

# The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ ~ June 14, 2020

## MASSES

**Saturday, June 13th, 4 p.m.:**

Tony Braun, by Gary

**Sunday, June 14th, 10 a.m.:**

Alberta Snell, by Joe, Deb & family

**Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30 p.m.:**

For the Parish

## READINGS

### Deuteronomy 8:2 - 3, 14b - 16a

Moses reminded the people that for forty years God tested them in the desert. The Lord let them be hungry and fed them manna, showing that God's people do not live by bread alone.

### 2nd Reading:

#### 1 Corinthians 10:16 - 17

By sharing in the Eucharistic bread, Christians, though many, are one body in Christ

### Gospel: John 6:51 - 58

Jesus told the crowds that he is the living bread come down from heaven. All who want eternal life must "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Patience enables you to endure change.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The teacher in religion class always wanted to see if the students would have an answer to a trick bible question. One day he asked: "What did Moses use to illuminate his ark at night?" Joey was quick to say, "Moses wasn't on the ark." Surprised by the quick answer the teacher then said, "Ok, then what did Noah use to illuminate the ark?" Janie said, "Flood Lights. What else would he have used?"

## YOUR GIFTS TO GOD & PARISH

Sunday.....	\$6,279.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$200.00
Adopt-a-Parish.....	\$80.00
Seminarian Education.....	\$10.00
Catholic Communications.....	\$10.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$35.00
School Support.....	\$145.00

God bless you for your support in this difficult time!

## FROM THE DESK OF FR. DENNIS

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi, which is Latin for "Body of Christ". To truly celebrate this feast, we must become an Alter Christus (another Christ) in the midst of the world today, so that we are bread broken and wine poured out for the needs of humanity. The challenge of the Eucharist is not about spending time in private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, though this is certainly a good thing to do. Rather, the Eucharist demands that, as followers of Christ, we too, allow ourselves to be broken for others, to be poured out. In so doing, we will be emulating Christ and living the Paschal Mystery.

WELCOME BACK, as we re-open our doors and gather once again to celebrate the "source and summit" of our faith, the Eucharist. On what better day to begin than on this feast of Corpus Christi. Although we are gathering in a small way with only 50 people for each Mass for a while, we must continue to practice safe distancing, wearing our face masks, and following the directions we are asked as we come into Church, go to Communion, and when we leave the Church. Yes, it will be different for all of us, but let us be grateful that we can gather once again as the Body of Christ, here at St. John the Baptist, in this our Church home. We will continue to have Mass on YouTube for those not able to come.

I want to say thanks to all of you for your greetings, cards, and remembrances as I celebrated my 45th Ordination Anniversary last Sunday. Your kindness is so appreciated. May the Lord bless you for all you do for our parish family! Have a blest week, and remember, don't worry so much, and know that you are loved!

~ Fr. Dennis

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

Care Home Residents, Homebound Parishioners  
Names remain for 4 weeks. Call the rectory.

## WEEKDAY GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER AT CHURCH

- 1) Use the breezeway entrance - Car port is closed
- 2) Wear a Mask
- 3) Use hand sanitizer and sign in, listing time
- 4) Sit in one of the first 5 pews on the Tabernacle Side
- 5) Please leave the same way you came in -mark the exit time.

## **HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK**

The Parish Council Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, June 23rd at 7 p.m. in Church.

Fr. Dennis has a colonoscopy this Tuesday. A little prayer is appreciated.

## **POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO OUR HEARTS**

(God's Name is Love) Let us recognize that God is not something vague; our God is not a God "spray;" he is tangible; he is not abstract but has a name: "God is love." His is not a sentimental, emotional kind of love but the love of the Father who is the origin of all life, the love of the Son who dies on the cross and is raised, the love of the Spirit who renews human beings and the world. Thinking that God is love does us so much good, because it teaches us to love, to give ourselves to others as Jesus gave himself to us and walks with us. Jesus walks beside us on the road through life.

## **CHILDREN'S CLOTHING NEEDED**

The Belleville Council Office of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul NEEDS YOUR HELP. At the present time there is a desperate need for gently-used children's clothing – all sizes – infant through teens. Items can be dropped off at: St. Vincent de Paul Office, East St. Louis, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. or SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen, East St. Louis, Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m.-12 Noon. If you have questions or need additional information, please call the Council office at 618-394-0126. Donations are tax deductible.

## **PARISH PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Our partnership has again this year collaborated on the Community Garden located on the Convent grounds in Ruma. Produce benefits St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen. I invite you to go to our website and find the weekly calendar and responsibilities that are being asked of our volunteers. The next week for which we are responsible is June 21st. Masks need to be worn. No more than 10 people at any given time and practice social distancing. Bring your own gloves, tools, etc. If you are interested in giving a hand, give Tom Beshoar a call 618-977-6232. I thank Tom and our Parish Council members for responding to this project with the others in our Partnership. If you are unable to help but would like to make a financial contribution to offset the costs (purchasing of plants, weed barrier, etc.), please make checks payable to St. Patrick's, put "Community Garden" in the memo line, and mail to 1 Pioneer Lane, Ruma, 62278

## **PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS**

Our Parish re-Opening Team is: Fr. Dennis, Kelly Donjon, Dave Young, Mike Doiron, Harold Siegfried, Robin Hentis, Mark Scheffert, Peg Masterson and Rosalie Heizer. The committee hopes you have read the letter and Parishioner Reopening Guide as you plan to join us as we open for Mass. Remember, you must call and make a reservation! We need volunteers to help as a Greeter/Usher or to help with the sanitizing and cleaning of the Church which must be done after every service. Please call one of the committee members and tell them you will come to help them. If you have misplaced your letter or the Parishioner Re-opening Guide, go to our website and you will find the info.

## **REACH OUT TO OUR TRANSITIONAL DEACONS**

July 11th has been set for their Priesthood Ordination. Assure them of your prayerful support. Drop them a note: Rev. Mr. Nicholas Fleming, 1028 Cypress Pointe Dr. Caseyville, IL 62232; nickfleming91@gmail.com; Rev. Mr. Carl Schrage, 3 Wood Drive Carlyle, IL 62231; carlschrage@illinoisalumni.org; Rev. Mr. Joel Seipp, 108 Anne Ave. O'Fallon, IL 62269; dmbfanjoel1@yahoo.com.

## **PSR REGISTRATION 2020-21**

All PSR students are asked to register for the 2020-21 year. Please go to our parish website [www.sjbcatholicredbud.com](http://www.sjbcatholicredbud.com) and click on NEWS at the top of the screen. There you will find the PSR registration letter and form. Please print it out, complete it and send it to the parish office along with the fee. Please spread the word! Thank You!

## **ST. ANNE'S CCW QUILT RAFFLE**

Drawing on August 15th

The ladies of St. Anne's CCW greatly appreciate your support of our annual Mother's Day Quilt Raffle. We have chosen August 15th, the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption, as the alternate date for this year's drawing. We are relying on sales through our parish mailing only and will not be selling chances before any of the masses. If you have misplaced your tickets or wish to purchase more there are some available in the breezeway. Tickets are \$1 each or 5 for \$6. You may also place your money, name & phone number in an envelope addressed to St. Anne's CCW and we will fill out the tickets for you. Thank you for your generosity and patience with us. We can't wait to give this lovely quilt away!

## **OUR CAPS, YOUR CAUSE PROGRAM**

Do you drink Prairie Farms milk? Please save the caps from the gallon or half gallon bottles for the school. To enter codes, head to our donation page for the Our Caps, Your Cause Program at <https://www.prairiefarms.com/ocyc-redeemcodes/> Choose our school from the drop-down menu. You can also put caps in a bag and bring them to the breezeway and we'll take care of them. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

With Masses beginning again at St. John's, we will start to reschedule the Mass Intentions that were set from mid-March on. Please understand this is a lot to reschedule, we only have three Masses a week to do so, and we also already have intentions scheduled on most of these dates. To help catch up we will pull missed intentions and add them to one of the three Masses; this will result in intentions being for more than one person. Thank you for your understanding!

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

As we begin to gather as a parish community, our Reopening Team is in need of volunteers. After every gathering, a simple disinfecting procedure must take place. Disposable gloves, hydrogen peroxide, and paper towels will be used to quickly clean the pews. We are looking for people (65 or younger with no underlying health risks) who are willing to stay an extra five to ten minutes after mass to insure that our building is Covid free. If you are interested in helping, please call Rosalie Heizer (282-6035). Thank you!

## **SJB GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The St. John Catholic School Golf Tournament, which was scheduled for June 18th, has been postponed. It is re-scheduled for Monday, October 12th (Columbus Day). More info to follow.

## **JUNE19/20 PICNIC CANCELED**

Because the picnic is canceled, we are asking for your support to help make up the \$40,000.00 deficit this makes in our budget. Your response has been wonderful. To date we have received \$42,198.00. Don't think that because we made our goal there is no need to give now to help with our budget. Remember no gift is too small or large. When we work together, the load is much easier. Thank You!