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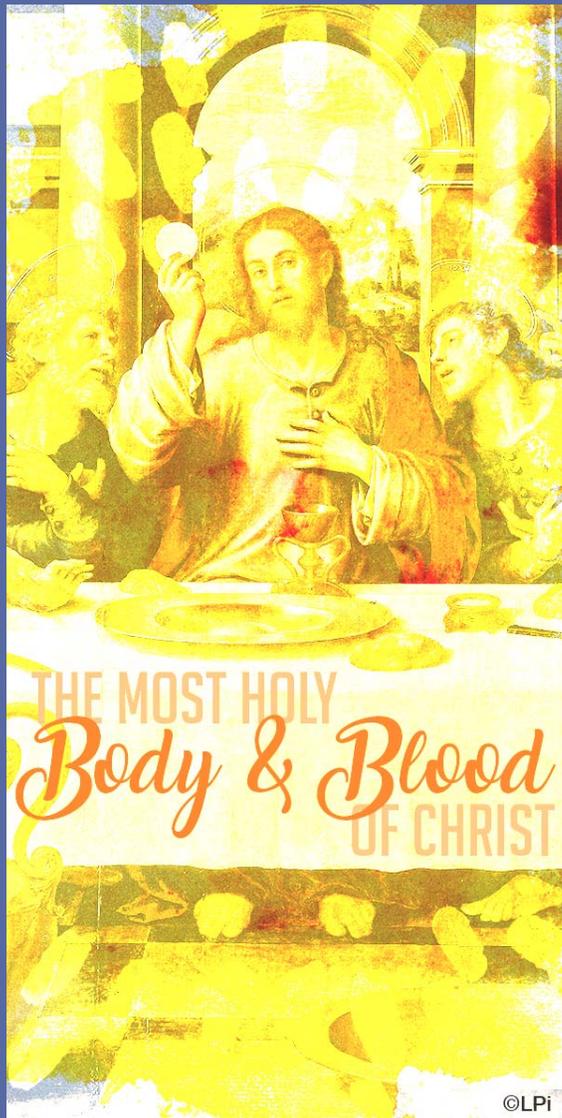
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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ — June 3, 2018 "Eucharistic Processions " Deacon Dennis Walters



While they were eating, He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is My body." Then He took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:22-24

Eucharistic processions are becoming much more common than I can remember as a child, or even as recently as ten years ago. Something is happening among serious Catholics.

A couple of years ago, I participated in a small Eucharistic procession from St. Francis Church in Ann Arbor to the Planned Parenthood facility about a mile away. Deacon Rich Badics carried the monstrance with the consecrated Host; I carried the crucifix in front of it, while a few dozen parishioners and other prayer warriors sang and prayed the Rosary behind. We walked past the traffic along Washtenaw Avenue, then down Huron River Drive to the abortion facility. The whole thing took about an hour.

The upcoming "Made for Happiness" Assembly in East Lansing will feature a similar but much larger Eucharistic procession from the cathedral downtown to the Breslin Center in East Lansing, a distance of about four miles. The route will pass in front of the State Capitol, then follow Michigan Avenue the remainder of the way. An entire lane of Michigan Avenue will be closed off for the procession. Any priest or deacon is welcome to help carry the Eucharist for about two blocks and then trade off to someone else; and priests will be stationed along the way for anyone wanting to go to Confession. All attending the

Assembly will be welcome to join in all or part of the procession, which is expected to take at least two hours.

And, of course, we at St. Mary's will hold our annual Eucharistic procession this weekend in the park outside the church. Four small altars will be placed on the four sides of the park, and at each we will stop, incense the Eucharist, read a passage from Scripture, and continue around the square singing Eucharistic hymns. All of this will take place along Main Street, and should take less than an hour.

These processions are more than just devotional exercises. They say something to those who participate in them and to those who merely look on. Processions are proclamations.

First, they're a public witness, one we do with our feet. They announce to the world that Catholics really do believe in the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. We don't merely keep Jesus locked in a tabernacle in a dark church where He waits for us to come to Him in private. We take Him outdoors, into the elements, even into the street, and parade Him in public; and the prayers we say and the hymns we sing as we walk proclaim our fidelity to Jesus Christ as our Lord. With the monstrance in front and the rest of us behind, we demonstrate concretely that we

PARISH CALENDAR

Mass Intentions, [Requested by], and Parish Activities

SAT., JUNE 2	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
June 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33 (352)	8:30 am First Saturday Mass: ☩ <i>Katherine Broderson</i> [<i>Noreen Burnett</i>] 3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: ☩ <i>Fr. Francis Murray, Former Pastor of St. Mary Church</i>
SUN., JUNE 3	THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
Ex 24:3-8/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26 (168) Pss Prop	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Frank Tomko</i> [<i>Eddie and Judy Walz</i>] 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i> Corpus Christi Procession following 10:30 am Mass
MON., JUNE 4	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12 (353) Pss I	No Mass Today in Manchester
TUES., JUNE 5	ST. BONIFACE
2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17 (354)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Joseph Fitzgerald</i> [<i>Pat Fitzgerald</i>]
WED., JUNE 6	ORDINARY WEEKDAY/St. Norbert
2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 (355)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Richard Krzyzaniak</i> [<i>His Family</i>] 4:00 pm Staff Meeting—FFH 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting—FFH
THU., JUNE 7	ORDINARY WEEKDAY
2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34 (356)	8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> [<i>Robert and Pamela Preston</i>] 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social Meeting—FFH
FRI., JUNE 8	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Hos 11:1,3-4,8c-9/Eph 3:8-12,14-19/Jn 19:31-37 (171) Pss Prop	8:30 am Mass: <i>INT: Mary McKenzie</i> [<i>Noreen Burnett</i>]
SAT., JUNE 9	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
2 Tm 4:1-8 (358)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)	3:30-4:30 pm Confession 5:00 pm Vigil Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> [<i>David and Dianna Roberts</i>]
SUN., JUNE 10	TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
Gn 3:9-15/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35 (89) Pss II	8:00-8:15 am Confession 8:30 am Mass: ☩ <i>Bernita Aiuto</i> [<i>Shirley Krzyzaniak</i>] 9:30 am Graduation Breakfast—FFH 10:00-10:15 am Confession 10:30 am Mass: <i>For the People</i>

NEED HELP?

ALTERNATIVES TO ABORTION: Right-to-Life MI Hotline 1-800-57WOMAN or visit www.optionline.org

"AA" group meets Fridays & Sundays at 7:00 pm - Emanuel Church kitchen.

"PROJECT RACHEL" (post-abortion reconciliation and healing) Call the confidential phone line: 517-993-0291 or email nlc@resurrectionlansing.org

"COURAGE" is a Catholic (endorsed by Diocese) spiritual support group for those struggling with same sex attraction.

"ENCOURAGE" is a separate support group for the families and friends of "Courage" clients. Call 517-342-2596

For more news and events in the area, please visit our website: stmarymanchester.org

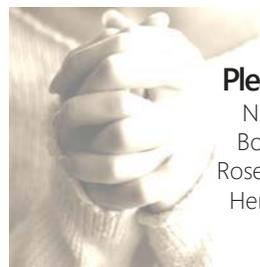
follow our King.

Second, Eucharistic processions are invitations to unbelievers. Everybody loves a parade, and there's always the possibility that one devoted to the Eucharist will arouse curiosity. There may be the occasional mocker who will honk or shout some profanity. But most people are respectful. They may keep their distance and watch silently as we pass by, thinking perhaps that we're "just doing our Catholic thing." Or they may begin to wonder if our willingness to dress in religious garb and carry candles and crucifixes and that big monstrance so publicly doesn't actually point to something they should look into. Processions evangelize.

Third —and, to my mind, most importantly — Eucharistic processions are a political statement. They challenge the dominant culture that says religion should be kept in the church and exercised out of sight. In a society that wants to keep faith out of the public square, processions announce that faith is personal but not private, and that it belongs in the public square. They proclaim that "here we have no lasting city;" that while we love our country, it is only temporary; that our permanent home is with the Lord. Even further, a procession such as the one we make this weekend — where we advance to altars positioned to the north, to the east, to the south, and to the west — we publicly acknowledge and profess that "the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof;" and that Jesus Christ is its Lord.

Regarding that procession from St. Francis to the abortion clinic, I must confess that I found it at first very uncomfortable. In fact, I felt exposed. Deacon Badics had sent an email to all the deacons in the area to join him in this, and I was distressed to find that I was the only one who did. When the procession formed, I had the processional cross with two candle-bearers next to me, then behind me the deacon with the monstrance, and then a column of adorers. I was leading; but where I wanted to be was way back in the column. Frankly, I was afraid that someone would mock or honk or throw something. But that procession was going forward anyhow, and no one did. As it went along, I reassessed my position: I was carrying the cross, I was doing exactly what I was supposed to do — or more accurately, what every Catholic is supposed to do — namely, carry the cross along with the Lord to whatever Calvary I get. That realization freed me from all of my fears.

On this feast of Corpus Christi, you have the opportunity to proclaim your faith, to invite unbelievers to join us, and to make a little but clear political statement. And, at the Assembly in September, you'll have the chance to do it again on a much bigger scale. Please join us. ☞



Please Pray for:

Nicholas Aiuto
Bonnie Barnard
Rosemary Hamilton
Herman Hessling

Betsy Kripas
Isabelle Money
Jeff Nagy
Susan Rubal
Betty Walkowe
Eddie Walz

P A R I S H N E W S

Parish Family Birthdays

- June 4 Lauri Davila
- June 6 Curtis Brochue
- June 6 William Panches
- June 7 Constance Achtenberg
- June 7 Shelley Pohs
- June 9 Dawn Gemler
- June 9 Skylyr Zink
- June 10 Edward Schoendorff

Sanctuary

Lamps

are burning this week for:

- 1) †Howard Desbrough, an Anniversary Remembrance (Your sister-in-law, Alice Kidd)
- 1) †Christine Marie Hessling (The Hessling Family)

Altar Flowers

for the week of
SUNDAY, JUNE 3RD
 In Memory of the Deceased
 Members of the †Millenbach
 Family
 Sponsored by the
 Achtenberg Family

St. Mary Roman Catholic Church Stewardship

WEEKLY COLLECTION
 Sunday, May 20, 2018

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$2,935.05
Loose Cash & Checks.....	\$260.00
Welcome Envelopes.....	\$3.00
Ascension.....	\$70.00
Weekly toward budget	\$3,268.05
Weekly goal.....	\$5,300.00
Amt. BELOW goal.....	\$2,031.95
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	
Building and Maintenance.	\$120.00
E-Giving	\$315.00
Poor Box	\$14.32
Votive Candles.....	\$50.01

AREA NEWS

'Take Root' on **Thursday, June 7th** at The Valley at Frutig Farms is an event that will offer guests the opportunity to understand ArborWoman's mission, as well as share in its plans for the future. To learn more, to donate or to register for this event, contact Iris at director@arborwoman.com
Attention: Ladies I'm looking for experienced softball players 18-40 years old for a slow pitch COED League. Contact Mike Sandoval at 517-456-1087. Leave a message.

Corpus Christi Procession

Sunday, June 3rd after 10:30 am Mass there will be a solemn Eucharistic procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honor of the Feast of Corpus Christi. Please join us as the Knights of Columbus lead our Parish in this public display of our devotion to the Body & Blood of Jesus Christ.

Help Support St. Louis Center

St. Louis Center is holding an Alaskan Cruise Tour Raffle. Help support the residents of St. Louis Center by purchasing a ticket for your chance to win a 10-day land-sea tour of Alaska, airfare included. Tickets are \$25 each or 5/\$100. Purchase yours after each Mass this weekend **June 2nd-3rd**. Contact Joe Yekulis for more information joey@stlouiscenter.org

Honoring our Graduates

Class of 2018 Seniors - St. Mary's Altar Society invites you and your immediate family to our annual graduation breakfast in the Fr. Fisher Hall following 8:30 am Mass on **Sunday, June 10th**. Please meet in the FFH with your cap and gown 15 minutes before Mass begins. RSVP by **June 6th** to: Laurie Sanders, call or text 734-476-6336 with your name and number of family planning on attending. Congratulations from St. Mary's Altar Society.

Missionary Priest to Visit

Rev. Fr. Ramiro Reyes, MXY of the Yarumal Missioners will be celebrating Masses at our Church **June 9-10th**. Please be prepared to give generously to assist their seminarians.

Sponsor Altar Flowers

A reminder that we have the opportunity each weekend to sponsor the flowers on the Altar. There is a minimum donation of \$40. A sign-up sheet is in the main vestibule. Or contact the parish office.

Donate Today to the DSA!

We are at 70% of our parish goal. If you have not yet made a gift or a pledge, please use the gift envelopes available in church or the parish office. You may submit your gift online at www.dioceseoflansing.org/dsa.

Made for Happiness

Save the Date on your personal calendar for the Diocesan Made for Happiness Assembly on **Saturday, Sept. 22nd**, at the Breslin Center in East Lansing. More info to come. (Note: there will be no Saturday Masses that day, at the Bishop's request.)

Small Cross . . . Powerful Message

The Knights of Columbus strive to spread the fellowship of Christianity throughout our community. For years, we have been successfully helping homeowners to spread Christianity in the Manchester and Saline areas, by placing simple white crosses in their yards. These simple crosses are visible signs, to everyone who passes our way, of our faith in Jesus. The Knights continue to make these crosses; and for a \$5 donation you can get yours at the Flower Garden in Manchester. Thank you for your support!

A FAMILY FESTIVAL OF FAITH
 SATURDAY JUNE 23 IN DEWITT, MI

FEATURING
MATT MAHER
 AND
UNSPOKEN

PLUS SANCTUS REAL, JASON GRAY, & JJ HELLER

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