

Shepherd's Thoughts (June 2, 2024)

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

God is good, all the time! All the time, God is Good!

On this Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we also celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). This is to remind you that on this day, we will revive the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds, which we have not been observing for the past three years due to the pandemic. Thus, this is a very special moment for us as we are given the opportunity to receive the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ as we encounter Him in the Eucharist.

The liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist have already been prefigured in the Old Testament as we heard from the Book of Exodus how Moses introduced them to the Israelites, "Taking the Book of the Covenant, he read it aloud to the people... Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

The Israelites in the Old Testament had a practice of a holocaust as a form of sacrifice which was first described in the Hebrew Bible. As a tribute to God, atonement for sins and as an act of thanksgiving, a burnt offering was entirely burnt on the altar, a practice that was observed even in the New Testament as mentioned to us by Paul on his letter to the Hebrews. "For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, Who through the eternal spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works, to worship the living God." (Heb 9:11-15).

However, when Christ was nailed on the cross, He offered Himself not only as a burnt offering but rather His whole life, both body and blood, soul and divinity, as a bloody sacrifice for the salvation of mankind. Thus, on the eve of His suffering and death as He did the Last Supper with His disciples, while they were eating, "He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many" (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26).

This, my brothers and sisters, is the living memorial of how our Father has unconditionally loved us by giving us His only begotten son. As we receive the Holy Body and Precious Blood of our Savior, we also participate in the form of a non-bloody sacrifice constantly happening as we celebrate the Holy Mass. Thus, it is a constant call to deepen our love for Him Who is truly present in the Eucharist. May this be an invitation to us all to live a life of sacrifice worthy for the Lord and give us an ever-living hope of our future resurrection.

Fr. Antonio Rex M. Palaya

June 2, 2024 *Corpus Christi*

Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, June 1st, Mass

† Sylvia Theys, † Larry Kirchman, † Eunice Spitzer

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, June 1st, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, June 2nd, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, June 2nd, Mass

† Deceased members of Deprey & Bader families

Tuesday, 8:00 AM, Brussels, June 4th, Mass

Wednesday 8:00AM, Brussels, June 5th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00 AM, Lincoln, June 6th, Mass

† Mark Pinchart

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, June 7th, Mass

† For the People

Saturday, 4:00 PM Rosiere, June 8th, Mass

† Jack & Darlene Naze, † Elmer & Dorothy Jeanquart

Saturday, 5:30 PM, Brussels, June 8th, Mass

Sunday, 8:30 AM, Brussels, June 9th, Mass

Sunday, 10:15 AM, Lincoln, June 9th, Mass

† Mel & Mary Jane Porath

Tuesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, June 11th, Mass

Wednesday, 8:00AM, Brussels, June 12th, Mass

Thursday, 8:00AM, Lincoln, June 13th, Mass

† Willard & Iona Massey

Friday, 8:00 AM, Rosiere, June 14th, Mass

† John (Jack) Naze

Sanctuary Light

June 2-8: In mem. Lynn Kinnard

June 9-15: In mem. Goldie & Grace Thiry



Sacrificial Offerings

May 16-22, 2024: \$2,024.00



St. Peter & St. Hubert Scrip

May 20-26 Sales: \$1845.00

Gross profit: \$77.75

FYTD profit: \$5508.13

For scrip information, call Sue Havel at 920-493-2789 or email at Havel27sm@gmail.com.

Father Rex Shepherd Hours in Rosiere: On Thursdays & Fridays from 9:30am-noon except the fourth Thursday & Friday of each month.

Liturgical Ministers:

June 1st, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chris Vincent

Communion Distributors: Chris Vincent, Wendy Vlies,
Matt Thayse, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

June 2nd, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Amanda Barta

Communion Distributors: Jake Barta, Sandy Maccoux,
Tammy Barta, Mary Beaurain

Servers: Danny Ducat & Kai Jimenez

June 8th, 4:00 pm Rosiere

Lector: Chriss Daubner

Communion Distributors: Chriss Daubner, Volunteer

Servers: Dylan & Gretchen Barta

June 9th, 10:15 am Lincoln

Lector: Mary Fameree

Comm Distributors: Jerry & Tammy Barta

Servers: Clayton, Chase & Landon Barta

Parish News

Corpus Christi Procession: June 1-2 masses celebrate Corpus Christi (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). There will be a "Eucharistic Procession" Saturday in Rosiere and Sunday in Lincoln. All parishioners are asked to take part in the procession. The monstrance will be carried by Fr. Rex leading the procession.

Bishops Appeal 2024: Our goal is \$41,682 and we are at **64%** of our goal due to the generosity of our 106 members who have already donated. Please return your pledge form from Bishop Ricken as soon as you can. Thank you!

Thank You: A big thank you to the Jerry & Tammy Barta family for the beautiful landscaping at the Lincoln entrance!

Catholic Order of Foresters #1550: Thank you to everyone who supported our Matching Funds Pancake & Porkie Breakfast. It was a great success. We made \$2,002.04 which has been given to the Parish and expect the High Court to match \$1,500 soon. Thank you to all our dedicated volunteers, without your help this would not be possible.

Fiscal Year End: A gentle reminder that our fiscal year ends June 30. Please consider getting your financial support in now.

It's That Time of Year: The Time and Talent donation forms are out! Please consider donating by filling out the form and returning it to Julie Pinchart or Julie Engebose, their contact information is on the

donation form. Consider asking any business that you do business with if they would like to donate as well. We will have a separate section in the book if we have enough business donations. We also have a youth section, so consider donating on behalf of the young people in your family. Please be sure to return the form by **Sunday, June 16.** Thank you for your generosity!

Interested in Sharing your Talents: We currently have an opening for a pianist/organist at our Lincoln site. This is a paid position. We also welcome any interested singers at our Lincoln & Rosiere sites! Please consider sharing your musical talents. Please call the parish office with any questions at 920-837-2852.

Area News

Casco Village Park: 14th Annual LCPL Dean Opicka Memorial Softball Tournament, May 30 – June 2, which supports local academic scholarships and local hardship gifts. Numerous raffles, softball games, food and fun.

Belgian Heritage Center: Tuesday, June 4 at 6:30pm at the BHC – Tom Snyder, the author of Shot Down, will speak on the true story of his father & crew that were shot down over Belgium and how the Belgians hid them from the Germans.

Casco Fire Dept Cookout: at Bank of Luxemburg, 100 Old Orchard Ave., Casco on Friday, June 7, 2024, from 10 am – 5 pm. Serving Brats, Burgers, Trippe, (Pulled Pork—walk up only), Chips, Cookies & Beverages. All proceeds to benefit Casco Fire Dept. Supplemented by Thrivent Financial. Order forms available. Call Bank of Luxemburg: 920-845-2345. Come join the fun!

Totus Tuus: is a weeklong "Parish Mission" for Catholic youth in grades 1-12 held July 21-26 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish (Sugarbush). It is dedicated to sharing the gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, Christian witness and Eucharistic worship. Register at threecatholicchurches.com. Click on "For Parents"

Gospel Readings for Week of June 2, 2024

Monday, June 3: Mark 12: 1-12 (St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs)

Tuesday, June 4: Mark 12: 13-17

Wednesday, June 5: Mark 12: 18-27 (St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr)

Thursday, June 6: Mark 12: 28-34 (St. Norbert, Bishop)

Friday, June 7: John 19: 31-37 (The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus)

Saturday, June 8: Luke 2: 41-51 (The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary)