

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

Food in the Desert

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her.

Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms. ●

Reflect

Reflect on your experiences of loss and abundance, loneliness and acts of kindness, and struggles and grace.

Catholic Communities



Our Lady of Mercy

409 E. Main St.
Fayette, OH 43521

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Ron Eisel
Pat Eisel
Ray Hollstein
Mike Burkholder
Traci Maginn
Barbara Roby

Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information.



Parish Pastor
Rev. William Pifher
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
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SACRAMENT INFORMATION

- **Baptism:** Please call Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.
- **Reconciliation:** Father will be available for confessions **starting 30 minutes before Mass each week.**
- **New Parishioners:** A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** Those who can participate: Anyone who is seriously sick or suffering a grave illness (not a cold, or flu) which is treated or medicated for by a doctor. Also for those of old age which often brings morale or depression factors (body, mind, or spirit). Please make arrangements with Father or call the parish office.
- **Matrimony:** Please contact the Parish Office six months ahead of your planned wedding date, for Marriage Preparation and scheduling.
- **RCIA:** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a series of classes designed to bring new members into the Catholic church. Weekly sessions begin in September. People who have not been baptized, who have not been practicing or who have been raised in another faith are all welcome to register. Parishioners are encouraged to invite interested family members and friends. There is no obligation to join the church. This is simply an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith. Contact Fr. William Pifher at 419-446-9288.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please note that the bulletin deadline is **Tuesday, Noon.** Please either call, email at OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following week's bulletin

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

WELCOME

Welcome Father Daniel Ring and thank you for Celebrating Mass with us today.

CATHOLIC HEART WORK CAMP

Please keep Angie and Evan Beaugard, along with St. Peter's youth and leaders in your prayers this week (June 21 – June 27) as they are in Nashville, Tennessee being Jesus's helping hands.

THE CHOSEN

Season 2 episode 2 "I Saw You" will be viewed on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7 p.m.

HELP WANTED

Our Lady of Mercy is looking for a part time (6 – 9 hours per week) cleaning person for the church and office. Starting date will be July 1, 2025. Please contact Father Bill or call the office 419-237-2441, if you are interested or know of someone.

COMMUNITY PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLES

Thank you to all who contributed to this fundraiser.

From Toledo Diocese Office of Life & Justice

Last week, I had the joy of delivering food to a mom who chose life 18 months ago. In the pro-life movement, we're often on the move—planning the next campaign, showing up for the next event. But sometimes, God invites us to pause. Seeing a beautiful 18-month-old girl in pigtails and pink bows—a **child who wouldn't be here without this community's support**—was overwhelming. Your prayers and actions have **generational consequences**. Let's continue to give praise and glory to God for the lives saved, the hearts healed, and the hope restored.

ALTAR ROSARY

There will be an Altar Rosary meeting on Sunday, July 20, 2025 after Mass. We will be discussing the final details for the Bull Thistle Breakfast.

CHANGES ARE COMING JULY 6TH

The bulletin is getting a NEW look on July 6, 2025. Ligouri Publications who has been our supplier for the cover of the bulletins has stopped printing them.

ASK HER - SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY

By Jane Tufant Harvey

"Ask Her...to remind you that helping others is good for the soul."

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 3

1142 (38) June 4. Today is the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. During Holy Mass, I was given the knowledge of the Heart of Jesus and of the nature of the fire of love with which He burns for us and how He is an Ocean of Mercy. Then I heard a voice: **Apostle of My mercy, proclaim to the whole world My unfathomable mercy. Do not be discouraged by the difficulties you encounter in proclaiming My mercy. These difficulties that affect you so painfully are needed for your sanctification and as evidence that this work is Mine. My daughter, be diligent in writing down every sentence I tell you concerning My mercy, because this is meant for a great number of souls who will profit from it.**

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY NEWS

---Saturdays until Sept. 27 2025 –
Fayette Farmers Market 9 a.m. –
Noon @ Opera House parking lot

---July 16 – Community Meal – Fayette
Methodist Life Center 5p.m.-
6p.m.

If you know of any Fayette Community events, please either call or visit the office or email to
OLOMFayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

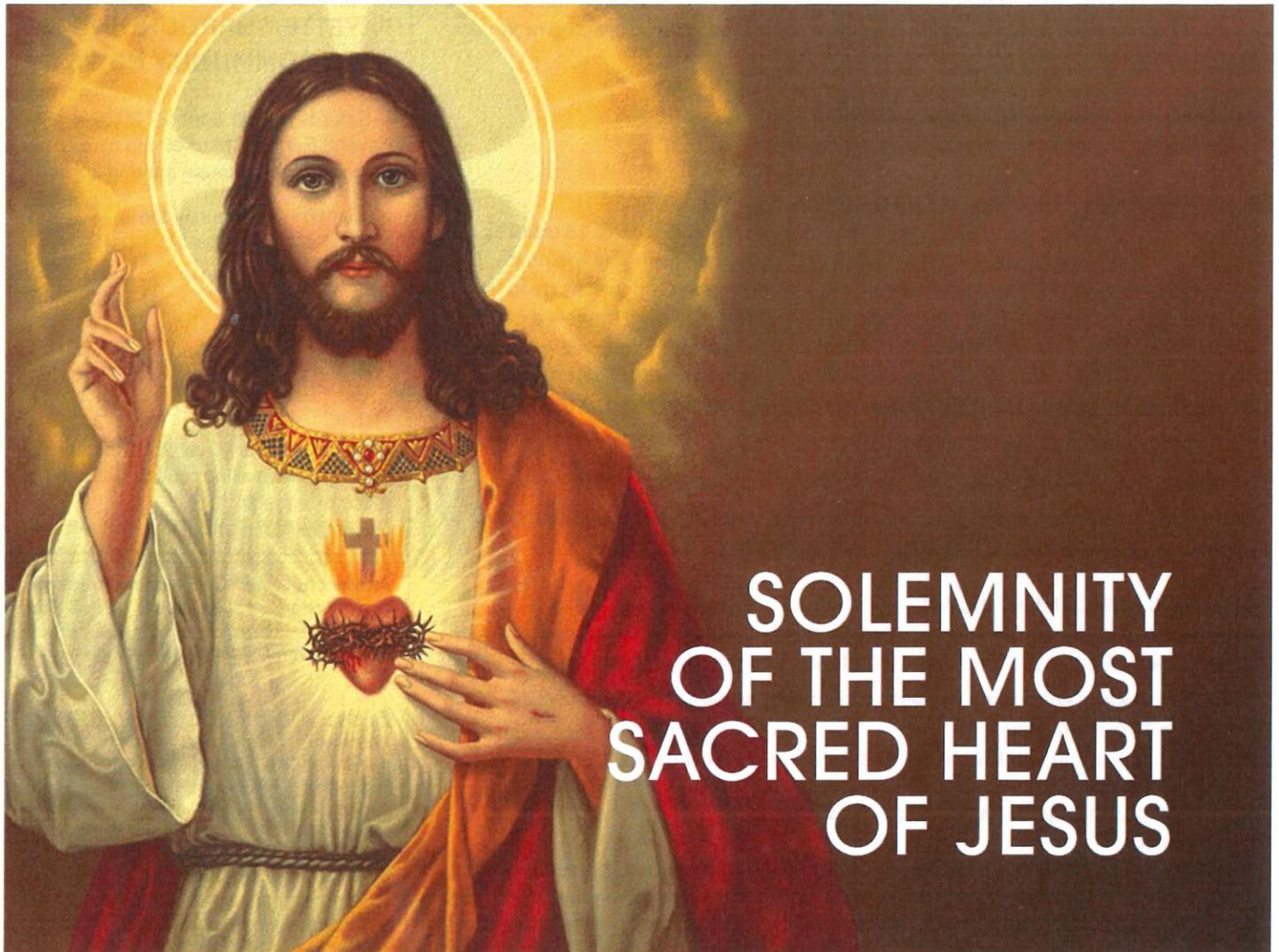
Prayer chain-ANYONE wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office. Email olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy Issues for Parish Office:
IMMEDIATE FAMILY – must contact the parish office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Please submit with the exact verbiage requested. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(from morningoffering.com)

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is celebrated on the octave day of the feast of Corpus Christi. In the 17th century Jesus appeared in a vision to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque asking her to request that this feast be celebrated in honor of his Sacred Heart in reparation for the ingratitude of mankind toward the sacrifice of his love on the Cross. Pope Pius IX extended the feast of the Sacred Heart to the universal Church in 1856. The imagery of Christ pointing to his heart, on fire with love, signifies his immense and infinite love for humanity which took Him to the Cross to die for our salvation. The Sacred Heart of Jesus desires that all mankind draw close to Him in love and trust. Today this devotion, given to the faithful by Our Lord himself, is among the most popular of the Catholic Church.



Saints of the Day

(www.morningoffering.com)

Week of June 22 – June 28

Sunday, June 22 – St. Thomas More - St. Thomas More (1478–1535) was born in London, the son of a lawyer and judge. He was educated in the finest schools and became a brilliant English statesman. He served in parliament, on the King's council, as a diplomat, and in many other prominent positions in public administration. He was highly esteemed for his unflinching moral integrity, sharpness of mind, humor, and extraordinary learning. He was also a faithful Catholic, a loving husband, and a devoted father. For his great abilities he was promoted by his friend King Henry VIII to the high office of Lord Chancellor, second in position to the king. He resigned from this post when the king, in open defiance of Church teaching, sought to divorce his wife in order to marry another woman, and to declare himself sovereign of the Church in England. Thomas More, a defender against heresy, refused to condone the king's actions. After trying unsuccessfully to persuade his friend to approve of what he was doing, King Henry VIII imprisoned More in the Tower of London. At his trial, More testified boldly for Church autonomy over the state, for the authority of the pope as head of the Church, and for the indissolubility of marriage in the eyes of God. He was eventually condemned and beheaded, dying as a martyr for the Catholic faith. Thomas More is the patron saint of statesman, politicians, lawyers, civil servants, and large families. His feast day is June 22nd.

Monday, June 23 – St. Joseph Cafasso - St. Joseph Cafasso (1811–1860) was born in Castelnuovo d'Asti, Italy, to a peasant family. He was born with a physical deformity of the spine, which caused him to grow into a stunted and crippled man. Discerning a call to Holy Orders, he entered the seminary in Turin where he later met another famous saint—John Bosco. Joseph taught John Bosco and encouraged him in his mission to minister to the town's impoverished street youth. Joseph was an excellent professor of moral theology, as well as a famed preacher and confessor. He performed his duties so well that he became known as the "Priest's Priest." He spent entire days preaching in prisons, offering comfort to the prisoners, hearing their confessions, and even advocating to improve the poor conditions of the prison. For this work he also earned the name, "Priest of the Gallows." St. Joseph Cafasso is the patron saint of prisoners, prisons, and prison chaplains. His feast day is June 23rd.

Tuesday, June 24 – Nativity of John the Baptist - A family relation of Jesus, St. John the Baptist is called "the Forerunner" because he was sent by God to "prepare the way of the Lord" ahead of Jesus' public ministry. The birth of St. John the Baptist to his elderly and previously barren parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, is recorded in St. Luke's Gospel. His birth was announced to his father Zechariah by the Archangel Gabriel, who also brought the news of Christ's birth to the Blessed Virgin Mary. John the Baptist's nativity is one of only three birthdays celebrated by the Church, along with the nativities of Jesus and Mary. Though not an official dogma, according to ancient tradition St. John the Baptist was freed from original sin at the moment his mother heard the greeting of the Blessed Virgin at the Visitation, causing John to leap in his mother's womb through the action of the Holy Spirit. So, like Jesus and Mary, St. John would have been born without sin, and therefore his birthday is also worthy of special honor. Because Christ praised John the Baptist so highly by saying "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist," he was one of the most highly venerated saints in the ancient and medieval Church. He has two feasts: his nativity on June 24th and his passion on August 29th.

Wednesday, June 25 – St. Dominic Henares - St. Dominic Henares (1764–1838) was born to a poor family in Spain. He joined the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest in 1790. Ten years later he was sent as a missionary to the Far East. He went from Mexico to the Philippines, and finally to North Vietnam. He became Bishop of Phunhay, Vietnam, in 1803. In 1831 the Vietnamese emperor officially prohibited Catholicism and severely persecuted the Church. Whole villages were sent into exile; priests were arrested and subjected to the most terrible tortures before they were killed. Those who helped capture them were richly rewarded. Bishop Henares was arrested and beheaded in Nam Dinh on June 25, 1838; the soldiers and villagers who participated in his arrest received generous compensation. St. Dominic Henares is one of an estimated 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics martyred for the faith in Vietnam between the 15th and 20th centuries. They were canonized together by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. St. Dominic Henares' feast day is June 25, and the collective memorial for 117 of the Vietnamese Martyrs is November 24.

Thursday, June 26 – St. Josemaria Escriva – St. Josemaria Escriva (1902-1975) was born in Spain, one of six children of a devout Catholic family. Growing up, he observed his parents faithfully endure painful family trials (the death of three of their young children and devastating financial setbacks) and this had a profound effect on his own faith. As a teenager he discovered his vocation to the priesthood when he saw the path of footprints in the snow left by a barefoot Carmelite friar. He then experienced a radical conversion: he gave up his intended career as an architect and entered the seminary. He spent most of his life studying and teaching in universities, earning a doctorate in civil law and theology. Saint Josemaria Escriva's lasting impact lies in the foundation of Opus Dei (“The Work of God”), an organization of laity and priests dedicated to the universal call of holiness and the belief that ordinary, daily life is an authentic path to sanctity. Today Opus Dei has over 80,000 members worldwide. His famous written work is *The Way*, a collection of spiritual and pastoral reflections on the gospels and their application to everyday life. On June 26, 1975, after glancing at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in his office in Rome, St. Josemaría died suddenly of cardiac arrest. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is June 26th.

Friday, June 27 – St. Laszlo - St. Laszlo (c. 1040-1095), also known as St. Ladislaus I of Hungary, was born to a royal family in Krakow, Poland. His father became King Bela of Hungary, and his mother was the daughter of the King of Poland. He was raised as a Christian, spending his childhood in the court of the Polish king. After the death of his father and brother, he became the King of Hungary in 1077 and also later the King of Croatia in 1091. He was a beloved king, highly regarded as a moral and pious man and a great leader. He is remembered for his accomplishments in bringing peace and stability to his country following the strife of civil war, for his success in defending the kingdom of Hungary against the invading Cumans, and for politically and financially supporting the spread of Christianity in his kingdom. According to legend, while in battle he witnessed a Cuman warrior abducting a Hungarian girl. He pursued the enemy, defeated him, and liberated the girl. Because of his skills in military and diplomacy, as well as his religious devotion and chivalry, St. Laszlo was chosen to lead the first Crusade to the Holy Land, but died before the mission commenced. He was canonized by Pope Celestine III. His feast day is June 27.

Saturday, June 28 – St. Irenaeus of Lyons - St. Irenaeus of Lyons (c. 125 – 203 A.D.) was born in Asia Minor at a time when the direct memory of the Apostles was still alive. He was well educated in Sacred Scripture, theology, philosophy, and literature. He became an astute disciple of St. Polycarp, who himself was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist, one of the Twelve Apostles who belonged to Jesus' inner circle. St. Irenaeus is therefore an early witness of the authentic teaching of the Apostles preserved and handed down in both the written and oral tradition. St. Irenaeus was ordained a priest and became bishop of Lyons in modern-day France. He was one of the Church's first great theologians and apologists, writing his famous and important work 'Against Heresies' to combat the heresy of Gnosticism which greatly threatened the early Church. He is also an early witness of the primacy of Peter over the other Apostles, and thus the authority of the Roman See over the whole Church. St. Irenaeus is one of the most important early Church Fathers and is a Doctor of the Church. His feast day is June 28.



Our Lady of Mercy Parish

JUNE 22, 2025



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Sun. June 22	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius Edward Josephy Britenriker, Jr
	10:30a.m.	SP	For the People
Mon. June 23			NO MASS
Tues. June 24	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
Communion Svc			
Wed. June 25	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Communion Svc			
Thurs. June 26	9:00 a.m.	OLM	Giovanni Stella
Communion Svc			
Fri. June 27	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
Communion Svc			
Sat. June 28	4:30 pm	SP	For the People
Sun. June 29	8:30a.m.	OLM	Rosemary Pontius
	10:30a.m.	SP	Al Holland

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Wednesday's continuing with Season 2 – The Chosen at 7:00 p.m. OLOM basement
 ---June 21 -27 – Catholic Heart Workcamp
 ---July 20 – Altar Rosary meeting after Mass

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for June 15, 2025

SUNDAY OFFERTORY (13 envelopes)	\$ 831.00
LOOSE OFFERINGS	\$ 76.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 840.00)

OTHER COLLECTION	
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 50.00
Maintenance	\$ 150.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS (Sunday & Other)	\$ 1,107.00

CPC Baby Bottle Fundraiser	\$ 206.61
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Word(s) of the week (from The America College Dictionary)

ALLELUIA – a song of praise to God

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

John 6:51

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS

June 29, 2025

Greeters/Gifts	Mike Maginn Family
Proclaimer	Shelly Gruman
Servers	Will Maginn
Ushers	Ron Baker Terry Kovar
Ministers of the Eucharist	Until further notice
Money Counters	Ron Baker Phil Baker Terry Kovar

Dear Padre,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion?

Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the ‘body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, “This presence is called ‘real” (CCC 1374).

To answer your question regarding “documented proof,” this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is “seen” through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: “Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord” (“Look Beyond,” Darryl Ducote). ●



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Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday

June 23
Weekday
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday

June 24
The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Wednesday

June 25
Weekday
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday

June 26
Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–16 or 16:6b–12, 15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday

June 27
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday

June 28
Weekday
Gn 18:1–15
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday

June 29
Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19



PAUL HARRING / CNS

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

There is hunger for food around us, but also for companionship; there is hunger for consolation... there is hunger to be evangelized. We find this in the eucharistic bread—Christ’s attention to our needs and the invitation to do the same toward those who are beside us. We need to eat and to feed others.

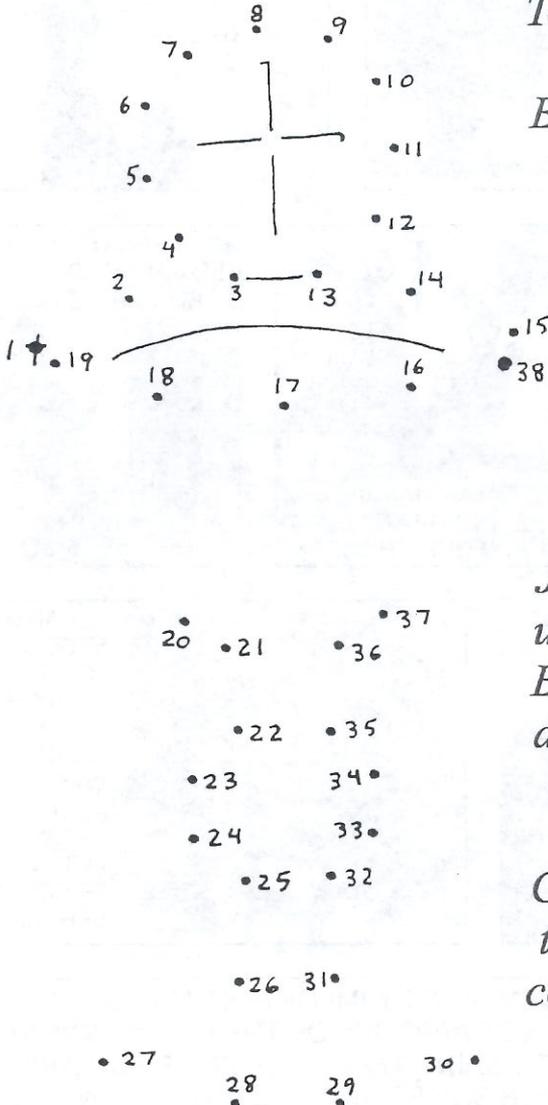
ANGELUS, ROME, JUNE 19, 2022

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ
 Sunday June 22nd, 2025



Today is the feast day of the Body and Blood of Jesus.

When He died on the cross He offered up His Body and Blood for us.

Jesus also gave us His Body and Blood to eat and drink at the Last Supper.

Connect the dots to see where He comes to us now!

Saint Thomas More

June 22

THOMAS MORE WAS BORN IN LONDON, ENGLAND IN 1478. HE WAS INTELLIGENT AND WELL EDUCATED. HE BECAME A LAWYER.



THOMAS LIVED A VERY PIOUS LIFE AND THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST.

Lord, what do you want me to do with my life?

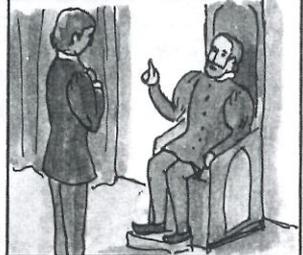


HE STILL HAD MANY PRIEST FRIENDS, BUT HE BECAME A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT.

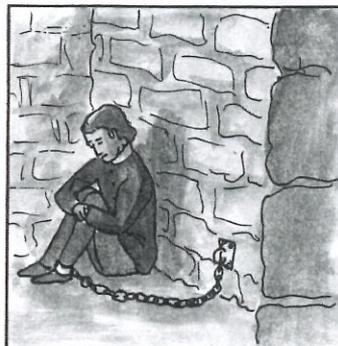


THOMAS MARRIED. HE AND HIS WIFE HAD FOUR CHILDREN.

KING HENRY VIII LIKED HIM AND MADE HIM LORD CHANCELLOR.



BUT THOMAS QUIT WHEN THE KING DECIDED TO DIVORCE AND REMARRY AND CLAIM HE WAS HEAD OF THE CHURCH.



BECAUSE HE STOOD UP FOR THE CHURCH'S TEACHING, THOMAS WAS ACCUSED OF TREASON, PUT IN PRISON AND BEHEADED.

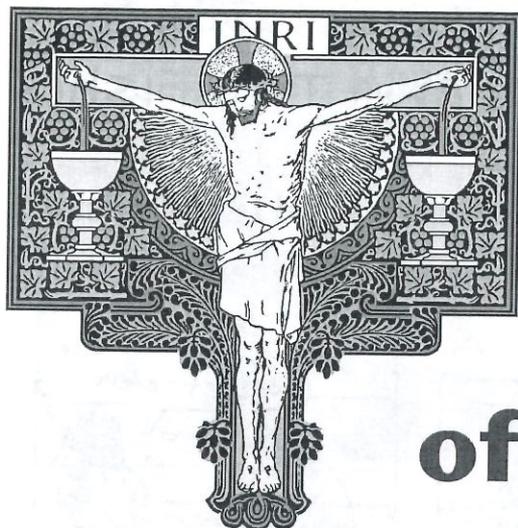
SAINT THOMAS MORE WAS A VERY IMPORTANT MAN IN HIS KINGDOM, BUT HE DID NOT APPROVE OF THE KING'S WRONG IDEAS. YOU CAN PRAY TO SAINT THOMAS MORE IF YOU ARE TEMPTED TO AGREE WITH SOMETHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG. BE READY TO SUFFER FOR THE TRUTH LIKE THE MARTYRS DID!

Unscramble the Story: Five Loaves and Two Fishes

How well do you know the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes? Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes in the right order.



When Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand with five loaves and two fish, He was giving an example of how He could feed everyone with His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.



The Body and Blood of Christ

When Jesus went back to Heaven He didn't want to leave us all alone, so He gave Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. First He gave Himself to the Apostles at the Last Supper, and today He gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Normally when we eat something it gets absorbed into our body. But receiving Jesus in Holy Communion does something different. It makes us more into Jesus' Body! It brings our soul closer to God and closer to all the other people in the Church. That's what "Communion" means.

When we go to Communion in a state of grace we can get so much more grace from God. Our venial (small) sins can be taken away and we can get more strength to do His will. In fact, the time that your prayers are the most powerful is right after you receive Holy Communion, when Jesus is right inside you. He is your closest friend and only wants what is good for you. When you go to Communion remember Who you just received and don't forget to thank Him for coming to you!

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle: top: 3, 6 middle: 5, 1 bottom: 2, 4