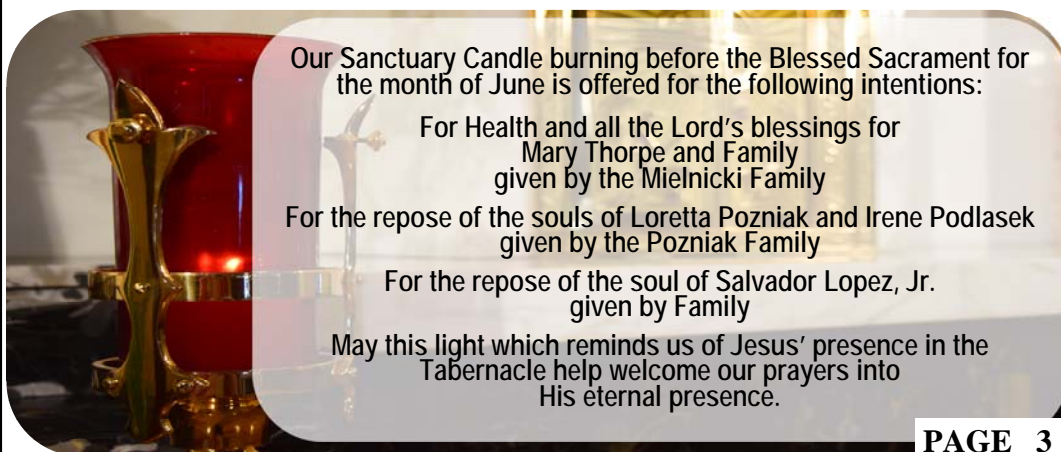
- All Mass worshippers **MUST Pre-register** for a reserved slot, indicating # of attendees (either by changing the quantity or noting the comment sections) and including your first and last name.
 - Register via a link provided on our parish website and social media or calling the Parish Office (773) 767-1523.
 - Registration for weekend Masses opens at 10am on the Wednesday prior to the weekend. Registration will stay open through 11:59pm Saturday.
- Please arrive at least **15 minutes** before the start of Mass.
- Upon arrival – (**wearing a mask**) check in with a Greeter for seating assignment.
- While not recommended, if you have not pre-registered last minute space MAY be available which would allow late registration on the day of Mass.
- Please be understanding, patient, and courteous throughout this process.

PLEASE NOTE: Dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues. It is still advised that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestreamed and televised Masses. If you are feeling ill or have a temperature please do not come to church.

Guidelines for Confession, Private Prayer & Public Mass Attendance

- Everyone entering the church **MUST** wear face masks the entire time, whether during confession, private prayer or Mass! Hand sanitizer will be provided by the parish and MUST be used upon entering the church.
- Trained Greeters will monitor entry, ensure social distancing & direct to appropriate seating.
- Pews and floor will have markings to designate waiting lines, seating, etc. to maintain social distancing

Once again, we are all learning... please be mindful of these guidelines for the safety of yourself and all those around you. We ask for patience and respect towards our greeters and those within our Re-opening Leadership team as they navigate through the first few weeks of this process. We look forward to this opportunity, not only to see some familiar faces again, but to be able to share the Eucharist and worship together as a **“Family Celebrating Faith”** within our Catholic faith tradition.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of June is offered for the following intentions:

For Health and all the Lord's blessings for
Mary Thorpe and Family
given by the Mielnicki Family

For the repose of the souls of Loretta Pozniak and Irene Podlasek
given by the Pozniak Family

For the repose of the soul of Salvador Lopez, Jr.
given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the
Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into
His eternal presence.

Today, the Feast of Corpus Christi, is a great day to review the proper way to receive Holy Communion. Please take a moment and look over the images below. We ask that you also commit to memory and, if necessary, change to one of the respectful methods shown below.

Proper and Improper Ways to Receive the Holy Eucharist



Please study these pictures and if you are in the habit of approaching the Holy Sacrament in an improper manner, we ask that you change to one of the two **respectful** methods shown on this page.



Refrain from receiving the Holy Eucharist in these manners.



To the right we see three different **improper** ways parishioners receive Holy Communion. These three pictures are examples of **HOW NOT TO RECEIVE THE HOLY EUCHARIST!**



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Pastor Al™



"That's the place where they keep the bread of life.
and that's why it's called the pumpnick!" **Page 4**


St. Symphorosa School
Graduate Spotlight
Nicholas Smolek






Years at St. Syms: 11
Future High School: Brother Rice

Favorite School Memory: Indian Fest in Wisconsin (5th grade), St. Sym's Haunted Houses, and seeing my Friends and Teachers everyday!

Clubs, Sports, and Activities: Chess Club, Altar Server (3yrs), 2nd Grade Brown envelope Helper, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, All American Boy and Girl Finalist. Played Basketball, Soccer and Bowling

Final Words of Wisdom: "Always do your best!"


St. Symphorosa School
Graduate Spotlight
Natalie Lopez

Years at St. Syms: 4
Future High School: De La Salle Institute

Favorite School Memory: My favorite school memory will be meeting everyone for the first time.


Clubs, Sports, and Activities: Honors; High Honors, Art Club, Safety Patrol, Church Choir, Varsity Volleyball and Primary Grade Helper.

Final Words of Wisdom: "At times you may feel that life may get too hard, and you want to quit. I say get a motivation!, and work harder than you ever had before. Work to get better and stronger. Don't let words hurt you. Prove people wrong, rather than except their words of defeat. I hope everyone will lead great lives. Thank you to my classmates and teachers for everything they have done for me. St. Syms will always be a part of my life that I will remember with great joy."

Congratulations!

Our St. Symphorosa Athletic Director, Rob Ruffulo, would like to announce and congratulate the following student athletes and graduates as the winners of the Tom Markham Scholarship Award. Each recipient will receive a \$350.00 Scholarship for the next school year.

Grace Jania (Nazareth Academy)
Kaden McHugh (St. Laurence High School)
Aidan Frangella (Mt. Carmel High School)



St. Symphorosa School would like to extend a congratulations to the Class of 2020 Salutatorian and Valedictorian. Congratulations to both of you and your entire graduating class and all the best as you enter into high school with the next school year.

Salutatorian
Leah Sautkus

Valedictorian
Grace Jania





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The bread
that I will
give is
my flesh
for the life
of the world

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, June 13, 2020

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest

5:00pm †Theresa Pudelek (*Pudelek Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Corpus Christi

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
†Nick Bouzios (*Janina*)
†John Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)
9:30am Health & all the Lord's blessings for Weronika Kobylak and Family (*Fr. Idzi*)
†Lerma Magbanua Coronado (*Family*)
†Jan & Kazimiera Karbarz (*Daughters and Families*)
11:30am †Joseph Slowinski (*Daughters and Families*)

Monday, June 15, 2020

8:00am †Mieczyslaw Plewa (*Barbara Rendak*)

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

8:00am †James Sheridan (*Mary Shilney*)

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

8:00am †John Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Thursday, June 18, 2020

8:00am †Bobby Soltis (*Mom-Pat Soltis*)
†Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Friday, June 19, 2020

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00am †Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)

Saturday, June 20, 2020

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am For all Parishioners, Living and Deceased (41)
5:00pm †Greg Golab (*Mom & Dad*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Charles Shilney (*Mary Shilney*)
†Dorothy Bogumil (*Claire Moran*)

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Father's Day

7:30am †Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Clarence & Harriet Wiatrak (*Clara Wiatrak*)
†James Suchy (*Family*)
†George Simon (*Kathy Hynes*)
9:30am †Joseph Loduca (*Family*)
†Adele Hojdik (*Family*)
†Edward Kmak (*Kmak Family*)
11:30am †Jack O'Leary & John O'Leary (*Mike & Bea Byrne*)
†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)
†Richard Montwill (*Loving Family*)



*There are in the end three things that last:
Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of
these is LOVE.*

Kim Argires
Ignatius Battiatto
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Lydia Brown
Pat Carmody
Michael Clifford
Norma De Stefano
Chris Doherty
Juan Figueroa
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Heather Hradek
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Rich S. Jandura
Joan Juris
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Walter Kokoszka, Sr.
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Norman Kwilosz
James Lapsansky
Maryann Larson
Donna Lauritzen
Domenico Lepore

Debbie Lipien
Maria & Martinez Family
John Martini
Thomas Minnich
Christine Mosqueda
Genevieve Nagle
Florence Panzarella
Baby Alexander J Pentz
Gi Gi Piccolini
Marilyn Polit
Marie Pratt
Ann Robertson
Edward Robertson
Fr. John Rudnik
Joseph Rudnik
Coltyn Schmidt
Kristyn Schmidt
Marge Schmidt
Elliana Sterk
Brian Styka
Terry Styka
Mary Thorpe
George Trendle
Judith Webber
Barb Ziegler
Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.
Please let us know when to remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USN
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF
Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
Anthony Johanievicz, US Navy
Corporal Noah M. Konie, USMC
Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Trevor Lutz, US Army
Corporal Zachary Maderak, USMC
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sabeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG



Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

**Is there a family you know who needs assistance?
Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so
that together we can help those who are hungry.**

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of June is for The Way of the Heart.

**We pray that all those who suffer may find their way
in life, allowing themselves to be touched by the
Heart of Jesus.**



Lord Jesus, you healed those who were sick and cared for any who were suffering. Be with us now as we pray for all those who may be affected by the Coronavirus.