

The Most Holy

Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2010

The Twelve approached Jesus and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms to find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Luke 9: 11-17

Sacred Vessels

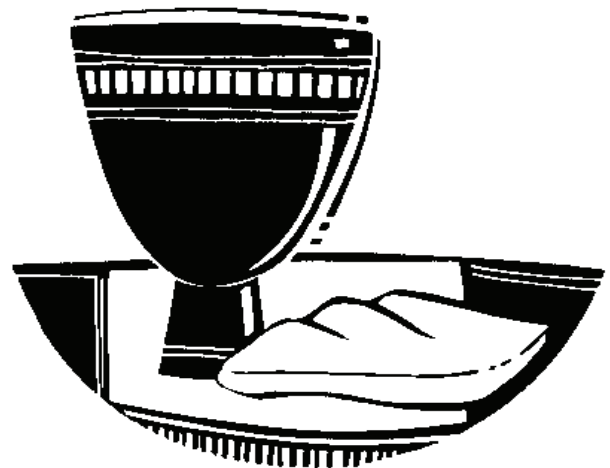
The teacher asked her young students to bring to their next religious education class something from home that symbolized their families' faith. One student brought a rosary, and another a bible, a third a crucifix. But one little girl brought perhaps the most meaningful expression of all - her mother's casserole dish. In our church we use many "sacred" vessels and objects in our worship - patens on which the consecrated bread of the Eucharist is placed, chalices to hold the precious blood of the Lord, linens to cover the altar, thuribles of incense with clouds of smoke rising like our prayers to heaven. But there are many other ordinary, common things we use every day that we would never think of as "sacred", yet they can be instruments and tools of God's compassion. For example, the crock pot in which you make a supper for a family in mourning preparing to bury a loved one is a sacred vessel. The towel you use to wipe the brow of a dying parent is as precious as altar linen. The soup kettle and ladle that are used to feed the poor and homeless transform a basement soup kitchen in a holy place. Every act of selfless generosity, every kindness extended, every moment given to the needs of another, is the incense of prayer rising to God's dwelling place.

The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle of Jesus recorded in all four Gospels. The early Christian community clearly loved this story, seeing it as a precursor to the Eucharist. In every version of the story, Jesus responds to the Twelve's concern for the crowds by challenging them to come up with whatever they can, if only a few pieces of fish and some scraps of bread. From what they give, Jesus works the wonder. In doing so, Jesus forever connects compassion and generosity with the sacrament of his body and blood, just as he inextricably links the service of foot washing with the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Jesus' gift of the Eucharist - the bread and wine blessed and broken for our sake - comes with an important string attached - it must be shared. In our taking the body of Christ, we become the body of Christ. In receiving the Eucharist, we must be willing to become Eucharist for others, to make the limitless, complete love of Christ real for all.

Recently Baptized

Meghan Rose Wilburn

Katherine Therese Kucharski



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, June 7 - Weekday

5:15 PM The Trayte & Buck Families

Tuesday, June 8 - Weekday

8:00 AM Chuck & Marge Dawson

Wednesday, June 9 - St. Ephrem

5:15 PM Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, June 10 - Weekday

8:00 AM Helen Dudas

Friday, June 11 - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

5:15 PM Agnes Ramagli

Saturday, June 12 - The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Poor Souls

4:00 PM Deceased of the Moriarty
& McGuane Families

Sunday, June 13 - Eleventh Sunday Ordinary In Time

9:00 AM Deceased Priests of the Diocese

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

Wedding Banns

III Kyle S. Ross & Joana M. Donofrio

Coffee & Donuts

Join us for coffee, donuts and conversation after the 9AM and 11AM Sunday Masses.

Senior Clementines & Friends

All older adults are invited to join the Senior Clementines and Friends on Thursday, June 10th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm in St. Clement Church Hall. We are happy to have Tai Chi instructor, Michael Rhoades, demonstrate this traditional Chinese exercise. (The slow dance-like speed of Tai Chi creates balance, flexibility and calmness). There will also be refreshments served. If this will be your first meeting, call Jeanne Lombardo (216) 226-5878.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 17: 1-6; Mt 5: 1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17: 7-16; Mt 5: 13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18: 20-39; Mt 5: 17-19
Thursday: 1 Kgs 18: 41-46; Mt 5: 20-26
Friday: Ez 34: 11-16; Rom 5: 5-11; Lk 15: 3-7
Saturday 1 Kgs 19: 19-21; Lk 2: 41-51
Sunday: 2 Sm 12: 7-10, 13; Gal 2: 16, 19-21;
Lk 7: 36 - 8:: 3

On the Road Again!

Join the Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union on June 18th and explore some of the beautiful historic churches and houses of worship in the Greater Cleveland Area. Learn fascinating and unique stories behind these remarkable holy places of worship—St. Helena, St. Michael, St. Emeric, St. John Cathedral and St. James the Greater. Trip package price is \$55/person and includes lunch at the famous Sokolowski's University Inn of Tremont.

Win a Dugout Suite with a Hotdog Feast!

Imagine you and eleven of your friends in a Dugout Loge with unlimited hotdogs, popcorn and soft drinks watching the Indians vs. Tigers on Sunday, July 18th! Make it happen by purchasing a raffle ticket from LifeWorks Ohio. Tickets are \$20 each. This is a \$5,000 value and only 1,500 tickets will be sold. The drawing will be held on July 1st. Call LifeWorks Ohio at 216-661-6616 for your tickets today.

Attend Mass on Vacation...

If you have a computer, you can go to masstimes.org to find the Mass times almost anywhere in the world.

CatholicJobs.com

is a web site that features free job listings for Catholic organizations, as well as free job searches and career tools for anyone seeking employment.

Finance Corner:

Collection for weekend of May 30 - \$ 6,669.94

Envelopes used - 217

Thank you for your continued support and generosity for the parish.

Mark Your Calendars!

On Saturday, June 12th and Sunday, June 13th all graduating high school seniors and graduating college students will be recognized and receive a special blessing at every Mass. Please join us to recognize the students.

Pot of Gold Winners

(\$100) Maire Manning
(\$25) Ann Morris, Rita McMaster,
Kay & Larry Bir, Pat Januszak,
Marian Bailey



Summer Volunteer Opportunity

"Touch our world one child at a time."
Today more and more children find themselves homeless. Blessing House, a crisis care center for children in the Cleveland Area, provides children a safe and loving environment until they can go home. The Sisters of Notre Dame invite single women ages 18-40 to volunteer at Blessing House from June 27-July 2. For more information contact Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND 440-279-1194.

A Summer Vacation for the Soul

Tired of the typically busy, action-packed vacations that do not really feel like vacations? Jesuit Retreat House offers something different for those who want to seek more this summer - more peace, more rest, more time to get to the heart of what's important and get closer to God. The following retreats are being offered: Weekend - July 9th -11th and July 16th - 18th. Cost is \$150. Eight day retreat June 22nd - June 29th, or July 6 - 13, or July 14 - 21 cost \$450. For more information and reservations call the Jesuit Retreat House at 440-884-9300 or go to www.jrh-cleveland.org. There is nothing quite like the summertime serenity of JRH, so come to our place of peace and give yourself the break you need this summer.

Catholic Community Connection . . .

is an organization of Catholic-sponsored education, health care, human services, and senior living ministries that fosters collaboration to respond to the needs of all people within the Diocese of Cleveland. Call 1-866-821-6634 to access resources or go to catholiccommunityconnection.org for more info.