

READINGS

June 22, 2014

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58

STEWARDSHIP

June 15th Collection.....\$2,170
St. Vincent De Paul Collection.....\$330

Our Lady of Wisdom relies on Bobcat Catholics like you for more than half the resources necessary to bring students of Texas State closer to their Catholic faith. Contact our Development Director, Zane Stehling, to join this mission at 512-392-5925.



PLEASE CONSIDER POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JUNE:

That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity ...

AND

That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers ...

ALSO

PLEASE CONSIDER BISHOP VÁSQUEZ' PRAYER INTENTION FOR TODAY:

For a greater belief in the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist ...

MASSES THIS WEEK

Fr. Jason Bonifazi
Thu June 26, 5:15pm
&
Fr. Charlie Garza
Fri June 27, 12:30pm

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Jesus' words to the crowd were perplexing to them: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" But Jesus promises us eternal life if we eat his flesh and drink his blood. Think about why you believe Jesus' promise.

The Catholic Church teaches that in the Eucharist, the communion wafer and the altar wine are transformed and really become the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Have you ever met anyone who has found this Catholic doctrine to be a bit hard to take? If so, you shouldn't be surprised. When Jesus spoke about eating his flesh and drinking his blood in John 6, his words met with less than an enthusiastic reception. "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" (v52). "This is a hard saying who can listen to it?" (v60). In fact, so many of his disciples abandoned him over this that Jesus had to ask the twelve if

they also planned to quit. It is interesting that Jesus did not run after his disciples saying, "Don't go, I was just speaking metaphorically!" But why did Jesus arrange for this transformation of bread and wine? Because he intended another kind of transformation. The bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ which are, in turn, meant to transform us. Ever hear the phrase: "You are what you eat?" The Lord desires us to be transformed from a motley crew of imperfect individuals into the Body of Christ, come to full stature. Our evangelical brethren often speak of an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus. But I ask you, how much more personal and intimate can you get? We receive the Lord's body into our physical bodies that we may become him whom we receive! Such an awesome gift deserves its own feast.

Adapted from: Feast of Corpus Christi. Eucharist: Body and Blood of Christ Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Ph.D. Intergratedcatholiclife.org

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Rosary every Sunday 9:30am in the Lounge
All other activities will resume in the fall

SUMMER SCHEDULE CHANGES

- Until the Fall Semester, there will be **one Sunday Mass at 10:00am.**
- Daily Masses Mon - Fri. During the summer will vary according to Fr. Will's schedule. You may call the office for a specific Mass.
- **Fr. Will's Vacation is June 23rd– July 5th**
- Office closes at 5:00pm Mon – Thu, and at 3:00pm on Fridays.

THREE SOLEMNITIES THIS WEEK

- **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
Tuesday June 24th
Like John, may we learn that "he (Jesus) must increase, I must decrease." *John 3:30*
- **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
Friday, June 27th
"In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins."
1 John 4:10-11
- **Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
Saturday, June 28th
"Mary treasured all these words, reflecting on them in her heart." *Luke 2:19*

QUO VADIS, a two-day retreat for incoming high school Freshmen– Seniors on Sat., June 28th– Sun., June 29th, designed to help these young men grow spiritually and allow them to think and pray about what God might be asking them to become. Cost is \$15 at St. Thomas More Parish. Visit austinvocations.com or call 512-949-2430.



The third annual Fortnight for Freedom takes place from June 21—the vigil of the Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day. This year, we are emphasizing the link between religious liberty and service to the poor and vulnerable through the theme of Fortnight for Freedom: Freedom to Serve. All are invited to participate in service opportunities available during the Fortnight for Freedom. Special service opportunities offered by our Catholic parishes, schools and local organizations can be found www.austindiocese.org/fortnightforfreedom. All are invited to share their service experiences through social media using #free2serve.



COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER by W.O.W. (Women of Wisdom) for the

parish bazaar Saturday, November 15th are gathering all kinds of recipes for a well rounded cookbook. Please send your recipes to Mary Bishop at mhbishop55@gmail.com Or you can put your recipes in the box located in the lobby. Please include your name and phone number along with the recipe by Sun., July 13th. All are welcome to participate!



BOBCAT AWAKENING #41

An energy filled weekend with great talks, small groups, prayer and Sacraments. Open to all college students. Fill out an Application online under the Spiritual Growth tab, "Bobcat Awakening", or come by the front office and fill out a paper copy. Cost is \$35.



FOR BOBCAT AWAKENING

today after our 10am Mass. They would like to make the retreat open to all no matter the cost. Thank you for your continued contributions, support and prayers