

14 June 2020

Dear St. Charles Parishioner:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. In former days, this was called **The Feast of Corpus Christi**. If we knew that we were living out our final hours, whatever we did or said would have particular importance. On that final night before His death, Jesus gave his friends then—and to the Church forever—the gift of the Holy Eucharist. Jesus identified Himself with the gifts of bread and wine; in that Holy Meal we receive the strength to do His work. We are to become what we consume—the Body of Christ. Today we give thanks for that Gift.

Our **Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)** usually concludes at the Holy Saturday Vigil Mass. This year, we were co-opted by the pandemic. The RCIA candidates spent their Monday evenings since last September preparing for their Big Day. That Day finally came last Thursday with Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and Full Admission to the Faith. Congratulations to these new members of the Catholic Church and thank you to Father Lou Thomas, Deacon Dan Galla, and the RCIA team for their good work with RCIA 2019-2020.

**Craig Scott Daniels**  
**Justin Davis Hominsky**  
**Shannon Thomas Mann**  
**Amy Gail Colon**  
**Andrew Joel Petty**  
**Valerie Kay Hansinger**

Since 1932, only World War Two and now the current pandemic have ever canceled the St Charles Summer Carnival. As announced in May, we will sponsor the **“Two Step 2020 Summer Raffle.”** The Grand Prizes are:

**2020 GMC Terrain (Axelrod Buick GMC)**

**\$4500 Roof (Second-to-None Roofing)**

**\$3500 Gift Cards or Cash**

The June mailing went out last week. Buy/sell eight white tickets at \$5.00 per and you can then buy/sell eight blue tickets for \$2.50 per. There will be a second mailing during “Carnival Week” in July and you will have the opportunity to buy/sell another eight tickets at \$5.00 per and eight more for \$2.50. The suggestion is to buy the second set of tickets *with what you would have spent at the Carnival*. There will be eight Sellers Appreciation Drawings, \$500 weekly, beginning Sunday June 28. Sellers of all four sheets of tickets, both mailings, will be entered in a Special Appreciation Drawing that I am donating personally in gratitude for your generosity! Feel really ambitious? Additional white and blue tickets are available at the Parish Office. Ticket returns accepted in the mail, in the Offertory, or at the Parish Office.

This is Father Lou's last weekend with us. He takes up his new responsibilities as a pastor on Monday June 15. From his arrival three years ago, Father Lou has been a popular fellow. He is a concise preacher. He “moves Mass along” respectfully. He enjoys church customs and so we heard some Latin from time-to-time. Fr Lou is frequently decked out in the priest's traditional garb of cassock and biretta. (I have a cassock and biretta too, but it has been years since I tried them on. Maybe someday I'll surprise you—and myself!) He has a very down-to-earth and laid-back approach. He is a favorite with the school kids and when he makes an appearance, the kids chant “Father Lou, Father Lou.” Around the rectory, the priests and staff have come to depend upon his good advice as to where we might find a tasty and inexpensive meal. Father knows every hamburger joint and hot dog stand within a ten mile radius and he is happy to share his opinion on each! Sadly, the current health situation precludes us from offering the traditional public reception and send-off. If you would like to drop Father Lou some words of appreciation or to give him a farewell gift, there are envelopes available in the pews. If you would like to keep in touch

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For your safety and convenience, we have provided plexiglass screens at the communion stations in church. During the time of this pandemic, for the common good of all, the Eucharist will only be distributed in the hand. Approach the screen and extend your hands, palm up, beneath the screen to receive the Host. Step to the side, lower your mask, and consume the Host, then return to your pew. Thank you for your cooperation.

Your continued generosity to St Charles Parish, especially in these difficult times, is very much appreciated. The Offertory for Sunday, June 7, was \$25,516.17.

*Father Carlson*