

St. Mary's Corpus Christi Procession Set for June 19

For the last several months, Bishop Tylka has been meeting with a committee of priests and lay people from all over our diocese to begin an initiative that is being done throughout the universal Church. Every diocese in every country is seeking to promote revival to the source and summit of our Catholic faith – the Holy Eucharist.

Given this initiative, Bishop Tylka has asked us to all come up with ideas to build a stronger understanding and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament throughout the diocese. Here at St. Mary's, we are doing something that, to my knowledge, has never been done before – a Corpus Christi Procession that goes out into our town square. A film crew from Peoria will even be here in Pontiac to highlight this as part of the Eucharistic Revival happening throughout the diocese.



This is going to be a special day. At the end of the 9:30 Mass on Father's Day, June 19, we will have a small army of servers along with the congregation and others take Jesus out into our streets in a Corpus Christi Eucharistic procession. You might wonder, what does that mean? Well, let me tell you. It is going to be very exciting!

Our Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus and other kind parishioners have helped our Liturgy Committee to purchase a beautiful Canopy covering the Blessed Sacrament as we head out into the streets.



We will leave the church where the procession will begin. Either a trolley or golf carts will be available for those who are unable to make the walk, but still want to join. The rest of us will have a police officer block off 116 to walk across the highway in procession while our choir leads us in song.

We will head to the front of Home Wishes, where an altar will be set up to begin our first stop in prayer and a Eucharistic Meditation, before a blessing is offered. We will then process

on to Block 59 (location of the ice-skating rink) and do another stop with the Eucharist in prayer. After that, we will process over to Delong's where we will do that another time. One last stop on the square with prayer and a meditation will happen at Lilli's on Madison before heading back to the church and finishing our procession with benediction.

If you are interested in seeing what this may look like, check out this video from Ave Maria, Florida. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aA3ETqtASA>

Our procession will be a great way to show our own love and devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, while also making a public witness of what we believe in. I have taken part in many of these over the years from a little country parish in Iowa, to the halls of a Disney Resort, in front of the capitol building in Madison, Wisconsin, and among the tall buildings of downtown Knoxville, Tennessee. Every time I have done it, I have been inspired by the faith of the people. I know the faith and devotion of the people here at St. Mary's and look forward to our being able to profess and process about what is most important as Catholic believers – the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! This Father's Day and this Corpus Christi Sunday are going to be a great blessing. I can't wait to see you all there.

God bless,
Father Adam



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4H Fair Workers Needed; SignUp Genius Info



It's time to begin signing up to help work at the St. Mary's 4-H Fair Kitchen. The Livingston County Ag and 4-H Fair runs July 20-23. Our daily breakfast menu includes pancakes & sausage, biscuits & gravy, eggs, and doughnuts, along with coffee, juice, and milk. Our lunch menu features hamburgers, hotdogs, brats, pork chop, pork burgers,

and rib eyes. We also have available nachos, walking tacos, chips, applesauce, coleslaw, homemade desserts, and drinks. In the evenings, we will be serving most of our lunch menu along with cheese fries, except on Wednesday evening when we will be serving a sit-down meal which includes: fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, and dinner roll. On Wednesday evening, the Ag Fair will be hosting the rodeo, Friday night there will be a tractor pull, and Saturday is the demolition derby. We may be serving a sandwich meal deal on Friday and/or Saturday.



We have had a great turn out the last several years that we have been in the kitchen. Everybody has had a great time and met new people from the school and parish community. It has been a great fundraiser, and we are working with the community to help us provide great food at reasonable prices. In the past we have been able to purchase an ice machine and sound system for the parish hall. Also, the new security system for

the school and parish grounds will be partially funded through the fair fundraiser. So, our money has gone to several worthy causes.

Katie Wille has volunteered to collect the desserts for us again this year. Her address is 735 N. Main Street. The week of the fair any donated desserts can be dropped off at her house and she will bring them out to the fairgrounds at 8:30 am and again around 3:00 pm daily. We want to personally thank her for volunteering to help us collect the desserts and bringing them out to us. Desserts may also be brought out to the fairgrounds during the fair. We have had parish groups and community businesses volunteer to donate items to us to use during the 4-H.



If you are of high school age and above and would like to help bake, grill, serve, take money, etc., please go to the link below and sign up to help. If your child is younger than high school age and would like to work, please contact Anne Corrigan. We will also need people who are not available the week of the fair to help clean the kitchen and set up the kitchen for the fair the week before. Also, we may need a person or two who could help us out with running errands for us if needed throughout the week. Thanks again for helping us out. If you don't have a computer and would like to sign up or have any questions, please contact Mark & Anne Corrigan at 815-848-3066 or 815-848-6767, and they will be willing to help you get signed up.

[St. Mary's Food Kitchen 2022](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faca82aa31-stmarys) (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4faca82aa31-stmarys>)

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOL & CHURCH FAMILIES THIS YEAR

For 2022, we ask everyone to pray for specific church and school families each weekday. A list will be published each month in both the bulletin & in our newsletter.

Please remember these families in your prayers each day for them to grow in their faith this year. Thank you.



Mon. June 13	Robert W. & Michelle Cox's Family Sandy Erickson's Family
Tues. June 14	Craig & Rita Curry's Family Katy Sartoris' Family
Wed. June 15	David & Joyce Daluga's Family Carol Hepner's Family
Thurs. June 16	Joan Curry's Family Danielle MacZura's Family
Fri. June 17	Jim Daluga's Family Taryn Tissiere's Family
Sat. June 18	Craig & Jodi Cramer's Family Adam Lawrence's Family
Sun. June 19	Leo Cutthill's Family Father Adam Cesarek's Family
Mon. June 20	Nancy Davis' Family Karen Jones' Family
Tues. June 21	Diane Cramer's Family Heidi Gregory's Family
Wed. June 22	Russell & Megan Dahlinger's Family Danielle Gill's Family
Thurs. June 23	Michael & Kathleen Dawson's Family Jon Kinate's Family
Fri. June 24	Joan Crowley's Family Patti Zehr's Family
Sat. June 25	Laure Defree's Family Megan Lauritsen's Family
Sun. June 26	Joseph Delheimer's Family Mark Corrigan's Family
Mon. June 27	James Dittmer's Family

Tues. June 28	Tory Farney's Family Darlene DeMattia's Family Mike Gray's Family
Wed. June 29	Jose & Esperanza Diaz's Family Karen Peissig's Family
Thurs. June 30	Joan Dittmer's Family Father David Sabel's Family
Fri. July 1	Joan Deutschmann's Family Earline Devito's Family
Mon. July 4	Richard Diemer's Family John & Deanna Dittmer's Family
Tues. July 5	Rosella Dietz's Family Leann Dixon's Family
Wed. July 6	Christopher & Amber DiNardi's Family Denise Plenert's Family
Thurs. July 7	Lynn DiNardi's Family Terry & Shannon Dohman's Family
Fri. July 8	Barbara Drach's Family Dottie Fears' Family
Mon. July 11	Marc & Allison Duffy's Family Mark & Megan Donovan's Family
Tues. July 12	Scott & Jamie Drilling's Family Judy Donze's Family
Wed. July 13	Joseph & Kristy Duda's Family Sarah Duffy's Family
Thurs. July 14	Connie Duffy's Family Carol & Patrick Duffy's Family
Fri. July 15	Gary & Lisa Doughan's Family Kathleen Duffy's Family

News & Notes Around St. Mary's Parish

SCRIP Making Changes

We have to say a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported our SCRIP fundraising program over the last 12 years. Since its inception, the program has raised \$124,681 and counting for our school. Unfortunately, the time has come to transition the program to **ELECTRONIC orders ONLY** through the app



RaiseRight. We will continue to take orders for physical cards on the following dates to finish out our fiscal year. You can place the order in the SCRIP box at the back vestibule at church or get

them to Taryn Tissiére by 3pm on the following date:
Sunday June 19

We will also have an inventory sale on June 19 at the end of 7am and 9:30am mass to sell off any additional cards we have in stock. Quantities are limited.

If you do not have an online account through our SCRIP program and would like to set one up, please contact Taryn Tissiére at tissiére.taryn@stmarypontiac.org. If you already use the App to order E-cards, please continue ordering as usual. Thank you again for your continued support!

Totus Tuus Starts June 12-13



TOTUS TUUS JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

Entering Grades 7-12

Sunday, June 12-
Thursday, June 16
7-9pm each night

\$15 per teen

Enter through the
Parish Hall doors off
Chicago Street.

For any questions,
please contact
Taryn Tissiére
at 815-979-7663

Registration form
on the website listed
to the left

PLEASE JOIN US!



Baby Bottle Project Turn In On Father's Day

Next Sunday, June 19, is the Turn-In day for the annual Hope Pregnancy Center's Baby Bottle Project. Boxes will be placed at the church doors for everyone to drop their bottles in—HOPEFULLY full of spare change, dollar bills, or even a check. All the monies collected will be used to help mothers and their babies here in Livingston County. Remember—Your Change Can Change Lives!!!

Women's Guild Rummage Sale Fundraiser Set for June 23-25

Here are the schedules for dropping off donations for the Annual Women's Guild Fundraiser set for Thursday-Saturday, June 23-25., as well as the Sale Hours for the event. Remember—**NO CLOTHES** are to be donated, but books, seasonal items, jewelry, linens, household items, furniture, and miscellaneous items will be for sale.

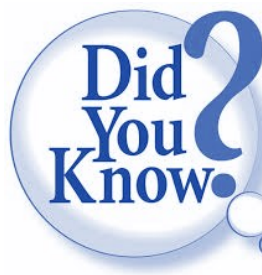


Drop Off Hours: June 20- 11am-2pm
June 21- 10am-2pm June 22 4-7pm June 23 10am-2pm

Sale Hours June 23 5-7pm June 24 8am-3pm June 25 8-10am

Fanning the Flame Retreat June 11

There's still time this Saturday for you and your family members to join the WATCH (We Are The Church) retreat...Fanning the Flame...this Saturday, June 11. The day runs from 9AM-3:30PM at no cost to any participant. Spiritual Growth through prayer, music, testimonies, and sharing will enhance anyone's spiritual life. A light lunch will be served, and the retreat will end in time for Saturday's 4PM Mass. Contact Sherri Hatzer 815-848-6787 for more info.



...how the Corpus Christi Procession had its beginning?

The Corpus Christi procession and many of the other Eucharistic devotions seem to have begun in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. These devotions responded to a

multitude of factors, among which were a greater appreciation and understanding of Christ's Eucharistic presence and a desire to express this truth outwardly.



Influencing the rise in Eucharistic devotions were the visions of an Augustinian nun, Juliana of Liège, in 1209 that indicated an annual celebration devoted to the Body of Christ should be added to the Church's calendar. In 1264, Pope Urban IV, who had resided in Liège prior to his becoming Pope and was familiar with Juliana's visions, established the feast of the Body of Christ for the entire Church.

St. Thomas Aquinas (d.1274) is said to have composed the liturgical texts for this new feast, as well as the hymns *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum Ergo* (which are the last two stanzas of the hymn *Pange Lingua*) which are still sung today. The Council of Trent (1545-1563) solemnly approved and recommended the procession on Corpus Christi as a public profession of the Catholic faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Sacrament.

From the Principal's Desk...



What a year! We started off in masks, and we ended the school year by being able to see everyone's smiling faces! On our last day of school, students sang and danced along to songs we played, and even Father Adam joined in on the dancing! We made many awesome memories this year, and I want to say "thank you" to our families, students, and our faculty and staff. Congratulations to our 8th Grade Graduates- good luck in your high school adventures. Keep God first, and everything else will fall into place. Have a great summer!



Karen Jones Principal

8th Grade Holy Moments Projects Culminate School Year

After reading *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* by Matthew Kelly, Mrs. Krenz' 8th grade students took the lessons learned from the book and class discussions to create their own Holy Moments Projects. A great way to finish their years at St. Mary's School!

Zach Becker— For my Holy Moment project, I helped *CW 2nd Chance*, a non-profit organization in Montgomery, IL, where homeless people are given second chances at life. I chose this because I think everybody needs to have a second chance at life; so often, we forget that homeless people need a second chance at life, too, just an opportunity to make things better. I got my project done in mid-May. This project impacted me a lot because God wants us to help people in need, and I'm helping homeless people that are in need.



Tristin Bednar—For my Holy Moment Project, I donated dog food to the Livingston County Humane Society. I chose the Humane Society because I love my dog, and I want other people to feel the same way when they adopt their dogs. It took me two weeks to save up the money to purchase the dog food, which I was able to donate on April 28. This project was a learning experience that I'm happy that I got to do. I learned that an organization that seeks similar things as the humane society appreciates all the help that they can.



Rosie Krenz — For my Holy Moment project, I helped the Hope Pregnancy Center providing donations and supplies for their program. They needed items like baby clothing, baby sunscreen, baby snacks, infant socks, sippy cups, diapers, and wipes. I provided all these items and much more. I thought about all the moms and single moms in the world who need help, and I learned that many people were willing to help. I held a bake sale outside of the church and raised about \$445, thanks to the parish! I learned that a lot of people are willing to help out even though they don't need to.



Aron Trevino—In this project, I had to use several corporal works of mercy, including kindness and charity. In this project, I used my time to help out Heritage Nursing Home in Bloomington. My mom helped me to complete this project and fulfill the nursing home's need of Hand sanitizer, Kleenex, and things to pass the time. I chose this idea knowing that many residents of nursing homes are often forgotten and don't get many visitors. I did this project on April 13, and it only took a few hours to complete. In those few hours I learned how to apply the corporal works of mercy into my everyday life.



8th Grade Holy Moments Projects Culminate School Year

Scout Minneart & Keylee Thomas—



For our Holy Moment project, we decided to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy, visiting or helping the sick. We helped lots of little girls at St. Jude's who are currently fighting cancer, by providing them with headbands, necklaces, and bracelets to boost their confidence, which might affect their attitudes in a positive manner as they continue to fight their ailments. These girls are going through a rough time, and we hoped this provided them happiness as

well, perhaps even leading to a quicker recovery. Our project has not only helped St. Jude's patients but has also helped us improve as children of God as well.

Charlie Sipe, Caden Masching, & Nolan Menne-ga —

Our Holy Moment Project was going to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry and donating our time for their needs. We chose the food pantry because our society often forgets about those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. The person we contacted was Kathy Duffy who is a volunteer there. Our group all



went to the grocery store and bought hygiene products, including shampoo, conditioner, and toothpaste – all real needs for the pantry. This project made a great impact on us by showing us that you must put others before yourself. A great representa-

tion of this is J.O.Y. This stands for serving Jesus first, others second, and yourself last. (Charlie not present for picture)

Henry DeYoung —



For my Holy Moment Project, I helped second graders from St. Patrick's of Merna who were preparing for their 1st Holy Communion. I helped them by teaching them how to properly walk up the aisle to receive the Eucharist. I wanted to do something like this because it

helps the Catholic community, and prepares the new generations of Catholics. I did this on the thirteenth of April, and I really felt like this helped me on my faithful journey in life.

Haidyn Francis & Megan Weichmann —

We went to the Humane Society of Livingston County on April 15. We brought them laundry detergent, paper towels, and peanut butter.

While we were there, we played with the dogs and cats, and this was the main focus of our project. We chose the Humane Society because we have adopted animals from them before, we already donate frequently, and it was just a continuation of our love for them and what they do. The Corporal Works of Mercy shown were to feed the hungry and visit the imprisoned. We found that all things need help, even animals.



Corpus Christi Explained in Detail

So, we have seen processions in the past—May Crowning Processions come to mind. But who has ever even known about Corpus Christi? Before the Mass was changed to English, these Latin words were spoken by the priest as he was distributing Holy Communion to worshipers, but, as is pointed out on Page 3, Corpus Christi goes way back in our Church history. Maybe these Q's & A's, courtesy of LaCrosse, WI diocese, will enlighten us as we get close to the big day here in Pontiac.

What does "Corpus Christi" mean?

The words "Corpus Christi" mean "Body of Christ" and are another name for the "Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ" celebrated on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. This solemnity marks with particular emphasis the doctrine of Christ's real presence—body, blood, soul, and divinity—in the Eucharist.

What is a Corpus Christi procession?



The Corpus Christi procession, most often held on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, is a "public witness of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament" (Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside Mass [HCWEOM], n.101). Founded upon the Church's belief that Jesus becomes substantially present to us in the Eucharist at Mass, the Corpus Christi procession is one of the ways that we express our devotion to Christ (Eucharistic adoration, Forty Hours devotions, and visits to the Blessed Sacrament are some other forms of devotion). A Corpus Christi procession usually begins after the celebration of Mass, at which the host for the procession is consecrated. Placed in a monstrance (a sacred vessel that displays the sacred host to the faithful), the Blessed Sacrament is then carried out of the church and through the streets of the city or neighborhood accompanied by the songs and prayers of the people. Often there are altars decorated along the route where the monstrance is

placed and the people are blessed. In this way the Church shows that Christ, here among us, walks with us on our pilgrimage to heaven.

What is the relationship of the Corpus Christi procession to the Mass?

The *Magisterium* today is adamant that the Corpus Christi procession and all other Eucharistic devotions be understood as being rooted in the celebration of the Mass. One basic principle for every Eucharistic devotion is that they "must have an intrinsic reference to the Eucharistic Sacrifice, or dispose the faithful for its celebration, or prolong the worship which is essential to that Sacrifice" (Directory on Popular Piety, n.161). The celebration of the Eucharist, in the words of Pope Benedict XVI, "is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration" (Sacramentum Caritatis, n.66). Seen in this way, Eucharistic devotions and the Mass complement one another and are not in competition with each other.



Why should we participate in the Corpus Christi procession?



"The annual procession on the feast of Corpus Christi...has a special importance and meaning for the pastoral life of the parish or city.... When the Eucharist is carried through the street in a solemn procession with singing, the Christian people give public witness of faith and devotion toward the sacrament" (HCWEOM, nos. 101, 102). Says Pope John Paul II, "The devout participation of the faithful in the Eucharistic procession on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ is a grace from the Lord which yearly brings joy to those who take part in it" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, n.10). He continues: "In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into the body and blood, Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey, and he enables us

to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope" (n.62).

Hopefully, many of the questions surrounding the Corpus Christi procession have been answered in this essay. We hope and pray that the St. Mary's faithful participate in this first-ever event in the history of our parish on June 19.



News & Notes Around St. Mary's Parish—Part 2

A warm, beautiful morning greeted worshipers at St. Mary's Cemetery on Memorial Day. Parishioners Jack Timmerman and Ron Schulz combined forces to pour a concrete slab that will be the base of an altar that should be installed later this month. Father Adam said a Mass of Consecration for that altar will be held sometime this summer, and another outdoor Mass is currently scheduled for All Souls day in November. This Mass was in honor of all our St. Mary's faithful departed, especially those who died serving our country.



Father Adam & Mark Stoeckel (Rt.) pose on the set of *The Chosen* down in Texas. They were part of the crowd being filmed in the scene when Jesus fed the 5000. No word whether they got a speaking part or an Oscar nomination. Their authentic costumes were made by Mark's wife, Tricia.

The St. Mary's School Golf Scramble takes on a new look this year—9 holes only for just \$30 per player with an added encouragement to include children in the event! A "Family Friendly Event" for sure that hopefully will create a wonderful parish family atmosphere for the afternoon. So, get those clubs out now and begin practicing...especially on the putting green!

The Pontiac Circle of the Christ Child Society of Central Illinois was recognized for their volunteerism at the Annual CCSCI Chapter meeting recently in Peoria. Three members received honors at the event: Co-chair Judy Weber (L) was awarded the Red Wagon Award, while Circle Awards were given to Darlene Steichen (M) & Virginia Malone (Rt). Circle meetings are held at the Parish Hall on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month from 9AM-12:30PM. Women who like to sew are encouraged to join this fabulous ministry of helping babies with layettes.



2022 SMS SCRAMBLE

**Sunday
July 31** 2022

**Wolf Creek
Golf Course**

A flight - ages 16+
B flight - ages 15 & under
Maximum 2 kids per team

**\$30/
player**

**1:00
Shotgun
Start**

9 Hole Scramble
Family Friendly Event
Games & Fun Activities
50/50 Drawing
\$10 Mulligans

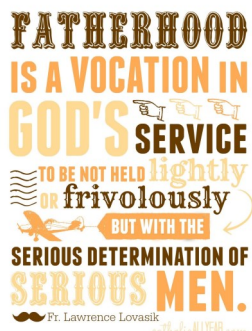
Food available for purchase.

Register today at school.stmaryspontiac.org

From The Back Page

by Mick Peterson

A few years ago, Fr. Adam was a featured speaker at the Diocesan Men's March in Peoria, and he spoke to us dads. "Fathers have such a pivotal role in the lives of their children and how the faith is lived out," he told the assembly. He then cited statistical evidence on the



impact that regular Mass attendance by FATHERS has on their children's practice of the Catholic faith. Not the Moms...but US, the Dads!

That was the day, I believe, I changed my thinking about being a Dad. And my role as a Dad. I received a gift once from my kids – a hand-stitched wall hanging that read, "Any man can be a father, but it takes a special man to be a *Daddy*." One of the best presents I ever got. And it continually makes me think...even today...when they are all moved away...Am I still getting it done?

I believe that children look towards their dads for Leadership, Integrity, Guidance, Direction, and, most of all, Example. We can ALL do that! We'll NEVER take the place of Moms, but we can sure show them the right way to live. That's what my dad did.

Melvin Peterson passed away in 1995 when he was just 69, and I still miss him...and I still recall many of the things he taught me. My dad taught me the meaning of hard work...the power of effort...the ability to overcome obstacles...and the persistence to finish what you start. He dropped out of high school to join the Marines in WWII, and he started his own business when he came home. Then, after 25 years

of that business, he began another one in an entirely different field. I know he pushed himself way too hard along the way, but he was determined to see things through. That stuck with me.

Being the Example, not the Exception. You know the difference between right and wrong...Choose right! And, you go to Mass on Sunday! With your own envelope! With coins he would give us. He taught me to GIVE more than TAKE. He taught me...in his own way...how important God is.

What a Responsibility we've been given...and an Honor! Think about it – if we dads can learn to live the Faith the proper way, just imagine the impact that would have on our children, on our families. Most importantly, we will fulfill our goal as the leader of the family...to LEAD our children to heaven! No matter how old those kids are!

I found these 4 Critical Principles that Catholic Dads can use as a guide:

1. Our vocation is to get our families to heaven.
2. Our children are always watching us. They will likely model later in life what they learn at home.
3. We are made for heaven, not this world. Let's act accordingly.
4. Our children are God's gift to us. The love and care we show our children are our gifts back to Him.

We have several great, outstanding Dads in this parish. We really do. I hope you are one of them. I hope I am too. And I hope this Father's Day will bring us all the grace and blessings of St. Joseph, the model human father. And I pray that all of us dads will strive to be that example for others in our families to follow! Happy Father's Day!

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