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## June 2, 2024 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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616-527-3610, ext. 12 616-755-1742 (evening)

School Principal: Mrs. Jenny Leik

616-527-3561, ext. 18 Email: ileik@ssppcatholic.com

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8 & 11:30 a.m., and 1 p.m. (bilingual)

Weekday Mass Schedule

English: Mon & Wed, Mass at 12:10 p.m. Tues, Communion Service at 7:30 a.m. Thurs, Mass at 8:00 a.m. (school year) Fri, Mass at 7:30 a.m.

Reconciliation Schedule

English: Saturday 3:00-3:45 p.m. Monday 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

For questions regarding Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, or any other sacrament, please call the parish office: 616-527-3610.

#### Praver Chain

If you have a prayer request for immediate need, please call 616-522-0279, or 616-527-0438.

What a great day! What a fabulous week! Once again we are celebrating Corpus Christi, the Body and the Blood of Jesus Christ. We believe and even know that the Word became Flesh and that we receive His Flesh in our participation in the Lord's Supper. How can we fail to believe that He really dwells within us? Jesus loved us so much that He actually became a human being. He actually clothed himself in our flesh. He became a little child and united himself to us. He spent the next 33 years living with us and teaching us. Even as a 12 year old child. He spent three days in the temple, talking with and teaching the most learned men at the temple. Later, He spent three years teaching and healing people as He helped them to change their lives. Death threats meant nothing to him. Even at the meal that came to be known as the Last Supper, he taught us and gave us this precious gift of His Body and Blood, which he has united to his divinity. This is why we are all one. The Father is in Christ, and Christ is in us. He is in us through his flesh which we receive, and we are in him. With him we form a unity which is in God.

The manner of our indwelling in him through the sacrament of his Body and Blood is evident from Jesus' own words when he said, "This world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live you shall live also, for I am in my Father, you are in me, and I am in you." If it had been a question merely of unity of will, why would he have given us this explanation of the steps by which it is achieved? He is in the Father by reason of his divine nature, we are in him by reason of his human birth, and he in us through the mystery of the sacraments. This is surely what he wished us to believe. This is how he wanted us to understand the perfect unity that is achieved through our Mediator, who lives in the Father while we live in him and who, while living in the Father, lives also in us. This is how we attain to unity with the Father. Christ is in the Father by his eternal generation. We are in Christ and he likewise is in us.

Christ himself bore witness to the reality of this unity when he said, "He who eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood lives in Me and I in him." No one will be in Christ unless Christ himself has been in him. Christ will take to himself only the flesh of those who have received his flesh. He had explained this perfect unity when he said, "As the living Father sent Me and I draw life from the Father, so he who eats my flesh will draw life from Me." We draw life from his flesh just as He draws life from the Father. Such comparisons aid our understanding since we can grasp a point more easily when we have an analogy. And the point is that Christ is the wellspring of our life. Since we who are in the flesh have Christ dwelling in us through his Flesh, we shall draw life from him in the same way He draws life from the Father.

Let us remember this the next time (and each time) we come up to receive this most precious gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ!

May God bless you! Fr. Tom

### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

## We are one body in



AH = Apostles Hall  $\overline{CR}$  = Cornerstone Room  $\overline{SC}$  = School **BC** = Basement Chapel

JUNE 2, 2024

CH = Church PO = Parish Office VR = Veritas Room

<u>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</u>

Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-18/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 Saturday, June 1

4:00 p.m. First Communicants & their families

#### Sunday, June 2

8:00 a.m. Dennis Spitzley (Ruth Lombardo)

11:30 a.m. Intention of Diane Reynier (Mildred Brown)

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

#### Monday, June 3—St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs

2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-16/Mk 12:1-12

11:00 a.m. Confessions

12:10 p.m. Intention of Ruth Ann Hess (Mildred Brown)

#### Tuesday, June 4—Weekday

2 Pt 3:12-15, 17-18/Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16/Mk 12:13-17

7:30 a.m. Communion Service

6:00 p.m. Intention of our 8th Grade Graduates (their graduation Mass)

#### Wednesday, June 5-St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1-2/Mk 12:18-27

12:10 p.m. Fr. Tom Brown—25th Anniversary of his Ordination

to the Priesthood (Hemenway family)

6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Holy Hour (BC)

#### Thursday, June 6—St. Norbert, Bishop

2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Mk 12:28-34

8:00 a.m. Saints Peter & Paul School Family

(Closing Mass of the School Year, followed by awards)

#### Friday, June 7—The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9/(Ps) Is 12:2-6/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

7:30 a.m. People of SS. Peter & Paul Parish

#### Saturday, June 8—The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-17, 22/Lk 2:41-51

8:30 a.m. Scriptural Rosary

1:00 p.m. Quinceañera for Marlene Quintino

3:00 p.m. Confessions

#### **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-8/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

4:00 p.m. Bernard Hengesbach (Mike & Joan Boog)

#### Sunday, June 9

8:00 a.m. Deceased members of William & Katherine Spitzley family

11:30 a.m. Aloyse & Theresa Dietrich

1:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass

3:00 p.m. Baptism of Maren May Konyndyk

#### GOD'S HOUSEKEEPERS-WEEK OF JUNE 2

**GENERAL CLEANING:** Jane Hemenway, Laurie Tjalsma

**VACUUMING: Bruce Sibert, Joe Peckins** 

#### Sunday, June 2—Corpus Christi

9-10:30 a.m. Food & Fellowship (AH)

10-11 a.m. Catechist Appreciation Brunch (PO)

Monday, June 3 6:30 p.m.

Monday Night Group (PO)

Tuesday, June 4

School Fun Day

6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation Mass, followed by reception (CH, AH) 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (VR)

Wednesday, June 5—Fr. Tom Brown's 25th Anniversary 12:10 p.m.

Mass & Luncheon for Fr. Tom (CH,VR) 6:30-8 p.m.

TOPS (VR)

Thursday, June 6 8:00 a.m.

Closing School Mass & Awards (CH)

Dismissal about 9:30 a.m.

3:45 p.m. Life Fit (VR)

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

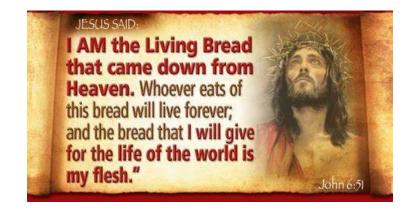
7:00 p.m.

Anniversary Potluck at St. Ed's for Fr.

Tom after their 6 p.m. Mass

#### Sunday, June 9—Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Food & Fellowship (AH)



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### THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST



We welcome to the table these children who receive Iesus for the first time in Holy Communion on Saturday, June 1, 2024:

Carver Dee Hunt Finley Rose Hunt Calvin Iames McDowell Sylvia Mae McDowell Gavin Joseph Louis McGuire

#### June 8 & 9, Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Lector: Bill Trueblood

Altar Servers: Levi & Logan Haskin EMs: Garry & Mary Lou Mulick, Mary Perrien

Greeters: Volunteers

8:00 a.m. Lector: Pete Fox

> Altar Servers: Alexis & Kendra Heinlein EMs: Julie Bennett, Kevin Heinlein,

Denise Peabody Greeters: Dave O'Mara 11:30 a.m.

Lector: Kevin Kenney Altar Servers: Evan & Jacquelynn Bailey

EMs: Shannon Andrews. Vanessa Booth.

Monica Mabe

Greeters: Chris & Pilya Christensen

#### Please pray for:

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Larry McKaig

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Travis Eveleth

We continue to pray for all who need healing. If you would like to add or remove a name, please call the parish office. Be sure you have the consent of the person or a family member. Names will remain on the prayer list for three months. Requests may be renewed.

Jessica Fritz

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#### **Knights' Corner**

This Tuesday, June 4th, is our monthly meeting. Please join us in the Veritas Room at 7:00 p.m. for the rosary, followed by the meeting at 7:30.

One item on the agenda is to elect the slate of officers for the coming year. The men who agree to accept an officer position provide a real service to our council. They make it possible for us to do the good work we are called to do. Thank you, brother Knights!



Three more pledges have come in and we are now more than halfway to our goal (\$37,167 on the way to \$73,553), but we clearly have a long way to go. A follow up letter will be sent out from the diocese this week to all those who have not yet pledged, and we are hoping for a good response!

#### **Diocesan Eucharistic Procession**

Celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 7, by joining Bishop Walkowiak at the Cathedral of St. Andrew for Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Diocesan Eucharistic Procession (approximately 1 mile long) through the neighborhood of the Cathedral All are invited to adore the Lord and profess our Eucharistic faith.

#### **Mass with Anointing of the Sick**

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the Church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord" (James 1:14).

On Wednesday, June 19, Saints Peter & Paul Parish will be offering a 12:10 p.m. Mass with the Anointing of the Sick in the church. We invite those facing illness or surgery, and the elderly, to come to this special Mass and receive the Sacrament of the Sick. A light luncheon will follow in the school cafeteria. Please RSVP for the luncheon at 616-527-3610, if possible, to help us plan the meal. All are welcome! ~SSPP Ministry of Consolation

#### **Summer Opportunities for Children**

This summer, bring your children to the Franciscan Life Process Center, Lowell Campus, 11650 Downes St. NE, for Genres & Jammin', June 10-12, July 8–10, or August 5-7; Pioneer Days, June 17-20, June 24-27, or August 5–8; and Summer Art Experience, July 29-31.

Go to www.lifeprocesscenter.org to learn more.

#### **Panther Prayer Corner**

Please pray for all our students and staff as they end the school year this week. May they have a fun and relaxing summer and glorify God in all that they do.



We are beginning to plan our parish picnic for Saturday, June 29, the feast day of our patrons, SS. Peter and Paul! We will have a bilingual Mass at our normal time, 4:00 p.m., followed by a picnic on the parish grounds. We will have tents set up, and plan to provide hot dogs and hamburgers, with everyone invited to bring a dish to pass. More details will follow as we get closer to the day!

Fr. Tom Brown will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend the 12:10 p.m. Mass that day, followed by a luncheon reception in the Veritas Room.

(St. Edward Parish in Lake Odessa is planning a potluck celebration for Fr. Tom on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, following their 6:00 p.m. Mass.)



SS. Peter & Paul Annual Garage Sale Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

We invite you to donate your gently used and nolonger-needed treasures to our sale. You may drop them off at the parish garage, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please call (616-527-3610) and let us know you are coming. All proceeds from the sale will benefit our parish ministries. Thank you for your generosity!

Would you like to join the Garage Sale Team? Any time you can give is appreciated! Contact Toni McKay at the parish office if you can help.

#### **Foster Parents Needed!**

Catholic Charities West Michigan is in desperate need of caring individuals to open their home to a foster child and show children the love they deserve. For more information, please contact Alix Wanlass at <a href="mailto:awanlass@ccwestmi.org">awanlass@ccwestmi.org</a>.

#### **Faith Formation**

June 1—1st Communion for 2nd group at 4 p.m. Mass

June 2—Catechist Appreciation Brunch 10-11 a.m. in the parish office living room

TBA—Summer Confirmation Retreat

Regular classes will start up again in mid-September. For information about registering or becoming a classroom helper, please contact Vanessa: <a href="mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com">vbooth@ssppcatholic.com</a> or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

#### The Ministry of Consolation is now offering:

#### **Grief Support Series**

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one or experienced a loss in your professional or personal life? We invite you to attend this support group series. Each session offers a topic of discussion, as well as time to reflect, listen, and share if one chooses. Sessions are held in the parish office living room on Saturdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Our next 2 sessions will be on June 1 and June 15.

## Health Support Group (formerly known as Cancer Support Group)

Are you or a family member struggling with cancer or another serious health issue? Team members of the Ministry of Consolation will be offering Health Support gatherings on a monthly basis. Our next session will be on Wednesday, June 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Parish Office living room. All are welcome to attend.

For more information about any of these Ministry of Consolation opportunities, please contact Vanessa Booth at <a href="mailto:vbooth@ssppcatholic.com">vbooth@ssppcatholic.com</a> or call the parish office at 616-527-3610.

#### Project Rachel

The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it remains silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years, thinking that there is no hope for peace or forgiveness. Project Rachel offers private and compassionate support, at no charge, for anyone who is suffering after an abortion experience. Contact Project Rachel at 616-340-1824 or projectrachel@ccwestmi.org.



Come rest awhile in the Lord's presence.

Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. in the Basement Chapel



## Deacon Nick Baker to be ordained a priest

Deacon Nick Baker will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, June 1st, at 10 a.m. You are welcome to attend the ordination Mass in person at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew or watch the livestream on grdiocese.org. Please pray for Deacon Nick as he begins his priestly ministry!

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences are coming right up!

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#### 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Calling all hoopers! Come join our 3-on-3 basketball tournament on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, at St. Patrick's Summer Fest in Portland. Boys and girls ages 8-15 are welcome, so gather your team. For more information, please contact Eric Simon at (517)243-1635 or <a href="mailto:ericsimon07@gmail.com">ericsimon07@gmail.com</a>

## Our kids need you! Come learn more about Prison and Jail Ministry

Did you know our Prison and Jail Ministry develops and provides Catholic religious services within six state prisons located in our diocese? We offer 12 weekly services in the prisons including Mass, Communion services, RCIA, and Bible studies. We also donate Catholic material and administer the sacraments in 11 county jails as needed.

We are seeking new volunteers to serve in the **Juvenile Detention Centers** located in our diocese. Are you interested in learning more? Consider attending one of two informational sessions to learn more about this important work and volunteer opportunities.

When: Thursday, July 18

Two identical sessions; come to either one:

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