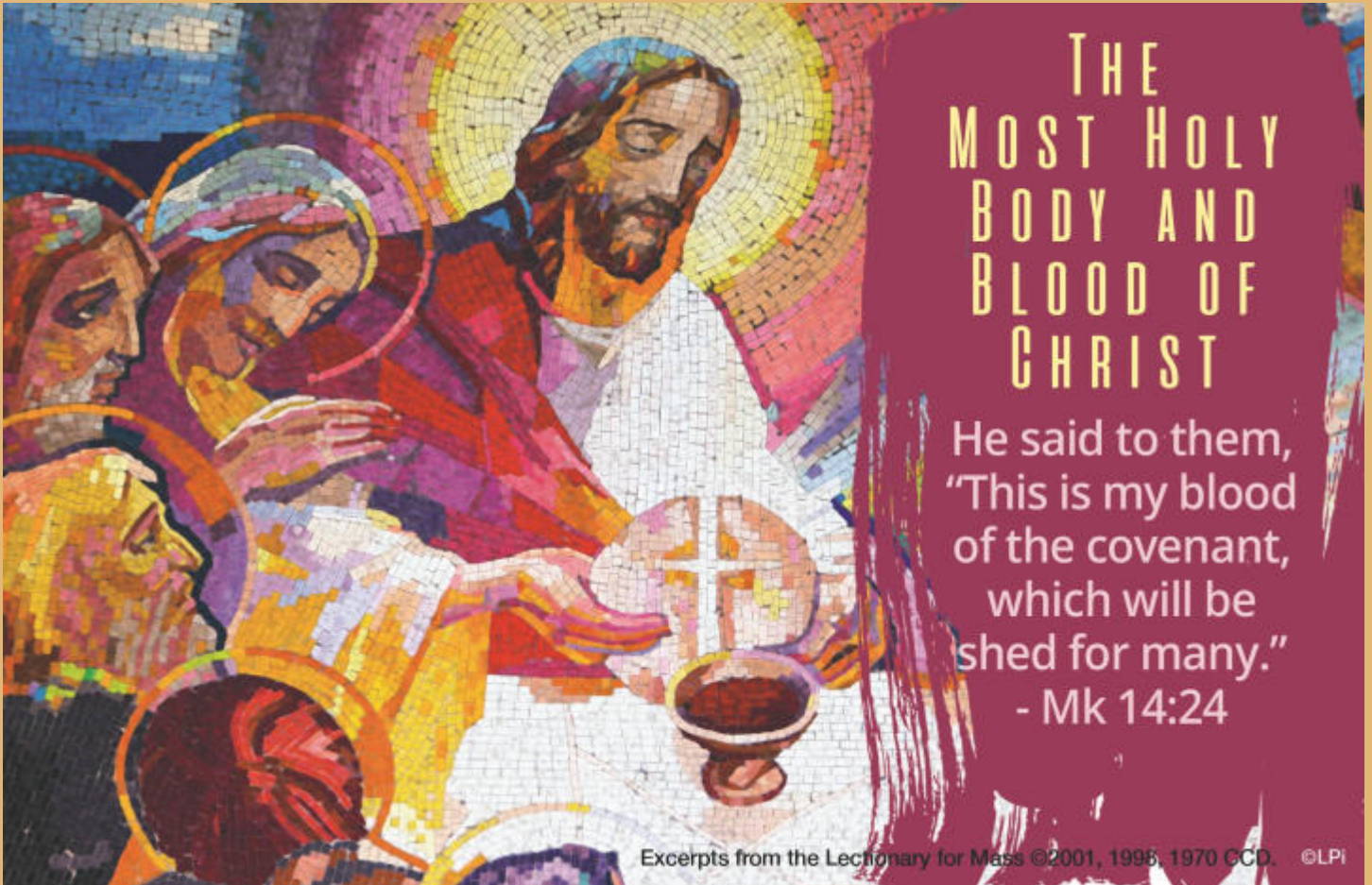


Holy Family Parish Cluster

June 6, 2021



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Due to the pandemic the office has limited hours. Please call or email if you need anything.

Bulletin Deadline
Tuesday 12:00 noon
(unless otherwise noted).

Mission Statement

*A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.*

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The Table of the Lord

Back when many of us were growing up, mealtime had a special significance. It was a time to gather around the table to share the news of our day...and some good food! Gathering as a family around the dinner table to share a meal was not only tradition, it was almost sacred. We wouldn't have the TV on or take a phone call. Gathering together as a family was important, an occasion to be together with our family every day. The same is true of the importance of gathering around the table of the Eucharist at Mass, a very special time to come together as a "faith family" to share something truly extraordinary...food from heaven!

As Catholics, we believe the Eucharist is not a representation, not a symbol of Christ, but it *is* Christ. That is why the Church sets aside a day every year to celebrate the Eucharist, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), which we celebrate this weekend, focusing on the very essence of our faith. Holy Communion is a source of strength to us, food for our journey through this life to the next. The Catholic Church is more than 2,000 years old, and in the Church everything comes and goes, like people and popes, but the one constant throughout the ages, has been the Eucharist, the very presence of Christ.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he knew he had to go, but he also knew he had to stay, so he left for us the gift of his body and blood, the Eucharist. He gave us the Eucharist to help us in our trials and

sufferings in this world, to nourish us. It helps us to realize that we are not alone. We are looked after. We are cared for. It is not just something we receive, but something that changes who we are. We cannot receive it and not be changed, becoming a new creation in Christ.

During Mass, when Father proclaims the words "This is my body and this is my blood," the act of transubstantiation, when the bread and wine become the body and blood of Christ, it is the most important moment of the Mass. By these words of consecration, the bread and wine are no longer bread and wine, but Christ himself, and, when we receive the Holy Eucharist, Christ Himself enters our hearts, fills our veins and, literally, transforms our souls. He becomes a part of us, and we become a part of him.

The Eucharist must always be the center of our lives; we cannot live without it. Sadly, many of us have lost the precious family time around the dinner table. We have let the "busyness" of our lives get in the way. We must strive to return to that sacred time of gathering our families around the dinner table at home AND around the altar at church. We all need to be at the table...especially at the table of the Lord!

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team




Holy Family Cluster News

SSPJ — With the easing of COVID restrictions, it is time to go back to having money counters after mass. If you are willing to donate your time for this, please send an e-mail with your name to spj@gmtel.net or call and leave a message at 847-6070. Thank you!!!

From SH—Thanks to Dan Inglis for spraying the weeds.

Remember, there are lilies of the valley and sedums that can be dug if you want some. The sedums are close to the driveway of the rectory, and the lilies of the valley are very overgrown by the east entrance door.

A celebration of Father's
new calling will be held at the
Grand Mound Community Center
Sunday, June 20th from 2-5 PM
Please bring your friends and family
to help us wish Father Francis a
joyous start on his new adventure.



OLHR Memorial Day Mass at the Lost Nation Cemetery: Jim Schroeder, Jackie Spain, Haidi Burmeister, Fr. Francis, Colleen Burke, Sue Zeller, Joanne Horstmann, Sally Schroeder. Not pictured: Carolyn Proesch, Joyce Rohling, and Margaret Gilroy

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 6/8

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Wednesday 6/9

In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Thursday 6/10

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Friday 6/11

The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

My heart will rejoice in your salvation.

I will sing to the Lord, who has been bountiful with me.

From *The Word Among Us*

Our Lady of the Prairie Retreat

Website -<https://www.chmiowa.org/retreat> and click on the Retreat Calendar on the left-hand side for more details, or call 563-336-8414 or email olpretreat@gmail.com. Make sure to register to receive the zoom link.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 6/5	5:00 pm	Toronto	JoAnne VanWaes
Sunday 6/6	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Sandy Crosthwaite
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Monk & Marguerite Coon
Tuesday 6/8	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Richard Nichols Family
Wednesday 6/9	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Merwyn & Rhea Hasenmiller
Thursday 6/10	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Scott Benischek
Friday 6/11	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	Onso Nyameye
Saturday 6/12	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Bette Marcucci
Sunday 6/13	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Dennis Schrader
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	J.C & Helen O'Hara

Dope Francis Prayer Intention For June

The Beauty of Marriage
Let us pray for young people who are
preparing for marriage with the support
of a Christian community: may they
grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness
and patience.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
[13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[9]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131,
132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf.
9c]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and
10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6
[3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-
16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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