

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

PASTOR NOTE

Corpus Christi Eucharistic Adoration. Following centuries of tradition, our parish will host Eucharistic Adoration, Sun. June 2nd, from 3pm to 4pm. This will include a special indoor Eucharistic procession. You are invited and encouraged to join us for this time of prayer and adoration.

Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This Friday, June 7th, is a wonderful and rare occurrence in the liturgical life of the Church. Three things come together on this day. It is the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the First Friday within the month of June, which is devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I encourage you to join us for Mass on Friday morning and renew your devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It will be a day of tremendous blessings.

Revised Policy for Funeral Visitations. When I arrived at the parish, I noticed that our church building does not easily accommodate funeral visitations. Traditionally, a visitation is a wonderful time to express support for the grieving family. Visitations provide an opportunity to converse, visit and reminisce about the deceased loved one. The very nature of a visitation is conversation and support. I do not believe that our church building can accommodate a visitation while also maintaining the dignity and reverence of the sacred church space. So, I enacted a policy that our parish would not accommodate funeral visitations.

To be honest, this policy has not been well received. Some have pointed out that it is easier on the elderly to have the visitation and funeral Mass at one location. This reduces traveling between the funeral home and church, especially in bad weather. Some have pointed out that it is a growing trend to have the visitation at the church and is done in many parishes. I have been considering all of these items. I have decided to revise my original policy.

A visitation in the church will not be allowed. This will maintain reverence for the sacred space. However, families may request a visitation in Harkrader Hall. The hall has a nice area that can accommodate a casket or urn. It also can allow for conversation. The hall is large enough that it can be set up for both a visitation and a luncheon. Also, it is close to the church, which allows for an easy transition between the visitation and the funeral Mass. Generally, a funeral is considered a parish function and so there are no fees for using the hall.

I see this revision as a good compromise, which balances many items. I hope this revision is well received. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Let there be light! New lights have been installed near the Parish Office door.

Recently, we had our annual insurance inspection of our buildings and property. We passed with flying colors, except for one significant item. Past insurance reports have simply recommended that exit lights and emergency lights be installed in the main body of the church. This year, the report has emphatically required that these items be installed. Soon, exit and emergency lights will be installed in such a way that they will minimally detract from the beauty of our church. At first, they will be obvious and quite noticeable, as is anything that is new. But in time, they will simply blend into the surroundings. Now, when there is a power outage, we will have some light in the church.

The Spiritual Life: Excerpt from The Spiritual Life by Adolphe Tanquerey, Desclee and Co., Belgium, 1951.

Summary of St. Ignatius Method of Mental Prayer:

- 1. Preludes:
 - a. A rapid recall of the truth to be considered
 - b. The composition of place through the imagination
 - c. The petition for a special grace in harmony with the subject
- 2. Body of the Meditation
 - a. The Memory by a representation of the subject as a whole together with the chief circumstances
 - b. The Understanding by asking:
 - i. What should I consider in this subject?
 - ii. What practical conclusion should I draw from it?
 - iii. What are my motives in drawing these conclusions?
 - iv. How have I heretofore lived up to this?
 - v. What must I do in the future the better to conform my life thereto?
 - vi. What obstacles must I remove?

- vii. What means must I employ?
- c. The Will by
 - i. Affections produced during the entire course of the meditation, especially the end
 - ii. Resolutions taken at the end of each point: practical, personal, sound, humble, full of trust
- 3. Conclusion:
 - a. Colloquies (speaking to): God, Jesus, the Blessed Mother, the Saints
 - b. Review:
 - i. How have I made this meditation?
 - ii. Wherein and why have I failed, or succeeded?
 - iii. What practical conclusions have I drawn? What requests have I made? What resolutions have I formed? What lights have I received?
 - iv. Choice of a thought as a reminder of the meditation

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE: Last weekend the Knights of Columbus collected 210 nonperishable food items and \$1,286 in monetary donations for the Bureau County Food Pantry. There were many high need items donated (peanut butter, syrup, cereal and canned chicken) and the Pantry was very appreciative. The number of families, along with Seniors, needing help continues to grow every month. With school out for the Summer more meals need to be prepared at home. St. Louis parishioners have now contributed 29,084 nonperishable food items and \$166,929 in monetary donations since we started collecting for the Food Pantry in August of 2012. The food insecure in our area are most appreciative. God bless you all for your continuing generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions,

Martyrs

7:00am +Mary Kunkel by Chris & Sharon Kunkel

Tuesday, June 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time

5:15pm +Margaret Morris Gyger by Agnes Ross

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Wednesday, June 5 <u>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</u> 7:00am +Sandy Thomson by Chuck & Pam Hanson

Thursday, June 6 St. Norbert, Bishop

5:15pm +Bartlett L. Kassabaum by Maureen Keutzer

4:00-5:00pm Holy Hour

Friday, June 7 <u>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</u>
7:00am +Janice Schaefer by Mary Beth Crowe

Saturday, June 8 *Vigil of The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00pm +Mary A Sims by Al & Judy Taylor

Sunday, June 9 The 10th Sunday in Ordinary Tim

7:30am People of the Parish

9:00am For Herb Rhees celebrating his 90th Birthday

10:30am +Ray DeMarlie by Family

"My tears are the words with which I tell God of my pain." - Adolfo Quezada

The women who attend the Glimmer of Comfort Grief Support Group know and live with the pain of losing a child. This group will meet again on **Tuesday**, **June 4 at 1 pm** at 521 S. First Street. If you have lost a child because of an illness, accident, suicide, addiction or miscarriage, please know you are welcome to join us no matter your age. We know your grief....Questions? Call Jeanie Gelsomino at 815 866-6571.

CATHOLIC Forum - Q&A



Please join us for the next Catholic Forum this <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June 2nd at 6:30pm</u> at Harkrader Hall. Everyone is invited to meet for a Question/ Answer session about any faith topic. Individuals ask their questions and

Msgr. Kruse attempts to provide an answer.

BAPTISM PREPARATION



Please contact Rebekah Mead to schedule baptismal prep classes and the ceremony. stl.rebekahmead@gmail.com 815-303-2330

Liturgical/Volunteer Roles

4pm Saturday, June 8th

Altar Servers: Cameron & Sam Lawrence EMHC: David Lawrence, Linda McCabe

Lectors: Marcia Obenhaus Sacristan: Mandy Robinson Ushers: Dan & Cynthia Tracy

7:30 am: Sunday, June 9th

Altar Servers: Servers needed, please check in at Sacristy

EMHC: Pat Galassi-Carlson, Rita Tracey

Lectors: Mary Murphy Sacristan: Lori Atilano

Ushers: Tom Ballard, Tom Tracey

9:00 am: Sunday, June 9th

Altar Servers: Jessica Carlone, Sylvie Viger

EMHC: Patty Daluga, Tim Taylor

Lectors: Herb Rhees Sacristan: Quint Quiram

Camera Operator: Marty Makransky

Ushers: Dan Legner, Quint Quiram, Jim Whiteaker

10:30 am: Sunday, June 9th

Altar Servers: Jackson Mason, Anaisabela Ramirez-Tz EMHC: Mary Beth Crowe, Mandy Robinson

Lectors: David Roden

Sacristan: Mary Beth Crowe

Ushers: Bart & Anthony Maciczak, Michael Ellis

EMHC Homebound: Patty Daluga 9/S

Tim Taylor 9/N

EMHC for Nursing Home:

Pat Galassi-Carlson - Hawthorne; Lynn Delaney -Aperion; Paula Lough - Greenfield; Rita Tracey -

Liberty

ST. LOUIS PARISH SCHEDULE

MASS SCHEDULE

MON,WED, FRI 7:00 AM TUE, THR 5:15 PM SAT 4:00 PM

SUN 7:30, *9:00, 10:30 AM

First Saturday Devotion 7:00 AM

*SUN 9:00AM Live-streamed on YouTube & FaceBook (when a volunteer camera operator is available)

RECONCILIATION

TUE, THR 4:00—4:50 PM SAT 3-3:45 PM

Or, by appointment. Call or email Msgr. Kruse to make an appointment. In order to maintain privacy, he will be in the confessional a few moments before the arranged time. 309-634-5822| jameskruse1996@gmail.com

HOLY HOUR

TUE, THR 4:00 PM

PRIVATE PRAYER: The Chapel is open for Private Prayer— Contact the Parish Office for access code.

STEWARSHIP

Church Monetary Support Through May 26, 2024

Amount Budgeted \$ 6,750.00 Amount Received \$ 5,017.00 Amount Over (Under) (\$ 1,733.00)

Fiscal Period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Amount needed to date: \$ 324,000.00 Amount Received to date: \$ 328,107.00 Over/(Under) budget to date: \$ 4,107.00

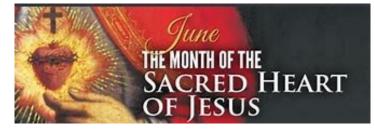
THE LITURGICAL CORNER

Every Church has a tabernacle for the reservation of the Holy Eucharist. A burning candle nearby is a silent testimony to the Divine Presence. In medieval times, tabernacles were often in the shape of doves, suspended over the altar. Presently, they are more rectangular in shape. The Church tells us that there are three reasons for reservation of the Eucharist in the tabernacle:

For Viaticum. Viaticum is a Latin word meaning "provisions for a journey." Viaticum is the name given to our last Holy Communion before death. It is spiritual food for our long journey home to heaven. When giving Viaticum, after the minister says 'the Body of Christ, he adds: 'May the Lord Jesus Christ protect you and lead you to eternal life.'

For distribution of Holy Communion at Mass. Ideally, enough hosts are consecrated at each Mass for Holy Communion. But because it is difficult to gauge exactly the number of hosts needed, extras are usually consecrated for the distribution of Holy Communion.

For adoration. Since the Eucharist is food, Viaticum and Holy Communion at Mass are more important reasons. Yet adoration of the Eucharist is encouraged as a way of prolonging the praise and adoration celebrated during Mass. It also helps to foster deep and intimate conversation with the Lord.



Readings for the week of June 2nd

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab 8-9 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-3



This weekend was another success! More details to come...Thank you to ALL who donate and volunteer for the MBC. Here are some direct quotes from our families...

"No one has ever helped me before."

"I'm a mom of four and you have no idea how much this helps."
"It is just a huge blessing to be served by such wonderful people."
"This is not what I expected. Your generosity and love have been wonderful."

These quotes were recorded by our volunteers on our Saturday distribution days. This is how you have affected hearts. Msgr. Kruse, Jessica, and Ashley are so grateful to all of you who sacrifice your time and resources in order to love another. How Christ-like you are! If you have any questions about volunteering or donations, please contact Jessica Murphy or Ashley Gray.



Altar & Rosary Society

GRADS & DADS Special BRUNCH: On June 22nd at 9am, the Altar & Rosary Society is hosting a special brunch in Harkrader Hall to honor all the 2024 Graduates of our parish AND all the Dad's of our parish and their children/grandchildren! A Signup sheet is located on the information table outside Harkrader Hall or you can sign up on flocknote at

https://stlouiscatholicchurch.flocknote.com/signup/167707. Guaranteed great food, fun & door prizes! No charge!! Dads please join us whether or not your children/grandchildren are able to!

Calling on all Pie Bakers of the Parish! We are in need of your delicious pies. Our Pies in the Park Sale will be held on Saturday, June 15th in conjunction with Beef & Ag Days. Please drop off your pie to Soldiers & Sailors Park between 10am and 11am Early drop offs can be made on Friday at Harkrader Hall Kitchen until 1pm. Questions, call Rita Tracey 815-879-0308. Thanks! (Please no pies requiring refrigeration due to the heat)

Parish Schedule Changes

In observance of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Parish Office will be closed Friday, June 7th.

Help needed! Totus Tuus is coming to St. Louis the week of June 16-21. We are in need of volunteers to:

- Help supervise the youth (9 AM 2:30 PM) and tots (9-11 AM) programs
- Host the team (4 young adults) for dinner from 5-6:15 PM, either in your home or at a restaurant
- And most importantly, pray for the success of our program!

Please contact Rebekah Mead to volunteer or for more info: 815-303-2330





Congratulations to the following couples celebrating their 50th Plus Anniversary!

Bill & Susan Phalen - June 6, 1970

Dr. Robert & Colleen Bockel - June 13, 1964

John & Joanne McGlone - June 13, 1966

Bill & Sharon Weber - June 15, 1960

Bob & Sandy Jeffery - June 15, 1968

Charles & Pam Hanson - June 18, 1966

Thomas & Vicki Giehl - June 29, 1968