

June 2, 2013: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)



The Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." — Lk 9:12b-13a

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LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, June 2, *The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)* (Gn 14:18-20/1 Cor 11:23-26/Lk 9:11b-17)

8:00 am- Ernest Hermes & William Meyer Families
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Monday, June 3, *St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs* (Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Mk 12:1-12)

7:00 am- Albert Janecek
10:00 am- Hilda & Hilton Elstner, Bill Sobotik (H'ville Rehab)

Tuesday, June 4 (Tb 2:9-14/Mk 12:13-17)

7:00 am- Living & deceased members of Alfons & Cecilia Grahmann Family

Wednesday, June 5, *St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr* (Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Mk 12:18-27)

7:00 am- Theresa Steffek
8:05 am- Living & deceased members of George & Apolena Bujnoch Family

Thursday, June 6, *St. Norbert, Bishop* (Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Mk 12:28-34)

7:00 am- Lawrence & Ruth Grubert
10:00 am- Gilbert & Bobbie Jo Drozd (Stevens)

Friday, June 7, *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus* (Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7)

7:00 am- John & Martha Pavliska, Harvey Pavliska, Sr.
8:05 am- Janie, Rudy & Stasie Billimek; Otilia & Jim Zissa; Blake Whitfield

Saturday, June 8, *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary* (Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Lk 2:41-51)

5:30 pm- Joe J. & Stella Smolik

Sunday, June 9 (1 Kgs 17:17-24/Gal 1:11-19/Lk 7:11-17)

8:00 am- Anton Steffek
10:30 am- For our Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: Emil & Joyce Hermes in memory of the Ernest Hermes & William Meyer Families.

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: Bill & Virginia Curley.

Vigil Light: Special intention for employment.

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$4,684.50; Loose-\$1,535; Children-\$125; Manna Food Pantry-\$1,871.

Calendar Membership: May 23: Monica Chambers, Victoria-\$100; May 24: Frances Michalec-\$100; May 26: Randy & Carolyn Honish, Round Rock-\$500.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

-Parish Eucharistic Procession (Corpus Christi), 6:00 pm followed by a reception in the Family Center.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

-Rosary & Evening Prayers, 5:30 p.m., Church.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

-Quilting Circle, 9:00 a.m., K.C. Hall of Fame Room.
-Knights of Columbus General Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

-V.B.S. Adult Leaders Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Cafeteria.
-Divine Mercy Study/Prayers, 7:30 pm, Church Cry Rm.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins 6:00 p.m., church. *Intention for June: In honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and for all Fathers, living and deceased.*

-Holy Hour for priestly vocations, 7:00 p.m., Church.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. in church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

-V.B.S. Youth Volunteers Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Among our sick: Edna Key, Frank Fishar, Faith Del Castillo, Michael Gerdes, Renae Ross, Doug Blumberg, Ed Aulick, Rose Thumann, Sterlin Ritchie, Ricky Skelton, Larry Appelt, Milissa Zamora, Chris Layton, Hank Morris, Frank, Patrick & Robben Nemec, LaNora Konvicka, Delores Grahmann, Benedict Bujnoch, Lorene Christ, Matt Pohler, Donna Avant, Donna Coldewey, Wilbert Kalinec, Mary Bonorden, Dorothy Allen Hass, Rev. Lundy Hooten, Josephine Muniz, Vivian Janak, Rose Mary Etzler, Helen Kresta, Bobbie Lee Drozd, Donna Steffek, Frank Gutierrez, Glenn Rabel, Jonathon Drozd, Lisa Grissom, Henry Joe Henke, Jr., Clinton Henneke, Rachel Davis, George Meyer, Leonard Lamza, Richard Grahmann, Colin Grahmann, Marie Hermes, nursing home residents & homebound.

Anniversaries:

Harold & Mary Bonorden	51 years	June 3
John & Fay Konvicka	54 years	June 3
Terry & Trina Patek	25 years	June 3
Adolph & Bernice Marek	52 years	June 3
Kenneth & Theresa Butschek	30 years	June 4

Welcome to our Parish: Cody and Nancy Feril, and daughters Kenadie and Brinlee.

May Baptisms: Ryan Christopher Jares, son of Audrey Dolezal & the late Christopher Jares; Amber Lyn, daughter of Clinton & Holly Pierce Walker; Jason Matthew, son of Juan & Alexandria Villanueva.

Rosary Leaders are needed for the 5:30 pm Saturday Masses. Please call the Rectory if you are willing to lead the rosary, even on a temporary basis.

From the Desk of Msgr. John

Thank you very much to all who helped in any way to make the Spring Picnic a great success. Many people worked many hours to make sure everything ran smoothly. If you were out of town and didn't have the opportunity to work at this picnic, perhaps you can pitch in at the Fall Picnic on Labor Day weekend and give some others a little break. Again, thank you to everyone who helped or supported the picnic!

Today, June 2, we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We will honor Jesus in His Real Presence as we process through the streets of Hallettsville witnessing to Our Lord this evening beginning in church at 6:00 p.m. and ending back in church by 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!

On Friday, June 7, we will join in the Annual Global Rosary Relay for priests. It is appropriate that we would pray for our priests on this First Friday, which is also the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our parish Feast Day. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed on the Altar of Sacrifice until 7:00 p.m. The rosary itself will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. and we will close with Benediction.

The number of rosaries offered for the One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies was 472. Last year 486 were offered, and in 2011, which was the first year we participated in this prayer event, 332 rosaries were offered. Thank you to all who participated.

Parish Eucharistic Procession, June 2 at 6:00 p.m. in honor of the Solemn Feast of Corpus Christi and the Year of Faith. Let us gather together as a parish family and celebrate our faith in the Holy Eucharist.

Vacation Bible School, June 17-21:

June 5: Meeting for adult leaders, 9:00 a.m., Cafeteria. More adult leaders are needed! Please call Angela if you are able to volunteer your time (798-3124 or 741-8730).

June 9: Meeting for all youth volunteers, 7:00 p.m., Cafeteria.

Sacred Heart Young Adults Retreat, June 13-16.

Open to single women & men out of high school up to 30 years old. Applications are in the church foyer. Questions? Please call Cheryl Leopold at 772-4917.

Teen ACTS Retreat - July 25-28. Registration forms are now being accepted for the Teen ACTS Retreat. All forms and fees must be mailed to Therese Ferry in Yoakum. Approximately 20 boys and 20 girls will be accepted as retreatants throughout the Hallettsville Deanery, so spaces are very limited. Acceptance is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Please pray for the blessing of beneficial rainfall!

BBQ Calf Group Supper, June 23, KC Hall Pavilion. Social Hour 5:30 p.m. Meal 6:30 p.m. Sponsorship of \$25 covers 6 people. Bring your favorite dessert to share. Sponsorship must be paid in advance.

Church Picnics in our area:

Sacred Heart, Flatonia, June 2. Mass 9:30am. Fried Chicken & Stew Dinner 11am. Adults \$8. Auction, bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, kiddy games, horseshoe tournament, music. Something for all ages!
St. Mary's, Hallettsville, June 9. St. Mary's Stew & Sausage Dinner 10:30am. Adults \$8. Auction, bingo, cake & plant walk, country store, kiddy games, raffle. Music 10:30am-9pm by Texas Sound Check, Tony Janak Band, & Red Ravens.

St. Rose of Lima, Schulenburg, June 9. Fried Chicken & Sausage Dinner 11am. Adults \$8. Children \$4. Music by Mark Halata & Texavia, D'Vine Testament, & Czechaholics. Auction, bingo, cake walk, country store, kiddy games.

Rosary Relay for Priests, June 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m. in church (coincides with First Friday Benediction). All are invited to come pray for our beloved priests, Msgr. Peters, Fr. Tommy, & all the priests in the world. Let's fill the church to show them how much they are loved.

Baptism Preparation Class – Two couples are needed to facilitate the Baptism Preparation Class, which is held on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center. If you are interested & need more information, please call Bruce & Gayle Wesson at 798-4600.

CDA Court No. 797 90th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, June 30. Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by dinner at Family Center for members and spouses. Please RSVP Irene Knebel 798-4942.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – The Gospel of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes for this feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ starts out with a curious verse. "Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured" (Lk 9:11). Luke, the writer who crafts his Gospel in such detail, weaves together the eucharistic narrative of the loaves and fishes, with the preaching of the good news and the healing of the sick. It is a signal of what our Sunday celebration is for us today.

The Eucharist has always been a sacrament of nourishment and healing. We hear the word proclaimed at Sunday Mass and we discover Christ present among us in the breaking of the bread. We are reconciled to God in the Eucharist, and made one with our God in the reception of Communion. Christ is healing and nourishment for all.

Sacred Heart Catholic School registration is in progress at the school office from 9am-3pm Monday-Friday. Please register as soon as possible since there is limited space available in some grades. Final registration is June 26.

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June 2013

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Fr. John C. Peters, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Marianne Cope

The Year of Faith saint for June is St. Marianne Cope who began religious life as an educator in NY schools. In 1870, she made a significant ministry change and became a nurse-administrator at St. Joseph's hospital in Syracuse, NY, where she was known for accepting social "outcasts" as patients. In 1883, "Mother" Marianne embraced the chance to serve more "outcasts" in the isolated leper colonies of Hawaii. She took on the work of St. Damien de Veuster after his death.



Alone at last

Every moment of our lives are lived in God's presence whether we are aware of him or not. Take advantage of it and be alone with him as often as possible. Soon you will be able to see him everywhere you are.

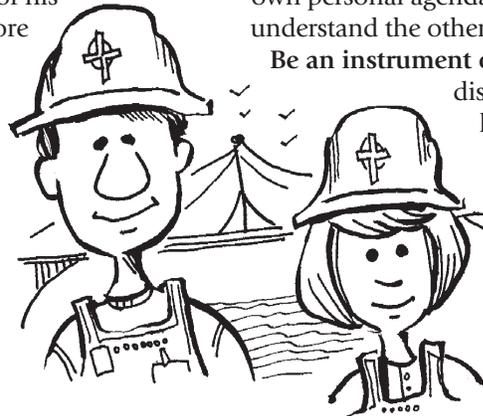
Evangelize

While we are all to tell others about God, we aren't all gifted preachers. The best way to spread God's love is to live it.



Wanted: Bridge builders

In Jesus' day, the accustomed action for people who didn't conform to usual standards of behavior was to turn them into outcasts. Jesus showed us another way. He didn't expel sinners but forgave them. In fact, many of his healings helped restore people to their communities. By commanding us to love our enemies, Jesus demanded that we become bridge builders and refuse to recognize anyone as an enemy. As his followers, he wants us to build bridges, not walls.



Listen without talking. Building bridges requires understanding others' needs. Listening well is key but can be hard to do. Try starting a conversation and practice just listening. Maintain eye contact and don't plan your response

until the other person has finished speaking.

Empathize. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. It means setting aside your own personal agenda so you can fully understand the other person's needs.

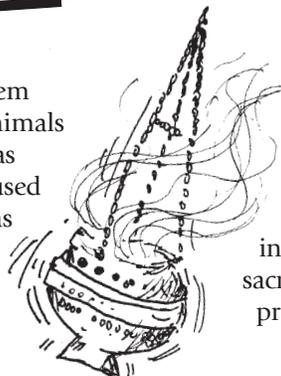
Be an instrument of peace. A

disagreement doesn't have to become a conflict. We gain nothing by being nasty or obnoxious. Instead, stick to the facts and be firm but friendly.

Avoid gossip and gossips. This is the most obvious tip but talking about others behind their backs leads to trouble for others and for you. If you are asked about someone else, always find something positive to say.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

In the temple in Jerusalem in Old Testament days, animals were offered on the altar as sacrifices to God. Priests used incense around the altar as a visual cue to symbolize their prayers rising to Heaven.



Why do we use incense during Mass?

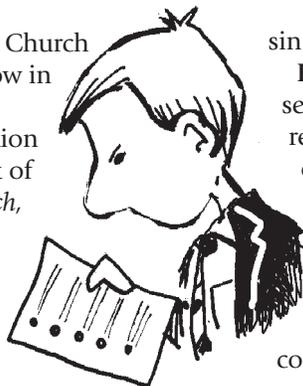
The Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus for our sins. The incense reminds us that our prayers are heard by God in heaven. As we watch the smoke of the incense rise, it symbolizes that sacrifice and the rising of our prayers to God.

Precepts of the Church: a Catholic job description

To help us give God our very best, the Catholic Church has outlined responsibilities that will help us grow in love of God and each other.

Keep every Sunday holy. "The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2177). It's vital that we worship God at Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation (unless unavoidably prevented).

Confess at least once a year. Few humans can go an entire year without committing a serious



sin. Turn to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Receive Communion at least during the Easter season. Prepared by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, receive the Eucharist as often as possible but especially during the Easter season.

Fast and abstain. To help us control appetites of all kinds, the Church established times of penance when fasting and abstinence help us focus on God.

Provide for the Church. To keep our Church healthy and strong, we each must care for her and contribute what we can.

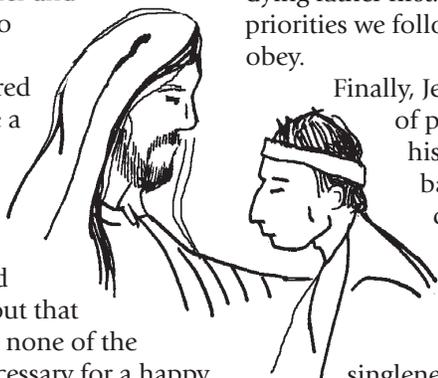
from Scripture

Luke 9:51-62, the cost of discipleship

Jesus' listeners often got swept up by his charismatic manner and professed eagerness to follow him. But they weren't always prepared for what it took to be a true disciple.

In this Gospel passage, a young man asked to follow Jesus but was deflated when Jesus pointed out that he had no home and none of the things considered necessary for a happy life. So it wouldn't always be comfortable to follow him.

The timing wasn't right for the second man. He promised to follow Jesus but



said he needed to fulfill his duty to his dying father first. In truth, Jesus sets the priorities we follow. Our duty is to obey.

Finally, Jesus used the example of plowing a field to make his point. If you look back while plowing it can ruin the job. He used that example to help the third man understand that we need to have a singleness of purpose to be his disciple. We will have to make sacrifices to follow Jesus. But he promises us that the rewards will be worth much more.

Q & A Is it okay to skip Mass once in a while?

If we remember that Jesus is truly present during Mass – as present as he was to his apostles during the Last



Supper – we would never want to miss Mass. Unless absence is unavoidable, we have the command of God and the command of the Church to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.

The command of God: The Third Commandment says, "Remember the Sabbath day—keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Jesus instituted Mass at the Last Supper when he took the bread and wine and turned it into his body and blood and said, "Do this in memory of me" (Luke 22:19).

The command of the Church: "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus made Peter the first pope and the head of the Church. The pope speaks for Christ, and the Church through the Catechism of the Catholic Church (#2180) requires that we attend Mass every Sunday.

When Jesus and the Church tell us to do something, we really should do it.

Feasts & Celebrations

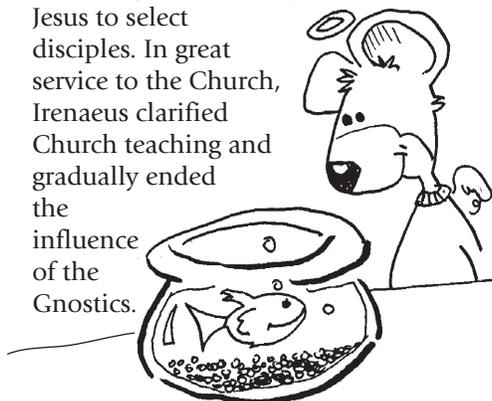
June 7 - Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of Jesus with his heart exposed in unquenchable flame is a reminder of his intense and eternal love for us.

June 8 – Immaculate Heart of Mary (1945). In response to the request made by Our Lady of Fatima, Pope Pius XII consecrated the world to Mary's gentle and devout Immaculate Heart in 1942, and initiated this feast in 1945.

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1591). St. Aloysius prayed vigorously and fasted from age 7. Upon joining the Society of Jesus, he was ordered to reduce the severity of his penance in order to study and spend time with

other students. He died at the age of 23 while nursing the sick.

June 28 – St. Irenaeus (220). As bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus investigated and disproved assertions of the Gnostics who claimed secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to select disciples. In great service to the Church, Irenaeus clarified Church teaching and gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.



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