

Saint Philip Neri Church (Reed City) and Saint Anne Mission (Paris)

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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 19, 2022

Sunday, June 19

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26;
Luke 9:11-17

8:00 AM Mass at St. Anne

10:00 AM Mass at St. Philip Neri

K of C Breakfast 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Monday, June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15, 18; Matthew 7:1-5

1:00 PM Al-anon

Tuesday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kings 19:9-11, 14-21, 31-36;

Matthew 7:6, 12-14

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Jerry Mascotti by Elizabeth Marek

Wednesday, June 22

Sts. John Fisher and

Thomas More

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20

9:00 AM Mass – St. Anne

†Ron Baker by Carol Scheid

Thursday, June 23

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Esther Wekenman by Patricia and Todd Wilkins

Friday, June 24

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 15:3-7

9:00 AM Mass – St. Philip Neri

†Marjorie Brooks by Tom Eichenberg

10:00 AM Scripture Study

Saturday, June 25

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Luke 2:41-51

3:00 PM Reconciliation at St. Philip Neri

4:00 PM Mass at St. Philip Neri

Farewell Party for Father Mike after the

4:00 PM Mass

Father Mike's Musings

Dioceses throughout the United States are launching a 3-year “Eucharistic Revival” beginning this month, specifically this Sunday, the Feast of Corpus Christi, and ending in 2024 with a “National Eucharistic Congress” in Indianapolis. The purpose of this revival initiative is to *“renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.”* (USCCB)

This revival will include eucharistic processions, numerous opportunities in parishes for Adoration, and other planned events—at all levels of the Church, from the smallest mission church to greatest cathedral and basilica. As we enter into this time of renewal we should all take into account something that is central to our personal relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. We must ask ourselves; “Where is the Lord? 1) In our hearts? 2) In our minds? 3) In Heaven above? 4) Or is He relegated to that shiny golden box (Tabernacle) set behind the altar?”

Easy answer: All of the Above! But as far as being tangibly present in our churches we readily answer that He abides in the Tabernacle. After all it is what we can see and touch, therefore it is a “real presence”.

In the age of Moses the presence of God resided on Earth in a sacred tent called the “Tabernacle”. This tent was always set in the center of Hebrew encampments (remember they spent a lot of time wanderings around) as a reminder that the Lord should and always will be at the center of their lives. Traditionally our churches are designed to reflect this same idea as the Tabernacle contains the presence of God, through Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

As noted the reality of the physical structure of the Tabernacle lulls many of us into believing that this is the only place Christ exists in our world. This belief is false if we truly believe in the “Real Presence” of the Lord in the bread and the wine consecrated and transformed into His Body and Blood. Because this false belief negates the presence of Christ in the eucharistic matter as it claims that He is only present at the Mass, inside the church, but does not exist beyond the doors of a church. If this were the case then why should we bother to partake of the Eucharist since the healing and strengthening effects cease at the end of Mass?

If we have been to Adoration or have participated in a Eucharistic procession we have probably seen this beautiful object carried by the priest called a *Monstrance*. The name comes from the Latin “to show”—*Monstrare*. It is designed to appear as though rays of light, or a sunburst, is emanating from the centerpiece which holds the Blessed Sacrament. This shows to the faithful that in the Eucharist Christ’s glory shines in the world. This is so with a golden monstrance because of the “Real Presence” which comprises its center.

It is just as so with us by virtue of our partaking of that same “Real Presence” at the celebration of the Mass. The monstrance is an example of the handiwork of skilled artisans, we are the handiwork of the greatest artisan—God the Father—we are a flesh and blood “monstrance”. Like the golden monstrance we carry Christ, beyond the doors of our respective parish churches, out into the world, letting His light shine to all we encounter. The “Real Presence” has not only transformed simple bread and wine into Christ’s Body and Blood, but through our participation in this reality we simple humans have been transformed into His continuing presence in the world.



Weekly Contributions

June 11-12

	<u>St. Philip Neri</u>	<u>St. Anne</u>
Offering Env. (30)	\$1,890.00	(9) \$790.00
Loose	<u>305.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$2,195.00	\$810.00

Wkly. Budget \$3,596.15

O/ (U) Budget 591.15

YTD Budget \$176,211.35

YTD Collection 171,484.92
(\$4,726.43)

St. Philip Neri June 25, 4:00 PM

Eucharist: None at this Time

Word: Lynne Kreger

Hospitality: Harriet Lenahan
Betty Yost

St. Philip Neri: June 26, 10:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time

Word: Susan Fabus

Hospitality: Tom Fabus
George Strodl

St. Anne: June 26, 8:00 AM

Eucharist: None at this Time

Word: Beth Erickson

Prayer Chain

We would like to update the prayer chain. If you would like to be on the prayer chain list we would love to have you. You make a phone call to the next person on the list and pray for the person in need. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

Christmas in July-‘Gifts for Kids’ Golf Outing

The ‘Gifts for Kids’ planning committee is pleased to announce the Ninth Annual G4K golf outing to benefit the ‘Gifts for Kids’ program in Osceola County. This year’s date is Thursday, July 7th with a shotgun start at 10:00 AM at Spring Valley Golf Course. As a parish community, we are used to contributing gifts for children ages 4-7 or monetary donations in December, and those contributions from our parish families are gracious and so much appreciated. However, there are several more areas to be provided for to make this December event complete: household baskets, meat vouchers, INC Spot shopping vouchers, the family games table among others. As a non-profit organization, ‘Gifts for Kids’ has just one major fundraiser—this golf outing.

We are hoping St. Philip Neri-St. Anne parishioners and the members of Knights of Columbus Council #12668 would take it upon themselves to form and enter at least one or two teams for this great cause. The teams could consist of men, women, and mixed. The cost would be \$60 per person, and you would be representing our parish communities and/or the K of C. Sign-up sheets will be found on the bulletin board in the back of the church with more information; or contact Sue Maskill, a planning committee volunteer, at (231) 832-4085.

Faith Formation News

This weekend we celebrate the ‘Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ’. The Eucharist is the very “source and summit” of our faith as Catholic Christians, as stated in the documents of the Second Vatican Council. We are not spectators at Mass, we come for Divine Worship. We come together as a community of faith to remember the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We receive the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. I repeat this line over and over before I get into the Communion line, so that I remember who I am receiving.

I believe with my whole being that the Eucharist is truly the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. During the lockdown because Covid-19 I had moments of feeling so lost without being able to celebrate Mass with the Community of the Faithful and receive the Body of Christ and the Precious Blood. Who would have dreamed we would be without the Eucharist for so long a time? A time that my soul longed with all its might for the living bread come down from Heaven, for the food for the journey of life, an absence in my life that felt endless. However, it also cultivated gratitude for the Eucharist. Times in my life when I had just taken for granted that I could go to Mass anytime I wanted and receive the Eucharist.

Over the years in ministry, I have met with many people who long for the Eucharist in their lives. However, they often do not realize it. They have very busy lives, children to raise and take to dance lessons and performances, to sports practices and games. There seems to be a lack of discernment of what or who is at the center of their lives. Let us commit ourselves anew to come to Mass every week to offer our Divine worship to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Let us join with the Community of the faithful in receiving the Body and Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ our LORD.

In Joy,

Beth Dake

Director of Faith Formation

Farewell Party for Father Mike

The weekend of June 25th and 26th after the Masses at St Philip Neri there will be a farewell reception for Father Mike. This is a time for us to say our good-byes and wish Father Mike well in his new assignment. There will be goodies in the Parish Room after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday and the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday.

Ways to Give to CSA

<https://dioceseofgrandrapids.org/CSA>

Online: Click the “Give Now CSA 2022” button where you will be given the options for making secure monthly installments or a one-time gift using a credit/debit card or a bank account number.

Mail: Please fill out the pledge card that was included in your CSA mailing, and mail it to St. Philip Neri-St. Anne.

In-Person: You may also fill out your pledge card and return it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass.