

Good News!

JUNE 6, 2021, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)

Ex 24:3-8 / Heb 9:11-15 / Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshiping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

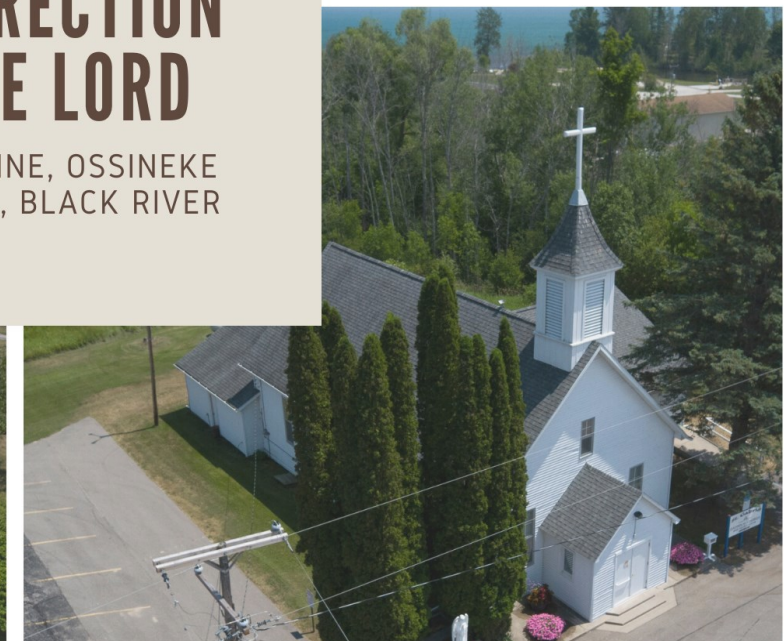
Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received.

The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Scripture readings for the week of June 7—13

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
2 Cor 1:1-7	2 Cor 1:18-22	2 Cor 3:4-11	2 Cor 3:15-4:1	Hos 11:1	2 Cor 5:14-21	Ez 17:22-24
Mt 5:1-12	Mt 5:13-16	Mt 5:17-19	3-6	3-4, 8c-9	Lk 2:41-51	2 Cor 5:6-10
			Mt 5:20-26	Eph 3:8-12, 14-19		Mk 4:26-34
				Jn 19:31-37		



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From the Priest's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi – Jesus’ Body and Blood given to us in the Eucharist. The feast originated in central Italy after a Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena when a priest on pilgrimage during Mass saw the physical manifestation of the flesh and blood of Christ. One of my fondest memories from my time studying in Rome was each June traveling to Orvieto and Bolsena to participate in today’s celebration. It was awesome. But that same Eucharistic miracle happens every time we gather to enter into the Lord’s Paschal Mystery in the Eucharist. Jesus gives of himself so that we might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10:10).

The greatest joy of priesthood is celebrating Mass for the people. It has been my greatest joy to look out at all of you as I elevate the sacred host and chalice – Jesus’ true Body and Blood broken and poured out for the salvation of the world.

As my ministry among you all in our family of Parishes comes to an end, I want to simply say Thank You! Thank you for all the support and kindness you have shown me this past year. It was a difficult year due to Covid, but it was a blessed year beyond measure which I will never forget. I learned a lot from you all. I learned how to be a pastor. I learned how to shepherd communities spread out over a county and a half. I learned how to be patient (still working on that). I ask forgiveness for my mistakes, foibles, and for the times that I acted uncharitably. Priesthood is a gift given not for me personally but given that I may share the graces of God with the people I am called to serve. I tried my best to serve you with a generous heart this past year and if I failed in any way, please forgive me. Please know that I will hold you all in my prayers as I begin this next chapter of my priestly ministry. Please, in your kindness, keep me in your prayers as well.

God bless,

Fr Tyler

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, June 6, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Gabriel

Tom Kane

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Walter & Mary Macek

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

For the lonely and forgotten

Monday, June 7,

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

For favorable weather

4:15 pm St. Raphael Sodality Meeting

Tuesday, June 8,

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne

For the conversion of sinners

9:30 am Adoration/Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, June 9,

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Jo Ann Beatty

5-6 pm Adoration/Confession St. Catherine

Thursday, June 10,

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Roy Peter Shawl

9:30 am Adoration St. Catherine

Friday, June 11,

NO MASS

Saturday, June 12,

3:30 pm Confession St. Raphael

Sunday, June 13, Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary is prayed half an hour before each Mass.

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael

Ronald Frayer

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Gabriel

Tom Kane

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine

Jean Rauch

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne

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PARISH STEWARDSHIP

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).

Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$102,923.04	\$124,509.60	\$26,644.70	\$35,538.24
Actual year-to-date	\$107,306.02	\$130,383.12	\$24,969.85	\$38,555.52
May 30	\$2,073.00	\$2,401.69	\$862.00	\$1,085.85
Other Collections:	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May Online Giving	\$2,192.44	\$2,116.25	\$96.28	\$132.52

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. Anthony Citro

Monday—Rev. Michael Class

Tuesday—Deceased Priests

Wednesday—Rev. Chet Collins

Thursday—Rev. Nicholas Cooper

Friday—Rev. Raymond Cotter

Saturday— Most Rev. Walter Hurley

2021 Catholic Services Appeal: This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the diocese and in the universal Church to share our blessings and to show our care for one another. The CSA provides the opportunity to act together as a family and support programs and services no single individual or parish could offer by itself. Your gift is very important. Every gift, regardless of the size, is vital to the success of the Appeal, so please be as generous as possible with your pledge. Please drop your envelope with your pledge card in the collection basket, mail to parish office, or go online to give at www.dioceseofgaylord.org Parish Goals: St. Catherine-\$25,282.00; St. Gabriel—\$6,415.00; St. Anne—\$19,895.00; St. Raphael—\$9,367.00.

Pledged:	% of Target
St. Catherine—\$22,925.00	90%
St. Gabriel— \$6,777.00	106%
St. Anne —\$15,075	75%
St. Raphael—\$9,740	106%

Family Perspective One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and the disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today’s gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

CSA 2021 THANK YOU – to everyone who has already made their pledge towards our parish targets for the Diocese of Gaylord Catholic Service Appeal 2021. If you have not already made your pledge, please drop off your card and pledge in the collection basket or mail into the parish office. If you need a pledge card, contact the parish office and they will be happy to mail you one. There are some blank cards available in the back of the churches.

Saint of the Week- Blessed Jolenta of Poland- Feast Day June 12. The daughter of King Bela IV of Hungary and granddaughter of the emperor of Constantinople, this medieval princess was raised by her elder sister, St. Kunigunde, queen of Poland. Their family tree included other saints: Hedwig, Elizabeth of Hungary and Margaret of Hungary. Jolenta married a Polish duke whose charitable works earned him the popular name “Boleslaus the Pious.” After his death in 1279 and the marriage of two daughters, Jolenta, Kunigunde, also now widowed, and Jolenta’s youngest daughter entered a Poor Clares convent. Jolenta later became abbess of a convent she had founded with her husband. Also known as Helen of Poland and Yolanda of Poland, Jolenta was beatified in 1827.

New hymnals: To help defray the cost of our new hymnals we have provided envelopes in each pew so that if you would like to make a gift from your family, in memory of a deceased loved one or both please fill out the envelope and return with your gift enclosed. Suggested donation for each book is \$20.00. We will then have bookplates placed inside the front cover of a hymnals. Examples of each option are on the back of donation envelopes.