

St Brigid & St Patrick

June 6, 2021

PO Box 280
Cavalier ND 58220
Phone: 701-265-8877

"The Holy Eucharist Is the Whole Christ"

(THE Mystery of Faith!)



The most fundamental question to ask about the *Blessed Sacrament* is, "Who is the Holy Eucharist?" And the correct answer is: The Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ. There is more behind this answer than many Catholics realize.

When the *Council of Trent* in the sixteenth century defined the meaning of the Eucharist, it declared that "the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore the whole Christ, is truly, really and substantially contained in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist." Shortly after, **Pope St. Pius V** authorized the publication of the *Roman Catechism* and explained its teachings for the pastors of the Church.

Regarding the Real Presence, the pastors were told to explain that "in this sacrament is contained not only the true Body of Christ—and that means everything that goes to make up a true body, such as bones, nerves, and so on—but also Christ whole and entire." Consequently the Eucharist contains Jesus Christ in the **fullness** of his divinity and the **completeness** of his humanity.

Jesus is therefore in the **Blessed Sacrament** "whole and entire: the Soul, the Body and Blood of Christ, with all their component parts. In heaven a complete human nature is united to the divine nature in one person. It is a **denial** of the faith to suppose that in this sacrament there is anything less." It is not speculation but cold revealed fact that the Holy Eucharist is the **Son of God** who became the **Son of Mary**. Whatever makes Christ, Christ, is in the Holy Eucharist; nothing less.

Consequently when we speak of *transubstantiation*, we mean that the whole substance of bread and wine is **replaced** by the living and glorified Jesus Christ. What remains of what had been bread and wine is only their **external** properties that can be perceived by the senses. On the altar after the consecration there is no longer bread and wine but the same Jesus who was crucified, died and rose from the grave; and who will come *in his glory* on the last day to judge the living and the dead.

Is there any real difference between Jesus in heaven and Jesus in the Eucharist? **No**, it is the same Jesus. The only difference is in us. We now on earth cannot see or touch him with our senses. But that is not a limitation in him; it is a limitation in us. JESUS is really now **on earth** in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church has defended the reality of the *Real Presence* so strenuously down the centuries.

What else could it do? The Church believes that our Lord's promise, "*I will be with you all days, even to the end of the world,*" is being **literally** fulfilled in every tabernacle of the Catholic world. He is in our midst with all that makes him man, including his pulsating Sacred Heart. He is here to continue his work of redemption by giving us the light and strength we need to serve Him.

We speak correctly of believing in the *Real Presence*. But we should grow in our understanding of what this implies. The living, breathing Jesus Christ is in the **Blessed Sacrament**. This is the reality.

What, then, is the most important implication of our belief that Jesus is **on earth** in the Holy Eucharist? It is *our duty* to cultivate an awareness of this fact and to **act on** the awareness with our love. When we sing the *Tantum Ergo* at Benediction, we ask "*that our faith may supply for what our senses cannot perceive.*" What are we saying? We profess to believe that Jesus is in the Eucharist with all the qualities of his risen humanity, although our senses cannot perceive what we know, on faith, is **true**.

The **reality** of the Eucharist is clear. It is Jesus of Nazareth who was born of the Virgin Mary. But we **must** make ourselves mentally conscious of this reality and voluntarily respond to what we believe.

Jesus is **on earth** in the Blessed Sacrament. **Why?** In order that we might come to him now no less than his contemporaries did in first century Palestine. If we thus **approach him** in loving faith, there is **no limit** to the astounding things he will do. Why not? In the *Eucharist* he has the same human lips that told the raging storm, "*Be still!*" and commanded the dead man, "*Lazarus, come forth!*"

There are no limitations to Christ's power, as God, which he exercises **through his humanity** in the *Eucharist*. The only limitation is our own weakness of faith or lack of confidence in his almighty love.

(From: *The Real Presence Association*)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Lonnie Guderjahn, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoiien, Oliver Goodoiien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Mae Jackson, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian *(Please call the office (701-265-8877) or Deacon Keith (701-460-1051) if someone needs a visit and/or Holy Communion)

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **June Church Cleaners:** Dan & Deidre O'Keefe, Tom & Linda O'Toole, Jim & Melissa Young. **Collection:** Sherri & Kari (Jun 6); Al & Scott (Jun 13). **Reader:** Scott (Jun). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Dan & Deidre O'Keefe (Jun 6); Jennie Elefson (Jun 13). **Sacristan:** Melissa (Jun 6); Mary T (Jun 13). **Rosary:** Jim (Jun 6); Melissa (Jun 13). **Altar Society Meeting:** June 9th, 6:30 pm. **Bridal Shower:** June 6th, 2-4 pm, for Emma Waskom (*Jonathan Young*); **Bridal Shower:** Jun 12th, 1 pm, for Abigail Metzger (*Simon Burrell*)

ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; **More Confessions:** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 5-5:15 pm. **Jun Church cleaners:** S-W. **Collection:** Larry & Kay (Jun 6); Scott & Mary Ellen (Jun 13). **Readers** (Jun): Sat-Trevor; Sun-Larry. **Rosary:** Larry C (Jun 6 & 13). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Mahar & Lentsch (Jun 6); Sean & Andi DuPre (Jun 13)

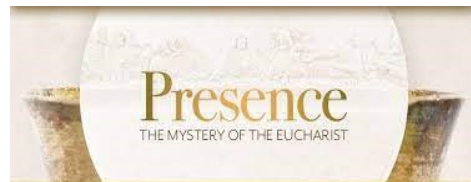
Postcards were sent out: For cemetery upkeep. Thank you for your generosity in whatever donation you can make.

Lent is Over, Can We Now Eat Meat on Fridays?: No! Unless you substitute it with another penance. Every Friday in the year is a day of penance. It's just that, here is the US, outside of Lent, you can choose your penance.

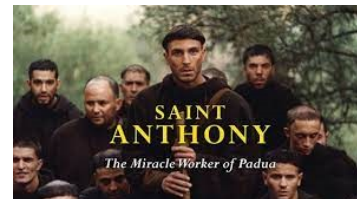
Calling All Men: Become a Knight of Columbus. Men of both parishes, contact Gary Robinson of St. Brigid.

If You Want to Comment: The *Ride-In Committee* website: <https://www.cavaliermotorcycleryridein.com/contact-us>

Sign up for "Formed"! We need everyone with an e-mail address to sign up! It is **free** to all of our parishioners. This is the week to sign up. It's easy; see the front of this bulletin. Go to: formed.org. **Another** note: Once you sign up and sign-in for the first time, if you never log out, you never have to log in again! So, you can "X" out. But, don't log out. If you never log out, you're always ready to go!



This week on "Formed"
Watch the series **Presence** to learn more about the Holy Eucharist. And watch the movie **St. Anthony** for June 13, his feast day!



Mon		June 7	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+George & Anna Chaput
Tues		June 8	8:00 am	St Patrick	Patty McMillian
Wed	<i>St Ephrem</i>	June 9	Noon	St Brigid	+Duane Indridson
Thur		June 10	8:00 am	St Patrick	Randy Miller Family
Fri	<i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	June 11	Noon	St Brigid	+Mike Houska
Sat	<i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	June 12	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parish Members
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Janzen Peterson
Sun	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	June 13	8:30 am	St Patrick	+Thomas Copeland
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Pro Populo

Stewardship (as of 5-30-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1475.00	700.00	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection May</i>		325.00
Plate	74.00		Cemetery	3,325.00	3,756.69
Weekly Total	1549.00	700.00	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	47,989.26	20,417.97	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	9,573.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	1,745.00	2,380.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		5,326.00
Ascension	495.00	55.00	St Helen Cemetery \$275.00		
			St Bernard Cemetery \$212.00		