

June 18, 2017
Solemnity of the
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

The Holy Mass

The Holy Mass is the center of our spiritual life, the answer to all of the questions and doubts that torment us. It is the rescue from our afflictions and difficulties. It is the perfect cure for every evil.

The real and effective actualization of the one and only Redemptive Sacrifice is the source and summit of interior life. It is also the beginning, means and goal of interior life. Therefore, each of us, as a disciple of Christ, should be fully open to this great mystery. Together with the priest who celebrates the Holy Mass, we participate in the unique Priesthood of Christ, who offers Himself to the Father as the Priest and, at the same time, as the Sacrificial Victim. Therefore, not only the priest, but we too have a share in celebrating the Eucharist when we offer our lives and our very selves in a special way, together with the Sacrifice of the Lord's Body, to the Father. If we do not participate in the Eucharist properly, then we cannot fulfill the mission to which God calls us as His disciples.

The Church stresses that, during the mystery of faith, we cannot be like foreign and silent spectators; rather, we have to learn to offer ourselves as a sacrifice, as we, along with the priest and through his hands, offer the Host. Just as Christ offers Himself to the Father, we, united with Him, have to give ourselves over to the Father. With Christ, we have to entrust our wills to God, and give Him the right to arrange our lives as He pleases. In this way, we unite ourselves with the essence of Christ's offering about which St. Paul writes: "For this reason, when Jesus came into the world, he said: 'Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight in. Then I said, "As is written of me in the scroll, Behold, I come to do your will, O God"'. (Heb 10:5-7). We have to strive to assume this attitude of self-relinquishment during the Holy Mass. Because of this attitude, union with Christ, the Great High Priest and the Sacrificial Victim, can become the very essence of our lives, both during the Eucharist and in day-to-day events. Yet, this sacrificial attitude is very difficult to assume during Holy Mass. This is the precise reason why the Church very realistically says that at first we have to learn this attitude. We must learn it, however, in communion with Christ. Moreover, to learn this attitude is not about a single act of will or a momentary ardor; rather, it is a lifelong process of living in deeper communion with the Redeemer.

Excerpts from "Open Wide the Doors to Christ" by S.C. Biela

Weekly Calendar

Monday, June 19

Memorial of Saint Romuald, abbot

Tuesday, June 20

7:00 am: Mass: Michael V. Joseph

7:30 pm: Knights of Columbus Meeting

Wednesday, June 21

Memorial of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious

8:00 am: Mass: Joseph & Bernice Boh

11:00 to 1:30 pm: PCCW Salad Luncheon, parish hall

3:00 pm: Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Thursday, June 22

Memorial of Saint Paulinus of Nola, bishop; Saints John fisher, bishop, and Thomas More, martyrs

8:00 am: Mass: Wallace Brey

10:00 am: VBS Volunteer Meeting, parish office

Friday, June 23

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

NO MASS

Saturday, June 24

Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

4:00 pm: Confessions

5:00 pm: Mass: Lorne & Lamoine Hanson

Sunday, June 25

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am to 7:30 am: Confessions

8:00 am: Mass: Roland Schoen

10:30 am: Mass: Parishioners

General Parish Information

Father Varkey Emergency Cell Phone: 715-937-3664

New parishioners: You are most welcome to join the family of St. Mary's. Please contact the parish office.

Prayer Chain: Contact Jean Kuhn 937-1161

Meal Ministry: Please contact Mary Sladich 743-4466

Bereavement Ministry: Contact Annie Augustine 937-1432

Elizabeth Ministry: Contact Renee Schoen 743-4059

Marriage: Contact with the parish is required six months to a year before marriage. Preparation begins with the first contact.

Natural Family Planning: Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms: Baptisms are celebrated during the 10:30 am Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. Baptisms following Mass can also be scheduled. Preparation classes are necessary. Please contact the office for further info.

Interfaith Caregivers Contact: 743-2885

Weekly Collection

June 11, 2017

Tithe	\$3,071.17
Ascension	45.00
Offertory	641.11
Student	10.00
Total	\$3,767.28

Weekly Budget

\$ 4,414.73

Liturgical Ministries

Saturday–Sunday, June 24-25

<u>Lectors</u>	(A)	(B)
Sat. 5:00 pm	Jean Moseley	Delores Schmitt
Sun. 8:00 am	Allen Mohr	Mary Lou England
Sun. 10:30 am	Christine Feucht	Brenda Larson

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00 pm	Delores Schmitt/Jean Moseley/Mary Sladich	
Sun. 8:00 am	Allen Mohr/Mary Lou England/Jack Hammond	
Sun. 10:30 am	Joel Feucht	

Cantors

Sat: 5:00 pm	The Conner Family
Sun. 8:00 am	Kathy Barth/Gina Krzyzanowski
Sun. 10:30 am	Jeff McNeely/Rose Marie LaBarbera

Accompanists: 5 pm Barb / 8 & 10:30 am Vincente

Servers

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lucas Moseley	Bridget Canfield
Sun 8:00 am	Jared Thomas	Lisa Smith
Sun 10:30 am	Cameron Feucht	Logan Cullen

Ushers for June

Sat 5:00 pm.	Byrne Family/Eugene Walter, Jr.
Sun. 8:00 am	Walter Domaszak/Ritch Kohnhofer/Jeff McNeely/Rick Opelt
Sun. 10:30 am	Allen & Anne Durst/Bridget & Rich Reil/Joe Cullen

Rosary Leaders

Sat. 5:00 pm	Larry Hooser
Sun 8:00 am	Dr. Greg Foster & Linda Foster
Sun 10:30 am	Larry & Mary Sue Kyle

Greeter Schedule – June

5:00 pm:	Mary Kay Mills
8:00 am:	Russ & Annie Augustine
10:30 am:	

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Will resume in September

Parish Announcements

Diocesan Annual Appeal 2016-2017

Thank you to everyone who supported the Diocesan Annual Appeal this year. The target for pledges has been reached for 2016-2017. Congratulations St. Mary's!!!!

Salad Luncheon



**Hosted by St. Mary's PCCW
Wednesday, June 21, 2017
11 AM to 1:30 PM**

Plan to attend the Annual PCCW Salad Luncheon. Remember to invite your friends and family to come and partake in a delicious variety of foods and goodies. Silent auction items will be available through next weekend. In the past eight years, the salad luncheon has **raised \$35,000** for parish projects. If you know of any families that are in need of a free meal, or if would like to donate in any way, please call Lyn Schoengarth at 715 743-4137 or 715 743-3336 or JoAnn Blum at 715 743-3987.

Diocese of La Crosse Parish History Book: A 350 page book including every parish's history and photos, and diocesan history celebrating the 150 year anniversary for the Diocese of La Crosse will be available for \$33 and arrive before Christmas 2017! If you would like to reserve a copy please contact the parish office.

Devotions for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will continue to be prayed at 3 pm in the Prayer Garden or church on Wednesdays. Beginning July 1st First Saturdays of the month will be celebrated as follows: Confessions will be available at 7:45 am, Mass will be celebrated at 8 am, Rosary and Divine Chaplet will be prayed following Mass. If you have any questions contact Rogene Matuszak 715-743-8138.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a food drive every weekend in July. Non-perishable food and monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

4 Person Knights of Columbus Charity 9 Hole Scramble Sunday, August 20th at 3 pm. Portion of proceeds go to our local Seminarians and Sisters.

Summer VBS!!- July 10-14

This year's theme is A Mighty Fortress. We will learn from Bible stories how God has won the victory! We are in need of adult and teen volunteers to make this year's VBS great!! **“Registration is still open! Please find registration forms in the Narthex and return them to the parish office with fee ASAP.** Please contact Stephanie Hannasch with any questions or if you are interested in helping.

Help support VBS Please pray for our leaders, youth helpers and attendees! In the Narthex there is a donation bin for VBS and a list of needs with suggested donation amounts for each item. You can select a tag and either supply the item listed or the donation suggested. Place the purchased item in the bin or the donation in the provided envelope or any envelope marked “VBS” and put in the collection. Donations may also be brought to the office during open hours. Thank you for your prayers for the success of our VBS program and thank you for your generous support of the children of our parish!

VBS Volunteer Meeting.....There will be a meeting for VBS volunteers on Thursday June 22nd at 10 am in the Office Conference room. All adults and youth interested in helping to plan, decorate, or assist in running the program should attend or contact Stephanie Hannasch.

***Lighthouse Kiosk is Restocked!
Please stop by the Kiosk in the Narthex and
check out the new titles!***

THE CASE FOR JESUS
THE BIBLICAL AND HISTORICAL EVIDENCE FOR CHRIST

DR. BRANT PITRE



The Case for Jesus: The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ Dr. Brant Pitre, scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the “case for Jesus” by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

Vocation Office News

July 14-16 THRESHOLD RETREAT - Three days of prayer, conversation, and reflections on the priesthood, as well as plenty of recreation. This is geared toward young men age 17-20.

Area Events

6th Annual Feast of Corpus Christi Mass, Procession & Potluck Supper – Sunday, June 18th

Mass: 2 pm at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Marshfield
Eucharistic Procession: Immediately following Mass at 3:15 pm. We will proceed north on Central Avenue to 5th Street, left on 5th Street to Our Lady of Peace Church, Marshfield

Benediction: 4:15 pm at Our Lady of Peace Church

Pot Luck Supper: 4:30 pm in the Father Dillenburg Hall, Our Lady of Peace Church. Please bring a dish to pass to Our Lady of Peace Church Hall between 1 pm to 2 pm.

Shuttle Service: Available from 1 pm to 2 pm from Our Lady of Peace Church to Sacred Heart Church & during the Procession.

All Are Welcome

For more information: Jean Kaiser at 715-387-0571

Witnesses for Christ Conference

“Basic Catholic Principles for Healing the Culture Starting with Yourself”

August 11-12, 2017

Camille Pauley, the President and CEO (co-founder with Fr. Robert Spitzer, S.J.) of Healing the Culture, will be the keynote speaker on Saturday. Camille will unfold the four levels of happiness and basic Catholic principles that help us to experience the deepest happiness. These principles and insights will provide us with a steady compass for navigating the mainstream culture when we encounter bad ideas and values. Camille’s presentation will include engaging, interactive exercises for small group break-outs. Every Catholic is in need of these principles that give a solid underpinning to debates about marriage, pre-marital sex, abortion, assisted suicide, and so many other issues. *Hosted by: Office for Catechesis and Evangelization and Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry*

19th Annual Neillsville Area Chamber of Commerce Ned Schmidt Memorial Golf Outing, Saturday June 24: The event will be held at the Neillsville Country Club beginning with an 8 am shotgun start. To register & reserve a cart contact Liz at the Neillsville Country Club 715-743-3780.

Sowing Seeds of Mercy “Hope for the Homeless” Fund Raiser, Saturday, July 22, 2017: The event will be held at the Allan & Connie Walter Farm, W4077 Heintown Rd, Loyal, WI beginning at 10 am. Join clergy, county leaders, and concerned community members as hands and hearts are joined together in the work of ending homelessness in Clark County. All proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy; a homeless facility serving women and children in Clark County. **If you would like to volunteer to help serving lunch or clean up, please contact the parish office.**

Mark Your Calendar.....

*Sharing
The Light of Faith
A Deanery Convocation
Sponsored by the Thorp Deanery
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
6:00 - 9:00 PM
St. Anthony’s Parish
Loyal, WI*

ALL parishioners of the eleven parishes of the Thorp Deanery are invited to the Annual Convocation on September 6th at 6:00 at St. Anthony’s in Loyal. Parents, grandparents, lay ministers, religious education teachers, parish council and committee members will find topics of learning and of interest. Some of the topics include class management techniques, growing a super-abundant marriage, housing for the homeless in Clark County, discussing same-sex attraction with our children, finances in marriage, improving parish stewardship, spiritual growth and ways and means to involve everyone in parish life. Registration materials will follow in July/August.

IGA LABELS: We are no longer able to collect IGA UPC Labels for our CCD Program. We are still collecting the Our Family Brand UPC, Kwik Trip Milk Moola and Box Tops for Education. Thank you for your continued support of our CCD Program.

Reach Beyond Presents Phil Stacey in Concert at the Neillsville High School on Thursday, June 29th at 7 pm. Phil is a former American Idol contestant from season 6. He is currently traveling the country spreading the Good News through song and his own testimony. This concert is sponsored by Hillside Community Church. The event is free of charge; however, offerings will be accepted.

**Neillsville Blood Drive Monday June 26, 2017
11:30 AM to 5:30 PM
American Legion Post 73
6 Boon Blvd**

For an appointment call Pat at 715-743-3722