The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

(Corpus Christi)

03 June, 2018

Immaculate Conception Parish
Fairbank, Iowa 50629

Jesus’ Amazing Gift

This beautiful painting shows the great care and reverence with which Joseph, Nicodemus, and Mary Magdalene place the body of Christ in the tomb. Yet it is also a symbol of the delicacy and devotion with which we should receive Jesus, who comes down to us on the altar at Mass.

His Body and Blood were shed to create a New Covenant, a new pact of love between God and people. In the Old Testament, God ordered that the blood of sacrificed animals be sprinkled on the people as a way to seal a pact with him, thus gaining forgiveness of their sins. As if to say, may I be as this calf or goat if I ever fail to obey and live up to your commands.

In the New Covenant, God sent his own Son to be the sacrificial victim to seal our covenant of love with the Father. Before the blood was sprinkled, we consume his Body and Blood in the Eucharist as Jesus commanded: Do this in memory of me. Take this, all of you, and eat. Take this, all of you, and drink. If goat blood could express a covenant in the Old Testament, how much more powerful to unite us with God is the blood of his only begotten Son! How much more powerful to forgive us and communicate God’s overpowering love!

Jesus lays down his life sacramentally again in this Mass. Let us receive his Body and Blood with purity and devotion, aware of the amazing gift and the miracle that happens in our presence.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection
How well do I prepare my heart and mind to receive Jesus in the Eucharist?
Do I take time to visit him in the tabernacle or adoration to show him my love and gratitude?

[Jesus said,) “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”
Mark 14:24
**Marriage Building Blocks**

“Take it; this is my body...This is my blood of the covenant.”

(Mark 14:22, 24) How do your own family rituals at dinnertime and around the family table reflect the Eucharist? How can we be “Eucharist” to one another?

How can we bring the Eucharist from our church into our homes, and into the world?

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**June Congratulatory Celebrations**

Celebrating 80+ Birthdays!
- Maurice Welsh on the 12th
- Loyola Kleitsch on the 25th

Celebrating 50+ years of Wedded Bliss
- Joe & Colleen Bovy on the 28th
- Jerry & Holly Shannon celebrated 50 years on June 1st

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**Needful things:**

- Anyone interested in helping take care of watering the outdoor flowers for us this summer? Potted and planted. Call Jean Bellis 319-240-4857
- Anyone interested in being our historian documenting our new growth and organizing our past? Contact the parish office and we’ll get you started!

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**Fairbank’s All Churches VBS**

June 4 – 8

In the IC Parish Hall   9 - 11:30AM

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**For Rental Of The Parish Center**: contact Tammy Kaufman to inquire about renting the parish center.
Stewardship in His Name…
The bishops’ stewardship pastoral asks, “And what do Christians bring to the eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering?” The answer: “Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ.

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Parish Financial Support
May 27-31

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Thank You!

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June Calendar
Sat June 02 First Saturday Mass 8AM
Sat June 02 Fr. Atwood leaves after 8AM Mass on vacation through Fri June 8
Sun June 03 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Knepper presider June 4 – 8
Fairbank Vacation Bible School at IC 9 - 11:30AM
Tue June 5 Card Bingo at Parkview Assisted Living
Mon June 11 Parish Life Mtg 3PM
June 11 - 14 Fr. Atwood away on a retreat
Thur June 14 Knights of Columbus Mtg 7PM
Mon June 18 June Group Church Clean at 6:30PM
Wed June 20 Parish Center Cleaning on 3rd Wednesday 9AM
NO Wednesday morning Masses on June 6 and 13
NO Finance or Pastoral Meetings in June
Sat June 23 Fairbank Days – IC Food Stand in the A.M.

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Parish Elections Results~

Joe Kleitsch and Tony Salisbury are our newly elected Pastoral council members. Congratulations!
Cindy Pint and Denise Sauerbrei are our newly elected members of the Faith Formation Commission. Congratulations!

Our express thanks to Adam Kaufman and Jerry Plaster for their years serving the parish on the Pastoral Council.
Our sincere thanks to ALL who stepped up this election and were willing to serve on the Pastoral Council!!

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Welcome Msgr. Knepper! Thank you for being with us.

~MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS~

Sun June 03 8:30AM IC For the People
Sun June 03 10:30AM SH Chris Theobald
NO WEEKDAY MASSES Monday June 4 thru Friday June 8
Sat June 09 4:30PM SH
Sun June 10 8:30AM IC Charlotte McGrane
Sun June 10 10:30AM SH
Sun June 10 5:00PM SH Youth Mass
Rosary and Reconciliation opportunity 30 minutes before start of Mass

~MINISTRY SCHEDULES~

SUNDAY, June 03 at 8:30AM Rev. Msgr Daniel Knepper
Lector: Bridget Stark
EM 2 Hosts & 2 Cup: Deacon Jim, Kelly Gallegger, Dan Cutsforth, Glenda Kane
Servers: Bryce Zimmerman and Brock Kleitsch
Cantor: Kim Weepie Organist: Roxanne
Gifts: Adam Kaufman
Money Counters: Fred & Leslie Frost, Susi & Julia LaRue

SUNDAY, June 10 at 8:30AM Celebrant Rev. Daniel Knepper
Lector: Kelly Cummings
EM 2 Hosts & 2 Cup: Deacon Jim, Julie Bentley, Irene & Gary Peyton
Servers: Ella Weepie & Kaylie Curley
Cantor: Tony Salisbury Organist: Roxanne
Gifts: Zimmerman Family
Money Counters: Denny & Mary K. Frost, Karen Matthews

HOSPITALITY PEOPLE FOR JUNE
Greg & Lori Beierschmitt, Chance Beierschmitt, Ben & Tim Erhardt

MINISTRY VACANCIES!!!  WE ARE IN GREAT NEED OF NEW MINISTRY PEOPLE! ESPECIALLY HOSPITALITY AND SERVERS.
TRAINING IS AVAILABLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE MINISTRIES. SCHEDULER POSITION IS OPEN TOO!

Respect Life.... from the Womb to the Tomb
"All the wars ever fought, all the holocausts ever perpetrated, all the plagues that ever raged, all the bombs that ever dropped, all the famines that ever laid waste to the land, put together have not killed the number of human beings wiped out by ABORTION.”

-Fr. Frank Pavone

From the Parish Office.....
We are now accepting applications for the current vacancy of parish secretary/bookkeeper. The position and job description has been posted on our website if you are interested in applying for this position.

Applications will simply be a cover letter and your resume’ of your qualifications and work/experiences.
The deadline for accepting applications is June 11, 2018. Please submit them to the Parish Office via hard copy or email to icfairbank@gmail.com Happy to answer questions!

Tentative Office hours June 4 – 7
Mon: 1 – 5  Tues: 1 – 5  Wed: 1 – 5  Thurs: 8 – 4
Dear Padre

What is the Catholic belief in the Real Presence of the Eucharist?

Our belief in the Real Presence goes back to Jesus himself. Saint Paul describes the Last Supper: Jesus took bread and said, “This is my body. He took wine and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood.” The Catholic Church has always believed that Jesus meant exactly what he said. When confronted, Jesus did not water down his statements, although they were difficult to accept and beyond human understanding. Even Peter did not claim to understand. He simply accepted them on the authority of Jesus, who had “the words of eternal life.”

Catholics have always believed in the Real Presence of Jesus, known traditionally as transubstantiation. This means that the “substance” of the bread and wine becomes the “substance” of Christ’s Body and Blood, while the appearances of bread and wine remain. When we receive Communion, we truly receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity, of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1375–1381).

Not all Christians believe in the Eucharist as Catholics do. Some deny that Christ is present at all, contending that the bread and wine only symbolize the spirit and teachings of Jesus. There are many variations, and Catholics should carefully distinguish our Church’s teaching from other opinions.

Bread and wine are changed by Christ into himself in a miracle of love we Catholics call, with awe and affection, the Blessed Sacrament.

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A Word From Pope Francis

The Lord breaks his Body and pours out his Blood for all. Truly no division can withstand this sacrifice of communion; only the attitude of falsehood, of complicity with the evil one, can exclude one from it. No other indefensible gap can withstand the power of this broken Bread and this shed Blood.

—General audience, November 11, 2015

FAMILY SAVE THE DATE!! Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart Parishes are jointly working on a new pictorial directory. Dates for picture taking have been set for August 23 – 25 at Immaculate Conception. We will begin scheduling the appointments during the June picnic. Check your calendars now and come prepared to sign up for your preferred time for your family portrait. Please make every effort to get your picture taken for the directory! There will be no required purchase on your part, only an option to purchase if you wish.

► Play 500 & Euchre Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30PM @ Parkview

♫ HOMILY NOTES: What did I hear that I would like to remember or think about later?

Background on today’s Gospel

Mark 14:12-26

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical calendar. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, the Latin words for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of our liturgical rites, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

In our reading for today, we read the account of the Last Supper found in the Gospel of Mark. It begins with the instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to prepare their Passover celebration. It then goes on to give an account of the Last Supper. On this Sunday, however, our Lectionary reading omits the verses between these two passages; in those omitted verses we hear Jesus predict his betrayal by one of his disciples.

The Gospel of Mark describes Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples as a celebration of the Jewish feast of Passover. The Jewish celebration of Passover is a memorial to and a ritual participation in the defining moment of Israel’s history. It celebrates God’s deliverance of his people from slavery in Egypt. The Passover meal includes many ritually important elements, such as unleavened bread, lamb, and bitter herbs. Each food item recalls an aspect of the Exodus event. The instructions for the preparation of this meal are carefully prescribed in the Law of Moses. It is a central obligation of the Jewish faith tradition to celebrate this meal and to give thanks to God for his deliverance and protection.

In the description of the Passover meal found in today’s Gospel, however, Mark omits many elements of the Jewish Passover meal. Instead he describes only those elements he believes to be most essential to the Christian Eucharist: Jesus took bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, and shared it with his disciples. Similar words and actions follow as Jesus shares the chalice with his disciples. This bread now shared is Jesus’ own body. Those who drink from the chalice are invited to share in a new covenant which will be sealed by Jesus’ own blood. Mark’s Eucharistic theology looks forward to the Kingdom of God that Jesus inaugurates.

The Gospel for today reminds us that the Eucharist is a memorial of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. We believe that Jesus is truly present to us in the elements of bread and wine. Each time we celebrate this sacrament, we prepare for the Kingdom of God. This celebration, as the Second Vatican Council taught us, is the source and summit of the Christian life.

From Loyola Press Sunday Connection

In May the Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 173 client visits and our volunteers put in 58 hours of their time including some volunteers from Wapsie Valley High School. They did an awesome job. Thank you to all of our volunteers and to those who have brought us donations of clothing, towels and blankets. We have a good supply of summer clothing; if you or anyone you know needs help with their clothing needs have them stop by.