

From the Pastor: Do You Believe Jesus' Words?

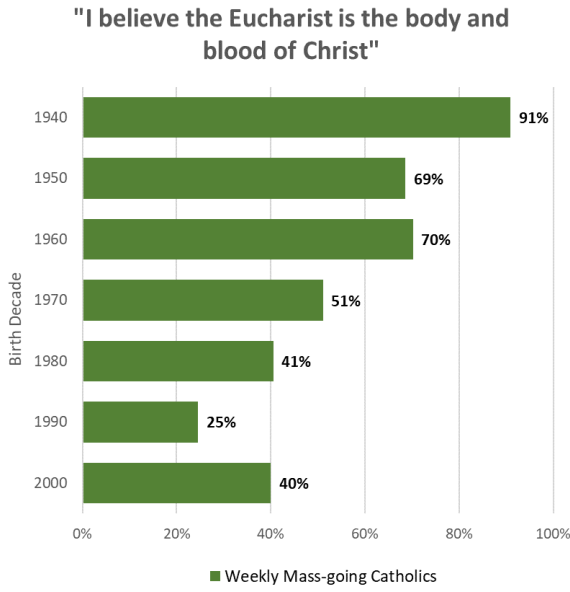
by Fr. Joseph Evinger

One of the utmost clear teachings of Jesus is his teaching on the Holy Eucharist; He gives us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink (See John 6). As Christians, this Gift to humanity is what keeps us alive. Without the Holy Eucharist our faith fizzles out even if it is a slow process.

This past week The Pillar, an internet news outlet covering happenings within the Catholic Church, released their findings on belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Not surprising to me and similar to many other statistics regarding this topic, some of their findings are seen in the graph. Thankfully the power of Jesus' words do not depend on our belief as the so called Protestant Reformer John Calvin claimed. What Jesus said is true, whether you or I believe the Holy Eucharist is Him or not. Holy Communion is Jesus.

In the graph shown notice that as the culture turns away from God belief decreases. However, the weekly-church-going Catholics born in the 2000s are more likely to believe in the Real Presence than those born in the 1990s. This is a glimmer of hope for the Church. According to the same study those who attend Mass weekly or more, 50% believe Holy Communion is really Jesus. Of those that go to Mass less often, 39% believe. Of those that go never, 32% believe it's really Jesus. You can find more statistics at PillarCatholic.com.

If this reflects the parishes in Killdeer, Halliday, and Twin Buttes which is quite likely, let's start praying more fervently for those who do not believe Jesus' words. Why? That they might come to encounter Jesus' presence and love in this great Sacrament of love and peace. We all need Jesus' strength and love to stay together as Christians and to withstand the deadly forces of this passing culture.



Survey conducted among US adults
Sept 28 to Oct 25, 2021
PillarCatholic.com



Second Sunday of Advent



St. Joseph's Church – Twin Buttes
St. Paul's Church – Halliday
St. Joseph's Church – Killdeer

December 5, 2021



Welcome to all Newcomers

If you would like to know more about any of our parishes feel free to check us out at stjosephkilldeer.com to obtain additional information. We are glad you are here!

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, December 6

No Mass

TUESDAY, December 7

No morning Mass at Killdeer

5:30 PM Central Time – Mass (Twin Buttes) Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parishes and St. Paul’s

WEDNESDAY, December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Marvin Schmidt by Daryl & Esther Vance

5:15 PM – Mass (Halliday) +Dianne Duttenhefer by Eugene Duttenhefer

7:00 PM – Mass (Killdeer) +Mary Dukart by Ann & Kim Knutson

THURSDAY, December 9

7:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Martha Dvorak by Kevin & Cindy Candrian

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration (Killdeer) 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, December 10

7:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Lacy Oylo by Lonnie Jambor

SATURDAY, December 11

4:45 – 5:15 PM - Confessions (Killdeer)

5:30 PM - Mass (Killdeer) +Rachel Kump by Tim & Vickie Loh

SUNDAY, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 – 7:50 AM – Confessions (Halliday)

8:00 AM - Mass (Halliday) Parishioners of St. Joseph’s Parishes and St. Paul’s

10:00 – 10:15 AM – Confessions (Killdeer)

10:30 AM - Mass (Killdeer) +Dona Lowman by Jim Lowman

2:00 PM Central Time - Mass (Twin Buttes) Fr. Jacob Degele by Joseph & Mary Minwegan

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK 12/05/2021
Watch: GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother’s miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.

COLLECTIONS (Includes Online Donations)

Week of Nov. 22 - 28, 2021

St. Joseph’s, Killdeer	\$1567.00
St. Paul’s, Halliday	\$981.00
St. Joseph’s, Twin Buttes	\$396.00

Did You Know?

Life in the Womb before birth:
Week 21 – 24: The skin of the baby is reddish, and wrinkles and veins are visible. The eyes are open and they respond to sound. If the baby is born after 23 weeks they may survive in an ICU. Baby is 12 inches long.

Badlands Right to Life

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:

Holy Father’s Intention: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Living: All those in Nursing Home, and Taylin Gessele, Heidi Hernandez, Philip Dukart, Levi and Dani Lund, Kay Duttenhefer, Pam Pavlicek, Pat Klee.

Deceased: Bruce Kadrmas, Charles Chase, Marcus Gress, Mavis Medicine Stone

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass - Friday, Dec. 24

Twin Buttes 4:00 PM CT

Killdeer 6:00 PM

Christmas Day - Saturday, Dec. 25

Killdeer 12:00 Midnight

Halliday 8:00 AM

Killdeer 10:30 AM

Sunday, Dec. 26 Mass Schedule

(No Vigil Mass Saturday Evening)

Halliday 8:00 AM

Killdeer 10:30 AM

Twin Buttes 2:00 PM CT

Adorers Needed: There are two time slots open for Thursday Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph’s, Killdeer: 2 – 3 PM and 5 – 6 PM. Please contact Fr. Joseph or Dcn. Dan if you are able to fill one of these slots. All are welcome to stop at any time during the day between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. and stay as long as you like to spend time with Jesus.



St. Joseph’s, Twin Buttes parish family extend their condolences to the families of Charles Chase, Marcus Gress, and Mavis Medicine Stone. Charles Chase passed away November 13, 2021. Marcus Gress passed away November 16, 2021. Mavis Medicine Stone passed away November 30, 2021. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of Christ.

Advent Confessions: Our Advent Penance Service at St. Joseph’s, Killdeer will be at 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 16. Priests from Dickinson will be here to assist in the hearing of confessions. Please mark your calendars for this beautiful opportunity of grace.

2022 Calendars Available: The Official Catholic Calendars featuring The Way of the Cross have arrived. They are available at the entrance of the churches. Please take one home.

Magnificat Advent Companion – Please take home a copy of this free booklet. This pocket-sized Companion follows a practical, page-a-day format and features original meditations on each day’s Gospel during Advent.

BEST ADVENT EVER: There are things that draw you toward the light. And there are things that draw you into the darkness. So much of the world wants to draw you into the darkness of worry, fear, procrastination, negative self-talk, toxic relationships...the list goes on. This Advent, discover and choose the things that draw you to the light! Get inspiring daily video reflections sent straight to your inbox—for free. Taken from Matthew Kelly’s life-changing new book, *Life Is Messy*, each reflection will help you infuse your life with prayer, reading, authentic love of self, genuine friendship, beautiful kindness and so much more! It’s completely free and easy to sign up. Just go to BestAdventEver.com and enter your name and email address.