

[Jesus said,] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.”

JOHN 6:51

## All You Can Eat

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**he “Bread of Life Discourse” in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John is an astonishing teaching. “The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51b). Creation was wonderful, the Incarnation was wonderful, but now Jesus takes the final step in God’s coming ever closer to us human beings, as close as food, as intimate as eating Christ’s body and drinking his blood. For us Catholics, it’s called *transubstantiation*: the Host—something we hold in our hand—is so divine that we worship it!

The crowds listening to Jesus could not have imagined how you would “eat” (literally, “gnaw”) Jesus’ flesh or drink his blood, and certainly not a whole year before the Last Supper (not to mention, hundreds of years before St. Thomas Aquinas). When surveys showed that many of today’s Catholics are just as confused and doubtful as the crowd at Capernaum, having lost faith or even interest in the Eucharist, the American bishops launched a search-and rescue mission to recover “The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church,” published in 2021.

Paul bases the sacrament in our own experience. “The cup...that we bless” and “the bread that we break” create the ultimate reality: “we, though many, are one body”—of Christ! (See 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.) The priest says, “The Body of Christ,” and we respond, “Amen!” ●



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### Reflect

**What does my “Amen” mean when I receive the Eucharist?**

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**Holy Mass Schedule: May God Bless You**

**Holy Mass 9:00 a.m.:** Sunday, Monday, Thursday, Friday & 1st Saturday  
**Evening Holy Mass 6:00 p.m.:** Wednesday  
**Vigil Holy Mass 4:00 pm.:** Saturday  
**Confession 3:00 p.m.:** 3:45 p.m. Saturday, 1st Friday & 1st Saturday of the month after 9 a.m. Holy Mass or by Appointment.  
**\*30 minutes prior to every Holy Mass, we pray the Holy Rosary\***  
For more information, please contact the Church Office.

**Sacraments**

**ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RISEN CHRIST !**

**The Sacrament of reconciliation** is offered on First Friday and First Saturday after the 9 am Mass, Saturdays at 3 pm, and most any reasonable time by appointment. Your identity need not be known; your anonymity is respected.

**The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** is strongly encouraged by those seriously ill, the elderly, or those facing surgery. This sacrament of Our Lord's healing & comfort is usually available on the last weekend each month after every Mass, or by appointment.

**The Sacrament of Marriage** is a wonderful commitment to life and love, and the Church welcomes those who are called to this noble vocation. Christian marriage involves a couple's serious deliberation, prayer, and planning. The diocesan policy requires all engaged couples to contact the pastor at least 6 months before setting any wedding date.

**The Sacrament of Baptism** presupposes sufficient instruction according to the age of the candidate, and a desire to practice the faith. Expectant parents are encouraged to ask the Pastor for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery. Call the Church Office to schedule instruction and the service.


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**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome to St. Michael's! We're glad you're here. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Amal, and register by completing a registration form, then kindly return it to the Church Office. Get involved! Volunteer! Let us share with each other our God-given talents, love, and service to our neighbors. R.C.I.A. Adult Education.

 *Mass Intentions*

Saturday / June 6th – St. Norbert, Bishop

First Saturday

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Kelly Ivy

by: Dean Beardslee

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Mary Welch †

by: Ron Martin and family

\*2<sup>nd</sup> collection – St. Vincent de Paul Society

\*\*Food Pantry collection weekend

Sunday/ June 7th – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Corpus Christi

9 a.m. Holy Mass : David Boatwright

by: Davina Boatwright

\*2<sup>nd</sup> collection – St. Vincent de Paul Society

\*\*Food Pantry collection weekend

Monday / June 8th – 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

No Holy Mass :

KC meeting 5 pm Rosary/potluck then meeting

Tuesday/ June 9th – St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor

No Holy Mass :

Wednesday/ June 10th– Weekday

No Holy Mass :

Thursday / June 11th – St. Barnabas, Apostle

No Holy Mass :

\*Bingo starts at 6 pm doors open at 5 pm

Friday/June 12th – THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Boatwright children and grandchildren

by: David and Davina Boatwright

Saturday / June 13th – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed

Virgin Mary / St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

4 p.m. Vigil Mass : Siobhan Kootz

by: Buddy and Anne Kootz

\*2<sup>nd</sup> collection – Maintenance Fund

Sunday/ June 14th – Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 a.m. Holy Mass : Dorothy Wege †

by: Jim Wege

\*2<sup>nd</sup> collection – Maintenance Fund

\*\*Knights of Columbus Big Breakfast after 9 am Holy Mass

\*\*BINGO every Thursday- doors open 5 pm games start at 6 pm

\*\*Food Pantry collection is 1<sup>st</sup> full weekend of each calendar month

*Thought*  
for the week .....

Ordinary Time  
10th Sun- A

The Eucharist is :  
- Sacrifices  
- Communion  
- Nourishment  
- The Abiding Presence of Christ

"I am with You Always"  
Mt.28:20

We Renew Our Love For the Holy Eucharist:  
- Reverence  
- Adoration  
- Thanksgiving  
- To be Aware Of Jesus's Presence  
- The Food to Our Journey towards Heaven

The Solemnity of The Holy Body and The Blood of Jesus Christ

**Corpus Christi Sunday**

Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."  
— John 6:53

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine, All Praise and All Thanksgiving Be Every Moment Thine!"

 **Wishing you a Blessed Week** 



May 30th and May 31st, 2026  
Main Collection \$ 2775.00

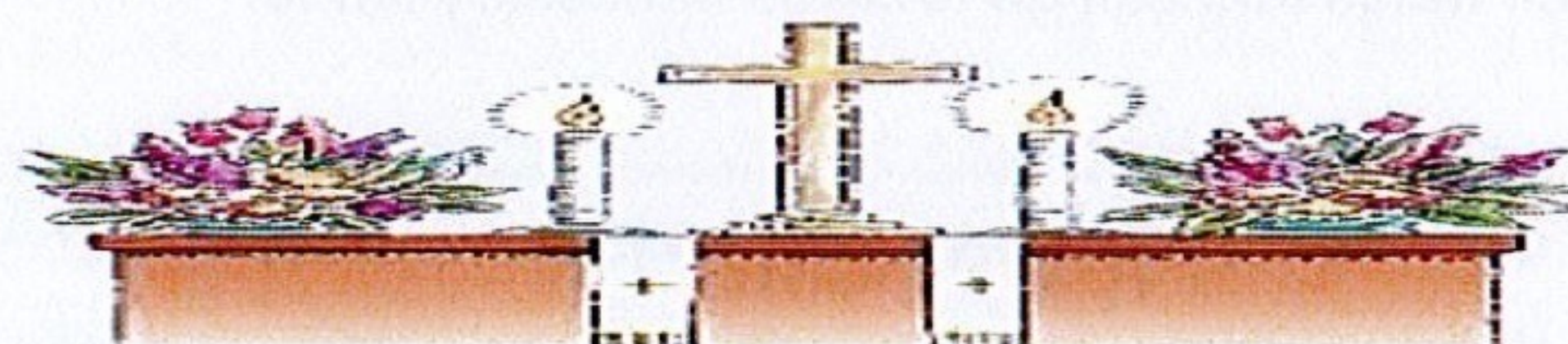
*Thank you for your sacrificial giving !*

Could you Not watch one hour with me ?

  
ADORATION CHAPEL SIGN-UP

Available Adoration

Wednesday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm  
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Anne, (870) 847-19859



God Bless the Donors and their Intentions

Altar Flowers are generously provided by: Buddy and Anne Kootz in honor of his sister Deborah Chapman's birthday.

Tabernacle Roses are generously provided by: Dana Wiest in honor of her grandniece Penelope's birthday.

## Knights of Columbus Big Breakfast

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> the Knights will be cooking their big breakfast after 9 am Holy Mass . The Knights do so much for our church financially and with the work they do here at the church with the upkeep. Please, go down to the parish hall and enjoy breakfast and support them.

**We thank and appreciate our Knights for all they do!**

**Tickets will be on sale at the door.**

**Many blessings**

## Food Pantry Collection

This weekend please help the needy with the following: Canned meats, canned sauces ,boxed easy meals, boxed macaroni and cheese and any canned vegetables and fruits. Please make sure that nothing has been opened and resealed. They can use past due expiration dates if not to excessive. Thank you-

## Single Retired Ladies Luncheon

You are invited to join us on Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup> from noon to 1 pm. In the parish hall.

**Please bring a dish to share.**

## Baby Bottle Boomerang

New Beginning is doing their annual fundraiser if you are interested in helping the pregnancy center just pick up a baby bottle in the vestibule and return on Father Day with your donation. Please, do not keep any bottles even if you need to return them empty. They cost money out of their funds that can go towards necessary items.

## Flower Charts

There are still several opens for 2026 Altar Flowers and Tabernacle Roses. If you have a special occasion coming up this is a beautiful way to recognize that event or to remember a loved one. Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries are ideal what better way to show your love for them. This helps the church with the cost of the beautiful fresh flowers that adorn our Altar here at St. Michael's. The flowers and roses stay on the Altar from Sunday to Sunday. Sign up charts are in the vestibule on the bulletin board or you may contact the church office.



**Daniel Brandenburg, Bernie Brandenburg, Robert Butner, Nell Kihm, Jack Heuser, Crystal Hawkins, Joyce Speir, Chuck Wolff, Barbara Loftquist, Michael and Kathy Gagne, Isabelle Wiest, Michael & Martha DeCoster, Larry Allen, Steve Allen, JoAnn Colwell, Georgia Harris, Dan Such, Dawn Logan, Mary Lee, Jim Whorl, Sister Joy Wege, Tim and Betty Eash, Jimmy White, Joan Schulz, Gail Demarest, Nico Woode, Pat Kimball, Ray McHugh, Tim Starken, Marcella Birckhead, Michael Reddick, Gerald and Carol Metty, Darren Bates, Maryann Barber, Darrell and Elizabeth Beason, Martin and Amy Moriarty, Toni Travline, Colleen Royal, Maria Gerrah, Cecilia Cefalu, Doug and Tammy Wortham.**

**Nursing Home: Ruth Klinge and KayLynn Rodenbeck.**

*We wish you many blessings on your Birthday!*

- June 6th - Kathy Gagne
- June 7th - Malgorzata Lanko
- June 9th - Pat Such
- June 13th - Warren Burton
- June 13th - Lynn Colles
- June 13th - Diane Keithley
- June 13th - Christine Wortman



*We wish you many blessings on your Anniversary!*

♡ **Patrick and Angeline Downen**  
**June 8th - 2 years**

Holy Family Catholic Cemetery  
Burial Plots  
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St. Michael's Columbarium  
Payment Plans Available  
Contact: Jim Wege



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2nd Monday of the month  
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.  
Officers Meeting  
Last Monday of the month  
Rosary 5:30 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.



Fourth Degree  
Patriotic Degree of the order  
FN Michael Gagne (870)751-3419  
Quarterly Business Meeting  
2nd Saturday of the month

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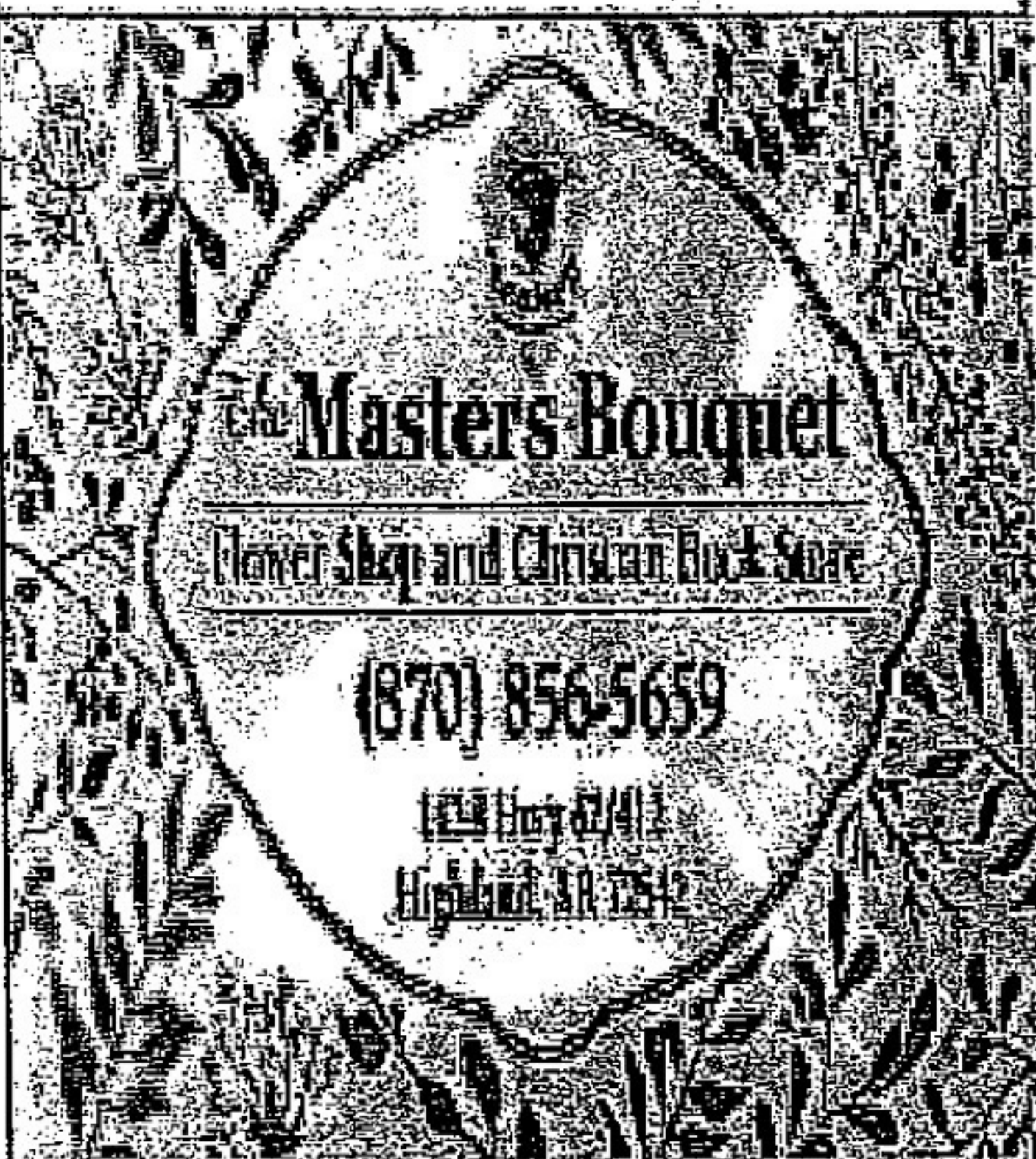
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# Dear Padre,

## What is the significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives as Christians?

The Mass should be understood as the celebration of our union—our communion—with Christ and his Church, which is the body of Christ. The Mass presumes participants have an existing personal relationship with Christ. We were united to Christ through baptism. We have received his Holy Spirit, empowering us to carry out Christ’s threefold mission: the prophetic mission of announcing his message and denouncing sin; the priestly mission expressed in a life of prayer, self-sacrifice, and participation in the liturgy; and the kingly/servant mission expressed in service to God and neighbor.

For the Eucharist to be meaningful, we must first experience a personal encounter with Christ—one that leads to personal conversion and a decision to live as disciples in community. Indeed, the Eucharist both celebrates and deepens our communion with Christ. The Eucharist also deepens our communion with fellow believers. “The Eucharist’s particular effectiveness in promoting communion is one of the reasons for the importance of Sunday Mass,” wrote Pope St. John Paul II in *On the Eucharist in Its Relationship to the Church (Ecclesia de Eucharistia)*, 41. Without this loving, sharing community, the Mass becomes empty. Whenever we attend Mass and receive holy Communion, we should ask ourselves: *Are we really in communion with Jesus and the body of Christ, his Christian community?* If not, then we should seek this broader communion in our lives. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Barnabas, Apostle	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Weekday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:1-6 Mt 5:1-12	1 Kgs 17:7-16 Mt 5:13-16	1 Kgs 18:20-39 Mt 5:17-19	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Mt 5:20-26	Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30	1 Kgs 19:19-21 Mt 5:33-37	Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Together...we will feed on the Blessed Sacrament, adore him and carry him through the streets.... Strengthened by the food that God gives us, let us bring Jesus to the hearts of all, because Jesus involves everyone in his work of salvation by calling each of us to sit at his table. Blessed are those who are called, for they become witnesses of this love!**

**HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 22, 2025**



JUAN PABLO ARIAS / CATHOPIC