

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for June 6, 2021
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
† deceased of Bartus family
By: George & Thea Bratton

Sunday, 9 a.m. —
† Marion LaFemina
By: Fran & Rodney Robey

Wednesday, noon —
People of the parish

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8—The Israelites sacrificed young bulls as peace offerings to the Lord. Moses read the book of the covenant aloud, and the people answered, “All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do.” Then Moses took some of the blood of the sacrificed bulls and sprinkled it on the people saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you.”

Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18—I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

Hebrews 9:11-15—If the blood of goats and bulls can sanctify those who are defiled, how much more will the blood of Christ. Through the eternal Spirit, he offered himself unblemished to God, cleansing our consciences from dead works to worship the living God.

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26—The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds. It becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds can dwell in its shade.



NEW COVENANT

Among some prehistoric people there was a custom of sealing treaties in blood. For example, some Native Americans used a "blood brother" ritual. Moses created such a rite to ratify God's treaty or Covenant with Israel. This involved the slaying of several bulls and throwing their blood on the people. Paul interprets the Communion cup as a parallel to this event. His description of the Last Supper predates the Gospels and probably influenced Eucharistic theology.

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Weekly readings

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Exodus 24:3-8
Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday

2 Corinthians 1:1-7
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday

2 Corinthians 1:18-22
Matthew 5:13-16

Wednesday

2 Corinthians 3:4-11
Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday

Corinthians 3:15—
4:1, 3-6
Matthew 5:20-26

Friday

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19
John 19:31-37

Saturday

Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Corinthians 5:14-21
Luke 2:41-51

11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-16
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

The Eucharist

Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has life eternal, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink.”

As Catholics, we believe (as stated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*) that the “Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist.”

The bread and wine become the body, blood, soul and divinity of Christ. That’s why consecrated hosts not consumed during Mass are kept safe in the tabernacle afterward.



The Church warmly recommends that we receive Holy Communion each time we participate in the Mass. (We are obliged to receive communion at least once a year.)

To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: “For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.”

When we receive Holy Communion, we are united with the Lord, our venial sins are forgiven, and we are preserved from grave sin. (Anyone conscious of a grave sin, however, must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.)

Catholics are barred, by Canon Law, from receiving communion in Protestant churches, even though some elements of the Mass have been carried over into some of their Sunday liturgies. The reason? Protestants have not preserved the proper reality of the Eucharistic mystery in its fullness, especially because of the absence of the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Catholics believe that only a priest (by means of Holy Orders) can consecrate the Eucharist. We also believe in the apostolic succession of popes, a belief Protestants do not share.

Saintly Wisdom

“It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God’s. ‘This is my body,’ he says. This word transforms the things offered.”
—*St. John Chrysostom*—

Parish Life

Parish Work Day — The Knights of Columbus’ work day to spruce up the church property has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 19.

Knights of Columbus to Meet — The Knights of Columbus will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 23.

Happy Anniversary! — Happy anniversary to Ric and Norma Martin, who celebrate their 55th anniversary on Thursday (June 10), and to Bill and Donna Murphy, who celebrated their 50th anniversary May 29.

Congratulations — Congratulations to Tarah Sexton, who recently graduated from Unaka High School.

2021 BISHOP’S APPEAL

Anchored in Christ

Through April 2021
Annual Parish Goal: \$16,800

