

June 3, 2018

**Sunday After The Most Holy Trinity**  
**The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ**  
(Corpus Christi)  
Solemnity



***This Is My Body and My Blood***

Today we celebrate *Corpus Christi*, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. In the Eucharistic feast, the gifts of bread and wine really and truly become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. Through this covenant of love, God draws us into his divine life and offers us food for our earthly pilgrimage to continue with faith and hope, confident in God's ability to transform our weakness and sufferings into life and joy.

**MASS INTENTIONS**



Saturday, June 9  
4:30 p.m. Ben Smolik  
Sunday, June 10  
8:00 a.m. Frances & Alois Anderle

**Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy**



Next weekend is *The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15**  
**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130**  
**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**  
**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

**SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY MASS – JUNE 17**

To have your father specially remembered in the Mass Intention of the day, drop your Father's Day envelope in the collection, or mail by June 12.

**2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL**

2018 Assessment .....	\$7,761.00
Contributions So Far .....	\$ 2,240.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed .....	\$ 5,521.00

*We thank the following for their recent contributions:*

Mary Ann & Emil Lev  
Andrienne & Jeff Machac  
Rosemary & Arthur Klekar

Do please consider making a donation.

**St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund**  
**Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha**



We thank the following for their recent contributions:

G. Castro, Katy, TX - \$20  
St. Mary's School Praha Reunion - \$413  
In Memory of The Herman Family - \$20  
In Thanksgiving for Peace in Family & Country - \$40  
In Memory of Tillie & Jim Mikes - \$20  
James D. Mikes, Clute, TX

To make a tax deductible donation towards *St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha* contact Fr. Gabriel at 361-596-4674.

**PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY – JUNE 3**

*ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH*

**Praha  
Pancake  
Sunday**

**This Sunday June 3rd**  
at  
**St. Mary's Parish Hall  
Praha**

**Free breakfast will be served  
from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

All are invited to come  
and we hope to see you  
in Praha

*Sponsored by the Praha Altar Society*

*Come out and join us Sunday, June 3, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. A free will donation will be appreciated. All are invited.*

## REFLECTION

### A Meal Like No Other

The Solemnity we celebrate today challenges us to consider our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ as our number-one, all-time favorite repast. Sacrificial though it is, in its remembrance of the death of Jesus, this feast also affirms the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine as authentic and necessary food.

In the Hebrew tradition food was God's life-sustaining gift, so sharing food with others was tantamount to sharing God's life together. Eating together and sharing God's gift of life created a bond that you would protect at all costs. Because it was so central, the sharing of food was readily incorporated into religious rituals. The Sinai Covenant was sealed with the sacrifice of an animal, whose blood was sprinkled on the altar (symbolizing God) and on the gathered people. Then all shared a meal, thus binding God and his people together for life.

In the same vein we understand that the saving sacrificial death of Jesus forged a new covenant between God and us. By virtue of the blood Jesus poured forth in love and by Jesus' passage from death to life, we have been graced and empowered to pass from slavery to sin and into freedom, into a new and unending relationship.

By our sharing in the bread and wine, the Body and Blood of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes again.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



June 5 – Jessica Schneider  
June 6 – Gayle Hill, Collin Hummel  
June 8 – Beatrice Patek  
June 9 – Madison Vrazel

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



June 4 – Carol & Randy Barta  
June 8 – Patricia & James Gready

## The Eucharist, The Source and The Summit

The gift of the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. Unlike mountaineers who strive to reach the summit of towering peaks, we simply receive the Eucharist as a gift. We can't earn it, we don't deserve it; it is God's greatest gift to us.

The Eucharist is a memorial of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. In the Eucharist we meet Jesus in the most real and authentic of ways. Jesus enters us and we enter Jesus. We consume him and he consumes us. The Eucharist is food: food for this life and food for the next.

## Praha Picnic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018

**Picnic Raffle:** Thomas Petru and Liz Janak will finalize the raffle donor list tomorrow, Monday. If you have not been able to get your donation to them yet, please do so this weekend.

**Picnic Chairpersons** forms are due June 8. If you have not returned your forms yet, please do so this week.

### Picnic Chairpersons/Co-Chairpersons Meetings:

**Jun. 13 – Kettle, Chicken & Kitchen, Plates-to-go, Plate Distribution & Dinner Tickets, 7 p.m.**

**Jun. 14 – Beer Stand, Beer Tickets, Soda Stand & Sno Cones, Country Store, Souvenirs, Raffle, Cake Walk, Bingo, Fish Pond/Toy Box, Ring Toss & Publicity, 7p.m.**

Auction & Finance Meetings TBA.

*The meetings will be held at the pavilion.*

**Picnic Letter/Raffle Ticket Mailing:** It's not too soon to start thinking about what to donate to the auction and other Picnic donations. Look out for something in the mail soon.

## VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



### Remember to pray for the following intentions:

*For Martha  
For Tulix D.  
For Jeff Stang  
For The Giltner Family  
For My Daughter, Mattie  
For Health & Happiness  
For Good Health In Family  
For Bill Elliott – Leukemia  
For Guidance & Protection  
For My Friend, Renee Kain  
For My Son & Granddaughter  
For My Daughter's Marriage  
For Westminster Pres. Church  
For Valerie, Phyllis, Eldon & Ally  
For Bryn's Final School Semester  
In Thanksgiving For My Recovery  
For Michael & Elyse To Get Jobs  
For A Healthy Heart & Spinal Cord  
Pray For Sean Markey and Scott Barker  
For Cancer Healing For Daughter, Suzanne  
For Child Support Paperwork & Unite Our Family  
Please Pray For Our Daughter, Michaela Hargens  
For Strength For Brother & Sister-in-law In Marriage  
For Peace, Love, Happiness For Our Family & Friends  
– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued*