

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION

CCD: Catholic Christian Discipleship

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is held in the United States the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. Every year a day is set aside to give special thanks for the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Latin name for this day is **Corpus Christi** which means the Body of Christ. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, we hear the story of the Last Supper, when Jesus changed bread into his Body and wine into his Blood. We have a **procession** in honor of the Holy Eucharist at our parish church. A procession is a special kind of parade in which we honor God, Mary or the saints by praying or singing together as we walk from one place to another.

Jesus gave his Body and Blood to the Apostles at the Last Supper. At Mass, he also gives us this special food. We receive Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion. This special food gives us the strength to live and act as God wants us to. After Mass, the Holy Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle, a beautiful special box-like shrine in our Church. Jesus is really and truly present in the Holy Eucharist, even though we can't see him with our eyes. He waits for us to visit him there. We adore Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist. This means that we worship and honor him. The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ reminds us of how lucky we are to have Jesus so near us.

Although Jesus instituted the Blessed Sacrament at the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, the day before he died, the celebration is left until after Easter. The last days of Lent in memory of the Passion of our Lord and his death on Good Friday are such sad days that a celebration would be out of place at this time. The feast takes place on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday and the procession of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the following Sunday, or there may be a procession on the day itself. This feast began in the 12th century Belgium by Pope Urban IV. He commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose liturgical texts for it. The Blessed Sacrament was carried through the town after Mass beneath a canopy. These processions came to include a version of the Roman stations: stops at various points with the Eucharist exposed on a simple altar, a sung Gospel passage, hymn, harvest blessing and benediction. And there was a custom of throwing flowers in the path of the Eucharist procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Remember, receiving Jesus in Holy Communion unites us and helps us grow in holiness.

~Georgi Whelan

OUR WEEKLY GIVING

	<u>COLLECTED</u>	<u>*NEEDED*</u>
June 3-4		
Ss. Peter & Paul		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,260.00	970.00
Loose	\$ 129.00	77.00
Total	\$ 1,389.00	*1,047.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 1,265.00	*1,667.00/mo*
St. Stanislaus		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 395.00	500.00
Loose	\$ 52.00	77.00
Total	\$ 447.00	*577.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 445.00	*500.00/mo*
St. John		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 675.00	827.00
Loose	\$ 54.00	120.00
Total	\$ 769.00	*947.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 293.00	*667.00/mo*
St. Michael		
Adult Envelopes	\$ 160.00	250.00
Loose	\$ 40.00	29.00
Total	\$ 200.00	*279.00*
Month of June		
Building Fund =	\$ 110.00	*84.00/mo*
*The weekly Envelope & monthly Building Fund totals needed are based on the 2022-2023 budget set by each Parish Council.		

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Catholic Services Appeal 2022-2023

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Payments & Pledges</u>	<u>Amount Due</u>
Ss. Peter & Paul	\$ 10,860.00	\$ 7,110.00	\$ 3,750.00
St. John	\$ 9,049.00	\$ 9,049.00	Paid in Full
St. Stanislaus	\$ 5,759.00	\$ 4,825.00	\$ 934.00
St. Michael	\$ 3,018.00	\$ 3,018.00	Paid in Full

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