

**Psalm** — I will take the cup of salvation,

and call on the name of the Lord (Psalm

**Second Reading** — Christ is the mediator

of a new covenant (Hebrews 9:11-15).

**Gospel** — This is my body. This is my

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blood of the covenant (Mark 14:12-16,

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covenant

This is My

blood

Greetings of the Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ! As Parishioners under the name of the Blessed Sacrament it is the Feast of our Parish Community. Let us praise God for all the goodness He showers upon us through our Parish and continue to pray for the intentions of our Parish.

Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday, the Church wants to emphasize its importance by a special feast formerly called "Corpus Christi." This Solemnity shall serve three purposes in our lives – firstly, to give God thanks for Christ's abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honor him there; secondly to instruct people in the mystery, faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist; and lastly to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist both as sacrament and a sacrifice.

Fr. Jerry retires from official responsibilities this Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. I appreciate all of you who joined together last week to wish him happy retirement. Glorious life of active and enthusiastic ministry for the Lord takes a transition to take charge of supporting and encouraging brother priests and faithful in a different way. He grew up in western Daviess County in a family of eight children. He went to seminary straight after 8th grade and completed his seminary training in Rome, Italy, before being ordained on August 9, 1975. His first ministry assignment in 1975 was as an assistant pastor at St. Mary of the Woods, Whitesville, then in 1980 serving as Dean of Students at Owensboro Catholic High School. Those were Fr. Jerry's only ministries in Daviess County before returning as Rector of St. Stephen Cathedral and Pastor of Blessed Sacrament parish in 2013.

Throughout his forty-six years of active ministry for the Church of the Diocese of Owensboro, Fr. Jerry has also served the parishes of St. Jerome (Fancy Farm), St. Denis (Hickman) St. Jude (Clinton), St. Thomas More (Paducah), Rosary Chapel (Paducah), St. Mary (LaCenter), and Holy Spirit (Bowling Green). Fr. Jerry has served in many other ways on various Diocesan committees and boards, always responding with a generous heart to however the bishop asked him to contribute. Fr. Jerry clearly has exhibited a love of the Church and a pastoral care for the people he has faithfully served. At the Cathedral and Blessed Sacrament we have come to love him as a father and a beloved brother.

``·..´''') Always `·.,('``·..´''') Keep ('``·..´''),..´ Smiling! ``.,..´

Father Sinoj, HGN

#### **June Birthdays**

2--Anthonia Hagan

13--Charles Brown III (Buddy)

15--Lea Ann Johnson

16--Sister Jeannette

23--Pam McCarter, Michelle Jones

25--Father Jamie

30--Father Sinoj, Trent Hatchett



A Sunday school teacher was testing • the children in her class to see if they understood the concept of "getting to • heaven." She said, "If I sold my house • and my car, held a big garage sale and gave all my money to the Church, would that get me into Heaven?" "NO!" said the children. "If I cleaned the Church every day, mowed the yeard, would that get me into Heaven?" Again the answer was "NO". Well., then, if I was kind to animals, gave candy to children, would that get me into Heaven?" Again "NO". "Well said the teacher, "how do I get into heaven?" A five year shouted, "You gotta be dead!"

#### Mass Intentions

June 6--Charles E. Thompson

June 13--Louie Moorman

June 20--Mary Ann Calhoun

June 27--Grace Medley Ebelhar

Let us remember to pray for those who have recently died or those in the process of dying. Remember to pray for the souls in purgatory, especially for those who have no one to pray for them.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the sick: Father Jerry, Herbert Millay, Stephen Hall, Doris Smith, Margaret Wilkes, Gene Forsyth, Robert Johnson, Debbie Bellwood, Janice Taul, Merle Griffith, Tyler Cruppi, Pam Wilson, Frank & Gloria Adams, Larry Allen, Shirley Schmidt, Carol Hatchett, Shelby Webster, Louise Johnson, Ruth Coble, Larry Conder, Mike Coakley, Andy Evans, Jason Pierce, Gary Moorman, Rachel Mattingly, Camilla Greer, Phillip Moorman, Jr. If you know of anyone who is in need of prayer or visitation, please notify the office.

Please remember our home-bound: Ruth Coble and Shirley Schmidt who are at Heritage Place. Georgia Holland lives in St.. Louis but stays active in BSC happenings. A card or phone call can cheer them up.

Friday after the Solemnity of Corpus Christi we celebrate the solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have a tradition of family consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us find comfort and peace in the incessant flow of love from the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. This day is also the world day of prayer for Sanctification of Priests. We shall pray for ministerial priesthood in the Church that they be sanctified in burning love of Christ to be the channels of His mercy and grace.

## **Coming Events** CALENDAR



### **Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

June 6--Parish Feast day Corpus Christi

July 13--Father John Thomas arrives

August 7--Picnic (Drive-through) 50-50 raffle ends



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YTD budget--\$45,696

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the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping

your faith firm. You know what we need, and we are sure

you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may

return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help

us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the

Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken

upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to

lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.

Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who

are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious

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Amen. Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy

and blessed Virgin. Amen.

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday:	2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2 -4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1-2; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8- 10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34
Friday:	Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Is 12:2-6 Eph 3:8-19; Jn 19:31-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 ; Lk 2:41-51
Saints and Special Observance	
Sunday:	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Monday:	10th Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Boniface
Wednesday	: St. Norbert
Friday:	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday:	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### CHARITY

Charity is that with which no one is lost, and without which no one is saved.

-St. Robert Bellarmine

#### PRECIOUS BLOOD

On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.



We look forward to meeting our new pastor, Father John Thomas, who will arrive on July 13th. He is coming to us from Holy Spirit Parish in Bowling Green.

#### Lectors

June 6: Layson Brooks Sarah Malone

June 13: Jacques Williams Barbara Bisel

June 20: Aubrey Ottofy Kathi Skidd

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

June 6::Barbara BiselJune 13:Rita MoormanJune 20:Misty SanfordJune 27:Vivian Higgs

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus

The month of June is traditionally dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the greatest human expression of divine love. Popular piety highly values symbols, and the Heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy. But it is not an imaginary symbol; it is a real symbol which represents the center, the source from which salvation flowed for all of humanity. --Pope Francis

Meditate on the meaning of Jesus' Sacred Heart, a heart full of love and mercy. Ask God to transform your heart into His.

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#### Gratitude for the Greatest Gifts

Today's Psalm captures beautifully the heart of discipleship, of stewardship: "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116:12) Corpus Christi offers a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the love and sacrifice Jesus Christ has given for us—the greatest gift ever given! How can we begin to adequately express our appreciation for this incredible gift?

We can express our gratitude each day, in small ways: Spend time in daily prayer to thank God for your blessings and ask for strength for life's challenges. Make an effort to offer kindness to those you encounter in your home, workplace, on social media, or wherever you go. Give back to the Lord a generous portion of your talent, time, and treasure in gratitude for His blessings. Giving of yourself benefits our parish and community...giving is good for the *giver*!

On this Corpus Christi, reflect on your personal experience of Mass. Are there things you can do to enrich your Mass experience to make it more meaningful, more fruitful? Perhaps you might read and meditate on the scriptures before Mass, participate in singing, and try to focus on the meaning of the words we hear and pray.



Father Jerry has been a true shepherd and model for the many people that he has served as a priest. We here at Blessed Sacrament have been inspired by his homilies and the outreach that he has done to us as his parishioners. He has supported us in numerous ways, many of which were behind the scene. We will certainly miss seeing him on a regular basis but hope that he will come to celebrate Mass with us and to attend our events. Our prayers are with him, so that he can continue to be the shepherd who reaches out to all. We pray that as he continues to follow the Lord his life will be filled with peace and deep love of the Eucharistic Lord.

#### Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, "the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist." Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.

There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God's sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God's love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us." Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God's unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection.