

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

May 28	\$1,133
June 4	\$855

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)*

Sat. June 10	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. June 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. June 12	8:00 AM	For †Ceril Sternkorb
Tue. June 13	8:00 AM	For †Barbara Sternkorb
Wed. June 14	8:00 AM	For †Bob McGraw
Thur. June 15	8:00 AM	For †Ed Huffman (Adoration & Confessions 6-7PM)
Fri. June 16	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz

*THE 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. June 17	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. June 18	9:00 AM	For †Joseph Kordenbrock

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes. Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Joanne Schlacter, and Alan Fields

**BIRTHDAYS**—June 1-Lucca Cooper, June 3-Sandy Lyle, June 5-Linda Beck, June 9-Wanda Bach, June 9-Tom Schutte, June 19-Genita Kiser, June 22-Lisa Cooper, June 27-Austin Schroeder,

**ANNIVERSARIES**-June 4-Adam and Kristen Bach, June 6-Andy and Andrea Hummel, June 7-Allen and Sandy Lyle, June 29-Tim and Joanne Schlacter

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

JUNE 11, 2023

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BIBLE STUDIES**—Matthew Wiseman continues to lead our bible study series which meets at church at 6:30 PM on Mondays. Don't miss this. It is very enlightening as Matthew is so knowledgeable about theology.

**DPAA 2023**—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$7,555. We are over the half-way mark! Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

**OUR LADY'S MEMORARE ARMY**—The Diocese is asking everyone to pray one Memorare prayer every day for an increase in holiness and an abundance of priestly vocations for the Diocese of Covington. Pray for priests! Pray for holy priests! Pray for more priests!

**BABY BOTTLES FOR CARE NET**— The baby bottles fundraiser for Care Net is here. Please take one or two home and fill them with change, cash, or a check made out to Care Net. This is a big fund raising program for Care Net and helps them in their ministry to pregnant women struggling to keep the child. Please be as generous as possible. This collection will close on Father's Day. Thank you.

**ST. VINCENT COLLECTION**— The St. Vincent de Paul group at St. Cecilia sends their 'thank you' to all who gathered personal care items for their clients.

**CONGRATULATIONS**—Congratulations to Fr. Michael Elmlinger on his ordination to the priesthood last Friday evening. He is being sent to St. Timothy as his first assignment.

**SERRA CLUB FOR VOCATIONS**— The June 29 Florence Y'alls game will be an opportunity to support the Serra Club which supports vocations. Tickets (\$10) to the game can be purchased by visiting the website <https://www.ticketreturn.com/>. Go to the Florence Y'alls June 29 game listing and use the code "SerraClub" in the special offer code field. Fifty percent of each ticket will be given to the Serra Club.

**HICKS FAMILY**—The Hicks family who lost their home to fire want to send their 'thank you' for our recent donation to them. Thanks to everyone for an impressive collection.

**LECTOR**— June 11-Linda Fryman, June 18-Bernie Rawe

**CLEANING**—Penny and Patty

## FROM THE PASTOR – ON THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

As we transition into the time throughout the year sometimes called Ordinary Time, we still have some major celebrations in the liturgy. Today's solemnity of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the last of these post-Pentecost celebrations. This feast was instituted in the 13th century to help renew our understanding of what it is (or rather Who it is) we receive in the Eucharist. We ought to be renewed in our desire to receive Holy Communion worthily and well. But we should look at how it is we receive, which we will discuss in part in my homily for this feast day.

Another of the reception of Holy Communion that has emerged very recently is the practice of the reception of both species: not only the Sacred Host but the Precious Blood as well. This was reintroduced into the Latin Rite in the 1970s after the Second Vatican Council as an option for parishes. The recent coronavirus pandemic saw an extended pause in this practice, but now our bishop has permitted this once again. For the record, I am not planning on reintroducing the distribution of the Precious Blood via separate chalices. Here are some of my reasons:

- Many who receive both say that they feel that they receive more of Jesus than the more traditional way. This is actually an error against our Catholic faith, which holds that it is the same Jesus really and truly present and living in BOTH species (as emphasized by the Council of Trent against the Protestants). We do not get "more Jesus" by receiving both species. How can you have more of the infinite?
- The distribution of the Precious Blood via separate chalices is far more susceptible to spreading germs than the distribution of the Sacred Hosts. Not only during the coronavirus pandemic, but also during major flu seasons, this distribution has been eliminated for the safety of the congregation and the priest celebrant. If there will be so much fluctuation in the health of our people, we should be more generally cautious in our practices.
- There can emerge (in part based on the first point above) in the minds and hearts of some who receive both species a bad form of spiritual pride. They may think to themselves that they are better than others because they receive both whereas many only receive the Sacred Host. Our reception of Holy Communion should never lead to pride but humility before God.

One means of allowing this distribution of both species would be what is called intinction: the dipping of the Host into the Precious Blood whereby the communicant receives both. If this is desired, I would be interested in utilizing this method for the full reception of the Eucharist. Feel free to let me know your thoughts on this matter. No matter what, I pray that you may receive with joy our Eucharistic Lord and be strengthened to live as He calls of us to live: preparing for the eternal banquet of Heaven.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*