



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

August 12-13, 2017

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20th SUNDAY - IS YOUR CATHOLIC CHURCH CATHOLIC?

"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." —Isaiah 56:7

Is your church filled with members who are young and old, black and white, male and female, poor and rich, U.S. citizens and internationals? Many Catholic churches in the USA are filled with old, white, upper-middle class, American women. We thank God for these women. They are the precious remnant who are helping the church survive.

Nevertheless, where are the men and the young? We need these members of the body of Christ (see 1 Cor 12:21ff). We American Catholics formerly were the church of the poor, but now the poor would not feel welcome in most of our gatherings. We white folks desperately need our African-American brothers and sisters. Moreover, if our traditionally immigrant American Catholic Church doesn't evangelize the new immigrants from Vietnam, Korea, China, Mexico, Central America, Africa, and Muslim countries, are we truly catholic, that is, universal?

What can we do to be truly catholic? Break new ground. Invite African-American, Asian, or Hispanic people over for supper. Sponsor a foreign student. Make your house a place where young people find Jesus. Live a more austere life in solidarity with the poor. Challenge a man to follow Jesus. Be Catholic in the true sense of the word.

Prayer: Father, may I make my church representative of the body of Christ.

Masses & Information

Monday, Thursday, Friday.....7:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:30 a.m.
Wednesday:.....6:00 p.m.
Confession: Saturday.....4:30-5:15 p.m.
Sunday:.....7:55-8:15 a.m. or by appointment
First Wednesday Adoration.7:00 – 10:00 p.m.
MARRIAGE PREPARTION: Contact Father Raj at least six months in advance.
BAPTISMS: Call the rectory for an appointment.
COMMUNION to shut-ins or the ill, call Fr. Raj at 248.7584 or 316.4146
Anyone who cannot come to the communion rail during Mass should let Father Raj know before Mass. Those who are ill or shut in should contact Bill Homer, if you would want communion brought to your home during the week or on weekends.

Masses Intentions

Sunday, August 20--8:30 a.m Special Intentions of Johnny and Doris Homer
Monday, August 21--7:30 a.m. Buddy Weller by Neysa Friemel
Wed-day, August 23--6:00pm Buddy Weller by Neysa Friemel
Thursday, August 24--7:30a.m. Buddy Weller by Neysa Friemel
Friday, August 25--7:30a.m. Buddy Weller by Neysa Friemel
Saturday, August 26--5:30p.m. Buddy Weller by Alice Kuehler

Stewardship Reports

Individual.....	\$1535.00
Loose.....	\$ 412.00
Children.....	\$ 4.00
Total.....	\$1951.00
Building Fund	
Individual.....	\$1150.00
Loose.....	\$ 40.00
Total.....	\$1190.00

Pray for Our Sick

Brandi Sustaire, John Detten, Emma Detten, Tammy Bivens, Celeste Connelly, Conner Homer, Daniel Hinson, Schellon Major, Ralph Hutsell, Shamara Husemann, Bill Becker, Jim Eakin, Charlene Weller, Leonard Koetting, Alina Becker, Anna Marie Wink, Gary Collins, and Floyd Schulte

Family Chalice Program

August 19/20 Cobb and Kay Britten
August 26/27 Jerry, Melanie, and Trent Britten
September 2/3 Kelvin and Debbie Ollinger
September 9/10 Bill and Linda Bohr
September 16/17 Cobb and Kay Britten

Birthdays

August 19th Colby Britten and Conner Howard
August 21st Rose Kuelher
August 22nd John Koetting
August 23rd Lauren Kuehler
August 24th Tiffani Kling
August 25th Kim Guinn, Daryl Homer, Jennifer Weinheimer

Anniversaries

August 20th Maurice and Kay Britten, Howard and Jan Britten
August 22nd Wayne and Adela Kotara
August 23rd Ray and Alice Britten

Church Cleaning for August

Neysa Friemel, Julie Friemel, Jessica Britten, Carolyn Brooks, Joanie Kling, Jan Britten, Tonda Torres, Laura Kuehler, Barbara Homer, Doris Homer, Kathleen Barkley, and Adela Kotatra

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Stephen and Lauren
Lectors: Carrie Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, August 20, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Grace and Kate
Lectors: Nick Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nicole Kuehler,
Michele Bohr, and Marla Britten

Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Saffaron and Kacie
Lectors: Jason Eugea
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Halle and Carrigan
Lectors: Ron Kuehler
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kay Britten, Carrie
Weinheimer, Joanie Kling

Saturday, Sept 2, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Derek and Ryan
Lectors: Carrie Weinheimer
Extraor. Com. Minister: Nick Weinheimer

Sunday, Sept 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.

Servers: K'Leigh and Kacie
Lectors: Kay Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Marla Britten, Susan
Britten, Sandie Hickey

Saturday, Sept 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Servers: Braxton and Zady
Lectors: Cliff Britten
Extraor. Com. Minister: Kevin Brown

Announcements:

Teachers please meet with Nicole Kuehler Sunday Aug 20th after mass in the adult classroom. After the meeting she will go over Safe Environment for those that are up for certification and recertification. The video will be available for those that have not seen it.

Faith Formation Registration /Safe Environment Training forms are in the south entrance of the church. Each family with children attending Faith Formation classed for the upcoming school year please take time to fill out a form and Give/Do not give permission for Safe Environment Training. The first CCD Classes will be Sept 6th. The schedule has changed some. Children's Choir will only be the first Wednesday of each month beginning in October. Mass will be at 6:00p.m. and classes from 6:40 to 7:45.

Why do we speak of the "Body of Christ" in more than one sense?

First, the Body of Christ refers to the human body of Jesus Christ, who is the divine Word become man. During the Eucharist, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. As human, Jesus Christ has a human body, a resurrected and glorified body that in the Eucharist is offered to us in the form of bread and wine. Secondly, as St. Paul taught us in his letters, using the analogy of the human body, the Church is the Body of Christ, in which many members are united with Christ their head (1 Cor 10:16-17, 12:12-31; Rom 12:4-8). This reality is frequently referred to as the Mystical Body of Christ. All those united to Christ, the living and the dead, are joined together as one Body in Christ. This union is not one that can be seen by human eyes, for it is a mystical union brought about by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Mystical Body of Christ and the eucharistic Body of Christ are inseparably linked. By Baptism we enter the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and by receiving the eucharistic Body of Christ we are strengthened and built up into the Mystical Body of Christ. The central act of the Church is the celebration of the Eucharist; the individual believers are sustained as members of the Church, members of the Mystical Body of Christ, through their reception of the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. Playing on the two meanings of "Body of Christ," St. Augustine tells those who are to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist: "Be what you see, and receive what you are" (Sermon 272). In another sermon he says, "If you receive worthily, you are what you have received" (Sermon 227). The work of the Holy Spirit in the celebration of the Eucharist is twofold in a way that corresponds to the twofold meaning of "Body of Christ." On the one hand, it is through the power of the Holy Spirit that the risen Christ and his act of sacrifice become present. In the eucharistic prayer, the priest asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the gifts of bread and wine to transform them into the Body and Blood of Christ (a prayer known as the epiclesis or "invocation upon"). On the other hand, at the same time the priest also asks the Father to send the Holy Spirit down upon the whole assembly so that "those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit" (Catechism, no. 1353). It is through the Holy Spirit that the gift of the eucharistic Body of Christ comes to us and through the Holy Spirit that we are joined to Christ and each other as the Mystical Body of Christ. By this we can see that the celebration of the Eucharist does not just unite us to God as individuals who are isolated from one another. Rather, we are united to Christ together with all the other members of the Mystical Body. The celebration of the Eucharist should thus increase our love for one another and remind us of our responsibilities toward one another. Furthermore, as members of the Mystical Body, we have a duty to represent Christ and to bring Christ to the world. We have a responsibility to share the Good News of Christ not only by our words but also by how we live our lives. We also have a responsibility to work against all the forces in our world that oppose the Gospel, including all forms of injustice. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us: "The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren" (no. 1397).

