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"I am the Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, patient, merciful and faithful"

June 14, 2020

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Liturgy Schedule

Masses in church are cancelled until July 18-19

Mass will be streamed at 10:15 Sunday

Thank you.

Reconciliation
Cancelled until further notice

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Readings for the week of June 14, 2020

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our readings are focused on the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist. This feast has deep significance to those of us living the stewardship way of life.

Why? As stewards, we recognize that all that we are and all that we have been given are gifts from God. We are called to treasure these gifts and use them for God's glory. Our Solemnity today and the readings for this week invite us to a deeper gratitude and better stewardship of the two sublime gifts of God's Word and the Eucharist.

In our first reading from Deuteronomy, Our Heavenly Father (such a good teacher) reminds us that just as we experience physical hunger from lack of food, we become spiritually malnourished through lack of feeding on the Word of God. It is that important.

And, just as the Word of God is vital to our spiritual nourishment, so, too is the nourishment of the Eucharist. Jesus could not make this any clearer to us: "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you."

Without the Eucharist, we die spiritually. But through the Eucharist, we experience a taste of heaven right now — "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

As Christian stewards, we must recognize that in the gifts of the Word of God and the Eucharist, we have everything we need to sustain us in this world and guide us to heaven. Let us resolve to steward these precious gifts well with all our hearts, always.

- **The Catholic Steward**

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Mary Leibl,
Volunteer
Coordinator

Volunteer Opportunities & Parish Needs

**"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"
Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The weekend of July 18/19 we will resume worshipping in church. As we look at the guidelines put forth by the Archdiocese, that we need to follow as we begin a "New Normal", we will need additional volunteers to serve as Ushers at both Masses! We also continue to request volunteers to serve as Lectors at the Saturday 4:15 pm Mass.

I invite anyone who could help with these volunteer opportunities to contact me through the parish office or email me at mleibl@st-matts.org

WEEKLY COLLECTION Although we are not able to worship together, the bills still need to be paid. Please continue to financially support our parish by sending your weekly envelope contribution to the parish center. If you would rather contribute electronically, please contact John Riehle at the Parish Center 651-224-9793.

THANK YOU!

We are a Volunteer Parish!! The future of our parish depends on our dedicated volunteers.

THANK YOU to all who made it possible for the congregation to attend the **Sunday Mass online**. To our celebrant **Fr. Adrian** who offers Mass for us and through the words of his homily gives us strength & hope as we live through these trying days. To **Mary Bejblik & family** who decorated the church for the Feast of the Holy Trinity! To **John** who assists where needed and makes sure everyone & everything is where it needs to be. To Pianist Jill & Cantors **Anthony and Linda** who provided the beautiful music. To **Mary & Tim** who presented the readings. We are all especially grateful to **Alan!!** He came forward last March and offered to film all our services. He then edits the production and puts it out on the web for all to view! He makes it possible for us to come together and worship as a parish, during an exceedingly difficult time. If you were not able to join the service as it happened, you can watch the Mass on the **st-matts.org Website/Facebook page** or on **YouTube**.

THANK YOU to Chris, **Linda & Mary** who prepared the last Parish Mailing, updating all parishioners on our "Back to Church" plans. Applying stickers, stuffing envelopes and sorting by zip codes, these were sent to all parishioners who do not have an email address on file. Thank you to Bernie for taking the mailing to the Post Office. If you received your letter by USPS, and would like to receive parish communications by email, please contact the Parish Center to have your email address added to your file. This will save the parish a great amount of money if more correspondence can be emailed!

THANK YOU to **Chris and Tony**, who before the new ramp was installed, took out all the plants in the front garden. This spring they covered the garden with redwood mulch and re-planted those plants and added many more. Now that we are experiencing warm spring days, the garden is blooming, and it is lovely!! Although the church is closed, it is worth a drive, walk or bicycle ride past, just to see the beauty of our front entrance!

News and Events

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - MASSES CANCELED

To protect the health of our staff, volunteers, parishioners, and Father Steve, the parish office will be closed and all Masses are cancelled. This includes funeral and baptisms. .

Mass with Father Adrian will stream on Sunday 10:15 am via Facebook and YouTube. You must be a Facebook user to view this application; or go to the parish website.

Please continue in your prayers Father Adrian who brings us Mass each week, our sacristans, cantors, musicians & lectors, Alan & John who brought it all to fruition.

We continue to pray for the healthcare workers caring for the sick. As restrictions are slowly eased, pray for all those who are infected with the virus, please pray for all who have died—and their families; and pray for the safety of everyone.

LEASING THE SCHOOL BUILDING

It has been a long 50 weeks since Westside Summit ceased operations. But, a new lease has been signed and submitted to the Archbishop and his leadership team. They will meet on July 17 to consider [read: approve] this agreement. This start-up charter school—Quantum STEAM Academy—intends to open in September and will begin much like Westside Summit did years ago: a few, lower, grades to begin.

Thank you for your interest, your questions, your prayers, and your support


PRAY OF PEACE AND JUSTICE

We are all God's children no matter who we are, where we came from, the color of our skin, the language we speak. Most of us have enjoyed "white privilege" most of our lives. We cannot simply be "non-racist;" we need to be anti-racist. We must act! Black lives matter; brown lives matter; yellow lives matter.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS June 7, 2020

Volunteer Service

Hours in prayer 15
Hours in service 28

Parish		School	\$ 270
Envelopes/Cash	\$ 5,471		
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,351	Total	\$ 270
Holy Day	\$ 120	Thank You!	
PayPal	\$ 100		
Memorial	\$ 320	PayPal QR Code	
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Total	\$ 7,420	stewardship payment	

Thank You!



THE SOUNDS AND SIGHTS OF ST. MATT'S

The Bells will on June 14th for the living & deceased Rosary/CCW members. The Bells will ring on June 18th in memory of Sarah Postiglione.

May she rest in God's peace & love.

Contact Linda Rivera at lriviera@st-matts.org if you would like to schedule a day to ring the bells, or a week to light the lamp for your special memory or event.

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER AGAIN

We will begin praying "publicly" at Mass on the weekend of July 18-19. We intend to have both a Saturday Mass [4:15 pm] and a Sunday Mass [10:15 am].

We will continue to video the Mass on Saturday afternoon and broadcast it on Sunday morning—as we have been doing for the last 13 weekends. [Does it feel like it has been that long? or longer?]

We will sanitize the space and all the furniture before each of the the Saturday and Sunday Masses. We will keep physical distancing [ideally six feet between those of different households]. In order to do this we will make changes in the seating. First, we will not use any "fabric" chairs—it is quite difficult to disinfect those. We will set the rows of steel chairs at six feet apart.

We will ask everyone [older than 2] to wear a mask as you come, during Mass, and as you leave. We will ask everyone to use the bathrooms in your own home—before coming.

There will be no use of holy water fonts; nor of hymnals and missalettes. There will be no congregational singing. We will discourage congregating before and after the Mass.

We will communicate more specifics as we get nearer to being able to pray together. Please watch for those communications.

FATHERS' DAY

When we celebrate next weekend, it will be good to remember all those who have had a 'fatherly' influence in our lives. Say 'thank you.'

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE FOOD SHELF

Next weekend is the 3rd weekend of June. It is the time when we would bring food to Church. Again please send a monetary contribution to Neighborhood House rather than bring in food. Send a check for the food shelf, either directly to Neighborhood House or send it along with your parish contributions and we will send that amount to the food shelf.



Neighborhood House Food Shelf
179 Robie St. E.
St. Paul MN 55107

**Food shelves continue to be overwhelmed with the need of so many folks laid off, furloughed or sadly no longer employed. Some folks are using food shelves for the first time ever. Also for the first time, there are no summer schools or youth sports programs where children would get free meals. Thank you for helping to feed friends, neighbors and all in need.

Parish Leadership

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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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 am** for the next Sunday's bulletin. *Items received after 10:00 am will appear in the following week's bulletin.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, June 13

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, June 14

10:15 am Our Parish

Mary Jane Sperl†, Pauline Dalzell†,
John Leibl†

Monday, June 15

8:00 am Cancelled

Tuesday, June 16

8:00 am Cancelled

Friday, June 19

8:00 am Cancelled

Saturday, June 20

4:15 pm Cancelled

Sunday, June 21

10:15 am Our Parish

David Andrews†, Marina Crawford†,
Lucille, Pam & Robert Stickler Sr.†

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 13

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday June 14

Feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

10:15 am Mass Streamed

Monday, June 15—Friday June 19

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Loaves & Fishes **Meals Are Being Served As Take-Out Only At This Time**

Monday, June 15

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic Cancelled

Tuesday, June 16

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Wednesday, June 17

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

St. Mary's Clinic—by appointment only

Thursday, June 18

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Friday, June 19

Saturday, June 20

All scheduled Masses & Events are cancelled

Sunday June 21 Father's Day

10:15 am Mass Streamed

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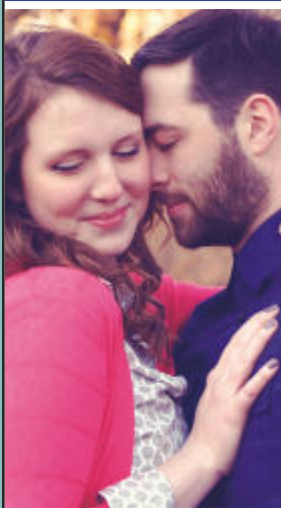
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