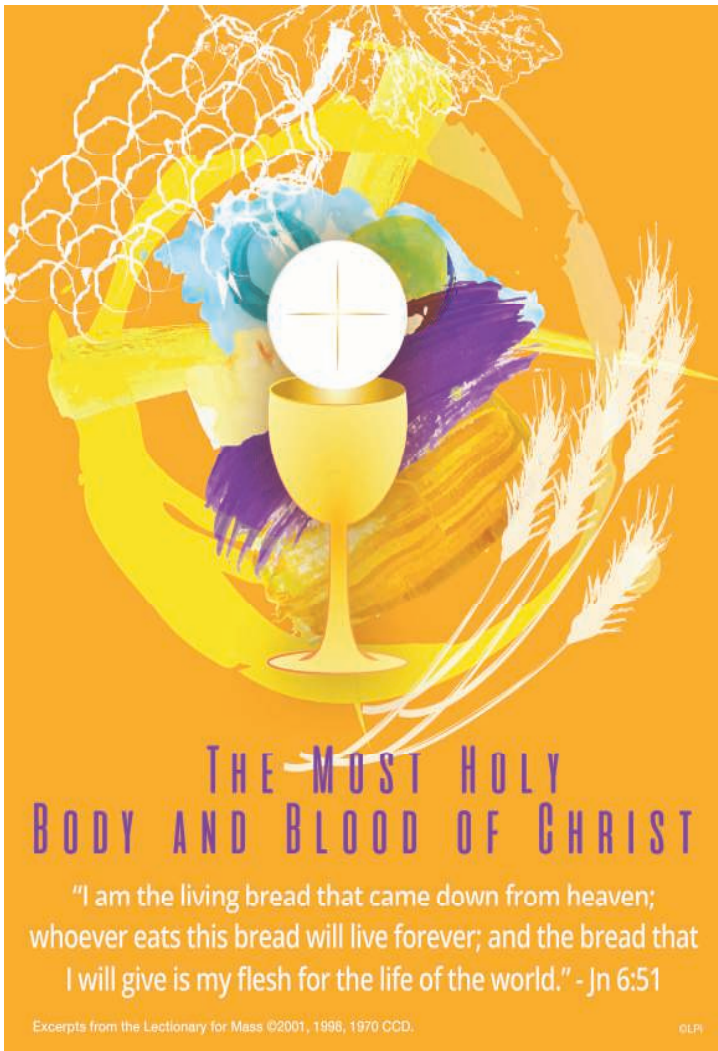




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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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Please contact the Parish Office regarding Baptism, Marriage, First Communion and Confirmation information.

Bulletin

Announcements are due on Monday by 10:00 a.m. for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 a.m. will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

Liturgy Schedule

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Saturday - 4:00 p.m.

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

and by appointment

Prayer Line

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Readings for the Week of June 18, 2017

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

BECOMING MORE CHRIST LIKE



Years ago when I taught moral theology to high school students, I used an exercise to demonstrate how people develop routine patterns in their daily behaviors. I would direct my students to stretch out their arms in front of them and then to cross their arms in front of their chests. I asked them to look down and take note of which arm was on top and which arm was on the bottom. A second time, I directed them to stretch out their arms in front of them and then to fold their arms in front of their chests but in reverse order. After needing to try it more than once and some giggling, most of my students agreed that it was difficult to do and it took some real concentration to make the change.

This demonstration shows us that we often do things with little or no thought at all. We do things habitually. When a minor change is asked of us, we are caught off guard and have to think things through. It's no wonder then that more significant changes in our lives require more thought, more time, and more openness for us to accept them.

Really big changes require us to undergo a major transformation of our very selves. It means we can no longer cling to who we are or act as we always have done but we must integrate our knowledge, our experiences, and our feelings letting go of the past and looking with hope towards the future. Each of the three readings for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ has something to say about our human transformation.

In the first reading, the writer of the Book of Deuteronomy, is recalling the story of Moses and the Israelites some six centuries after their being freed from bondage in Egypt. The writer's purpose is to remind readers that it was God who fed the Israelites when they were hungry. It was God who guided their way. It was God who forgave their sins. And it was God who protected them from the dangers of the desert. They had forgotten that it was God who made their journey and survival possible.

"Remember!" "Remember!" "Remember!" says Moses and don't take your lives for granted. Filled with the daily gift of manna from God Moses encourages the Israelites to change and to look beyond the gift to the Giver of the gift. By gratefully remembering all God's gifts, they were to be transformed and become more sensitive and more aware of the much greater gift of God's word to them—"not by bread alone shall you live but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul is pointing out to his Christian community that to eat a meal given in honor of a pagan god or goddess was not like having a casual dinner with family, friends, and neighbors. For Paul, each meal shared in honor of a pagan god or goddess created a relationship among the participants as well as between the participants and the god or goddess. To participate in a cultic meal could not be considered as a pleasant, neutral act. On the contrary, it served as an outward sign of an inner allegiance and acceptance of the god or goddess being honored. Therefore Paul emphasizes for the Corinthians and I believe for us the importance of sharing the Eucharistic meal. When we receive the Body and Blood of Christ we are not only nurturing our personal relationship with Jesus but our relationship with one another.

In today's gospel, Jesus validates Paul's theology of the Eucharist with its transforming affects. In receiving the Eucharist we give allegiance and acceptance of Jesus as our way of life. "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them." To give allegiance and acceptance of Jesus is to be transformed into the person of Jesus. Consequently, we are challenged to make the life of Christ our own.

Remember, that in John's gospel, Jesus did not say the words over the bread and wine until he first gave an example of washing each other's feet. So we are being transformed to accept the fact that we share one bread and one cup with people not only at the Church of St. Matthew but throughout the world. It is the one bread and the one cup of the rich and the poor; of the humble and the proud; of the powerful and the powerless. Sharing one meal makes us family to one another and together we are drawn into the body of Christ.

Our celebration of the Eucharist, challenges us to care for the sick as Jesus cared for the sick. It challenges us to confront injustice as Jesus confronted injustice. It challenges us to teach as Jesus taught. It challenges us to feed the hungry as Jesus fed the hungry. Each time we gather to celebrate the Eucharist whether it be on a Sunday or on a weekday, at a wedding or at a funeral, we recall what took place at the Last Supper. It is not something that we do out of routine like crossing our arms. It is what we do to become more Christ-like.

News and Events

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners, if you have Masses scheduled in June, July and August they may be moved to a another date because of our new weekday Mass schedule. Please watch the bulletin to see if your Mass is moved to new date.

BELLS AT ST. MATTHEWS

The Bells at St. Matthew's will ring on Sunday, June 18th, Father's Day for all fathers.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Miesville Mudhens – St. Matthew's Men's Club is hosting a bus trip to Miesville for Mudhens baseball game on Wednesday, July 12. We invite anyone (men, women, and accompanied children) to hop on the bus with us. Refreshments will be available on the bus. Ballpark admission is \$3 for adults and free for kids under 18. We leave St. Matthew's at 6:15 pm, arrive about 7 pm. Ballpark concessions will be open and there are 2 restaurants close to the ballpark (King's Bar & Grill or Wiederholt's Supper Club). Game time is 8 pm. Questions or to reserve a spot on the bus, contact Tim Nowak at @ 612-269-9471, email timothy.nowak@usfamily.net.



EVERYONE HAS SPIRITUAL GIFTS!

Go to the *Faith and Learning* tab on the Church of St. Matthew web page <www.st-matts.org> and complete the Spiritual Gifts Recognition Tool or pick up a printed copy at the Information Board at the southeast corner of the church. You may be surprised with what you learn about yourself

VATICAN SYNOD ON YOUTH/YOUNG ADULTS

Pope Francis is calling a general assembly (synod) of the bishops on the theme, "Youth, Faith, and Vocational Discernment" in October 2018. The Church wishes to listen to the voices of young people, their sensitivities, their faith, even their doubts and criticisms.

A series of Listening Sessions are being held throughout our Archdiocese. The next scheduled session is Wednesday, July 19, 6:30 p.m. at O'Gara's, Saint Paul (as part of the Theology on Tap summer series). In addition, young adults ages 16-30 are encouraged to take a brief online survey. For many more details, please visit www.archspm.org/YoungAdultVoices.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 17

4:00 pm Paul Maslow†

Sunday, June 18

10:00 am Our Parish
Vernon Achman†

Tuesday, June 20

8:00 am Living & Deceased
Rosary/CCW Members

Thursday, June 22

8:00 am Arthur Geis†

Saturday, June 24

4:00 pm Joseph Karas, Sr.†
Joseph Karas, Jr.†

Sunday, June 25

10:00 am Our Parish
Eugene Simmons†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 17 Food Collection

Feast of Corpus Christi

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 18 Food Collection

Feast of Corpus Christi

10:00 am Mass

Monday June 19 - Friday - June 13

5:00-6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes SH

Monday, June 19

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

Tuesday, June 20

Wednesday, June 21

8:00 am - 5:30 pm St. Mary's Clinic PC

Thursday, June 22

4:30-6:30 p.m. Finance/Parish Council Meeting PC

Friday, June 23 Feast of the Most Sacred

Heart of Jesus

Saturday, June 24 Nativity of St. John

the Baptist

4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, June 25

10:00 am Mass

Children's Corner

Churches of Revelation

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Ephesus

Laodicea

Pergamos

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Smyrna

Thyatira

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS 6-11-17

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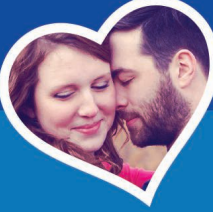
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