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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

Most Holy Trinity Sunday
June 2, 2024

AMEN!

Morning Church!

One of the most blessed ministries and privileges is serving as a Eucharistic Minister in church or with those who are sick or homebound. The look on their communicant's face is a glimpse of heaven. This same look I saw every time I brought Eucharist to Tom Lux, Grace Jenkins, and Ty Keller in their holy anticipation, their deep faith, and their open hands and hearts. For them, their "AMEN" is *everything*. *Everything*.

Their always loud and clear AMEN served as a testament and affirmation of their belief in the Divine Presence in the sacred host placed in their hands. For them, the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ is strikingly profound, and never, ever something done as a routine. Like Augustine stated in one of his sermons on the Eucharist, "...one thing is seen, while another is grasped." They got this!

This is why our response to "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ", our AMEN is a momentous act of faith. Our AMEN is meant to be said aloud, *proclaimed with great conviction*. Do you whisper affirmations to your children, "Good job, I'm so proud of you" under your breath? Do you cheer for your favorite teams in a mumbling voice? Absolutely not! You want your children and your grands to know how you feel about their accomplishments. If your family's like mine, you find yourself cheering your team on in a loud voice, even when you're not actually at the game!

Our AMEN is our signature on the Divine dotted line. Our AMEN is our affirmation of our Baptism. Our AMEN is our sacred response to what our minds, hearts, and our eyes cannot grasp.

During the Confirmation Mass, Braulio Mata, Angel and Marisol Ledesma received their First Holy Communion. I wish all of you could have seen their faces as they proclaimed their AMEN. It's the very same look I saw when Tom, Grace, and Ty received Communion. Their AMEN sums up their pure joy, reverence, and desire for the Body and Blood of Christ.

Today, Athena and Gracie Spicer celebrate their First Communion. They are the daughters of Nelda, who adopted them several years ago. They were baptized at St. Stephen in 2018. Led by their loving mother and grandmother, Dolores' good example, they faithfully participate at Sunday Mass and Faith Formation. Athena and Gracie's AMEN now joins with the AMEN of Braulio, Angel and Marisol ~ and all of us, as together, we say, AMEN, I believe, I am so grateful for this great gift of the the Body and Blood of Christ!

Let us always come to the Table of the Lord with an **intentional heart**.

Let us **pray we become who we receive**.

Pray to **always come to the Table hungry** for the Body and Blood of Christ.

In CommUNITY,











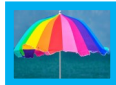


 HEARTwork

Reflecting & Acting on The Word

*Coming forward to receive Eucharist, what's your level of consciousness?
Is this an **intentional or routine walk** to receive the Body and Blood of Christ?*

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

J U N E

02	Feast: Body & Blood of Christ 1 st Communion: Athena & Gracie Spicer SSJ CyberSisters Zoom, 6:30-8p
04	Communion Service, 12:15p
 05	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
09	10 th Sun OT
 10	Ladies Guild, 5p
11	Communion Service, 12:15p
 12	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
 13	RCIA Inquiry. 6p
16	11 th Sun OT
17	Feed the Elderly Volunteer Luncheon First United Methodist Church, 1p GIVE BLOOD, Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p
 18	Communion Service, 12:15p
 19	RCIA, 6p; Choir, 7p 
20	1 st Day of Summer Wise Ones Cracker Barrel, 1p Hosts: Lana & Bob Horneck 
 22	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
23	12 th Sun OT
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
26	Choir, 7p 
30	13 th Sun OT



Kendra Lawson, RN,
enfermera registrada, enseñará las
instrucciones de CPR y AED con un traductor
para la comunidad hispana el sábado 15 de
junio de 2024 a las 7pm.

Welcome, Bishop Michael!



Bishop Michael Martin, O.F.M., Conv.

🌿 Mass Intentions	
26	+Douglas Ouellette; Newly Confirmed
02	+Linda Gentili Athena & Gracie Spicer (1st Communion)

Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Mary Harper	13 Adrian Martinez
04 Maggie Orta	16 Pauline Sener
05 David Ramirez	19 Rob Worley
06 Lana Horneck	21 Sheldon Chanes
08 Jeff Harris	25 Diego Carreon
10 Ermiliano Mata	30 Daniel Reikowsky
11 Maddox LaCashio	30 Aileen Cahill
11 Joey Lopez	30 Susana Martinez
12 Roxana Hernandez	
04 Fr. John Hanic	22 Debbie & Phillip Parrish
10 Sonia & Sixto DeJesus	25 Jane & Matt Norman
15 Wendy & Jason McClamrock	26 Jenny & Rudy Ardizzola
18 Holly & Keith Stringer	27 Ellen & Richard Bernabe

T ...Our Youth Group for their leadership at their Confirmation and the Sunday Mass last weekend...to our SSJ Associates, Leo O,
Y Daniel Gochnauer, Lukas McClamrock, and Patrick Colglazier for your ministry at Grace
V Jenkins' Mass on Tuesday...and to Doris for making corsages and boutonniere for our
M Confirmation Youth and for Athena and Gracie...Bless you all!

RECYCLE!



You're invited to RECYCLE your ink cartridges at St. S.
The recycled cartridges' rewards points
are used buy church office supplies.

Thank you!

FAITH FUSION YOUTH GROUP



Confirmation, 2024

Who We Are

Change for Global Change is a 501(c)(3) organization founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph (Phila.) in 2006. With even greater urgency, our organization Represents a necessary response to the unmet needs of persons who are poor, marginalized, and vulnerable by committing to the flourishing of Earth through sustainable practices.



What We Do

We raise awareness of sustainability issues that affect the lives of every person on our planet. We collect donations – large and small—from caring people, so that joining together in a neighbor-to-neighbor, across-the-street and around-the-world effort. We provide and sponsor grants for sustainability projects throughout the world, where the people they serve lack many basic necessities, especially potable water.

Thank you!



What a bunch!

Lana, Doris, Pat, Cathy, and Gayle
Meet in our Family Life Center M-F
to exercise together & play
BananaGram. If you'd like to join,
reach out to one of them!



L-R: Lana Horneck, Doris Watson, Pat Kophamer, Cathy King and Gayle Altemueller



The Body and Blood of Christ

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
June 2nd, 2024

Today we celebrate a glorious feast!
There are many names for this great gift given to us by Jesus:

- ~ Holy Eucharist ~ Blessed Sacrament
- ~ Holy Communion ~ Supper of the Lord

In 1264, Pope Urban IV started the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. He wanted all Catholic Christians to deepen their love and devotion for the Eucharist. This Feast is celebrated every year on the second Sunday after Pentecost.

How to Receive Holy Communion

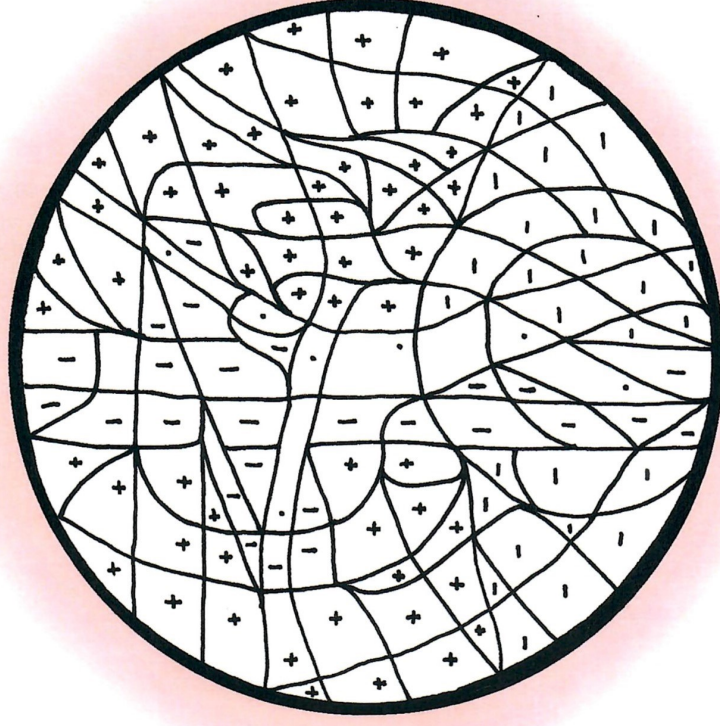
Prepare your heart. At Mass *pay attention* to what is happening. *Listen* to the readings and prayers. Ask Jesus to ready your heart and to grace you to be grateful to receive him.

As you walk to the altar, *concentrate* on what you are doing and why you are doing it. Pray for an open heart to receive Jesus.

When you reach the altar, *look up* at the minister, listen for “Body of Christ”. Extend your hands, one on top of the other, towards the minister and say, “**Amen!**” The minister will put the Body of Christ in your hands. Place the Eucharist in your mouth.

Proceed to the cup. The minister says, “Blood of Christ” and you respond, “**Amen!**” again ~ respond in loud, clear voice!
Return to your pew. *Thank Jesus* for coming to you. Pray for yourself to become just like Jesus. Pray for your family and the world to do the same.

Remember, don’t eat or drink anything an hour before Mass, and don’t chew gum or eat candy during Mass, either. This helps you to focus yourself on to what you are doing: you are about to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist!



What does the bread become when the priest consecrates it at Mass?

Use the colour code to find out:

- grey · skin colour
- ! brown + blue

Blessed Anna Maria Taigi

June 9

ANNA MARIA WAS AN ITALIAN GIRL IN THE LATE 1700'S. SHE WAS A GOOD WORKER BUT LIKED TO DRESS UP AND BE SEEN.



What do you think about this dress?

SOON SHE GOT MARRIED. AFTER THREE YEARS SHE WENT TO CONFESSION AND TURNED HER LIFE TOWARD GOD.



I've been so self-centered... I must go to Confession!

ANNA MARIA OFTEN HAD TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN HER PARENTS AND HER HUSBAND.



It's not worth arguing with them, dear!

Here, Take this to the neighbour and make sure her bed is comfortable.



SHE RAISED THEIR CHILDREN TO LOVE GOD AND CARE FOR THE SICK.

SHE WENT TO MASS EVERY DAY UNLESS SHE HAD TO CARE FOR A SICK PERSON.



ANNA MARIA WORKED HARD TO PROVIDE FOR HER FAMILY BY SEWING UNTIL HER HANDS HURT.



Sure, I'll have time to mend these shirts!

GOD ALLOWED HER TO SEE PEOPLE'S SOULS AND KNOW WHEN THEY WOULD DIE, AS WELL AS SOULS IN PURGATORY. SHE PRAYED AND SUFFERED FOR THEM.



You are going to die very soon. I will bring you a priest.

BECAUSE OF THE INSIGHT THAT GOD GAVE HER, BLESSED ANNA MARIA WAS ABLE TO HELP MANY PEOPLE TO LIVE GOOD LIVES AND DIE HOLY DEATHS. WE SHOULD PREPARE FOR OUR OWN DEATHS BY LIVING FOR GOD, SO THAT WHEN WE DIE WE WILL BE READY TO GO STRAIGHT TO HIM LIKE BLESSED ANNA MARIA.

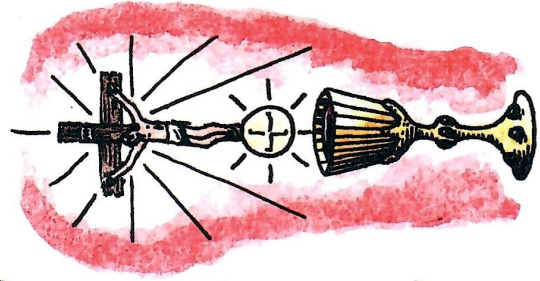
Body and Blood of Christ

Word-Find

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U R N R J E S U S E N I
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D D K M E M O R Y Y
C H A L I C E N G O D

See if you can find all the words written in CAPITALS.

Use the left-over letters to fill in the blanks to make a little prayer you can say at Mass!



At the LAST SUPPER, after he had GIVEN thanks, JESUS took BREAD and said, "Take and EAT. THIS is my BODY." Then, taking the chalice of WINE, he said, "Take this, all of YOU, and DRINK from it. This is the CHALICE of my BLOOD, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be Poured out for you and for MANY for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in MEMORY of me."

That was the first MASS. When you go to HOLY COMMUNION, you really receive the Body, Blood, SOUL and DIVINITY of CHRIST, who is GOD!

