

Happy Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God!

What a Gift we celebrate today!

The Eucharist is everything. It's all things, the fullness of life, eternal salvation, mercy, grace, happiness, etc. Why is the Eucharist all this and so much more? Simply put, the Eucharist IS God. Period. Therefore, the Eucharist is all that God is.

In his beautiful traditional hymn, "*Adoro te Devote*," St. Thomas Aquinas writes, "I devoutly adore You, O hidden Deity, truly hidden beneath these appearances. My whole heart submits to You, and in contemplating You, it surrenders itself completely. Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of You, but hearing suffices firmly to believe..." What a glorious statement of St. Thomas' faith in the wondrous gift of the Eucharist, of Jesus giving Himself to us.

St. Thomas' statement of faith emphasizes that when we worship before the Eucharist, we worship God Himself hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Our senses are deceived. What we see, taste and feel do not reveal the reality before us. The Eucharist is God. Throughout our lives, if we were raised Catholic, we were taught reverence for the Eucharist. But "reverence" is not enough. Most Catholics reverence the Eucharist, meaning, we genuflect, kneel before, and treat the Sacred Host with respect. But it's important to ponder a question in your heart: Do you believe the Eucharist is God Almighty, the Savior of the world, the second Person of the Most Holy Trinity? Do you believe deeply enough to have your heart moved with love and profound devotion every time you are before our divine Lord present before us under the veil of the Eucharist? What about your heart when you kneel before the Eucharist in the tabernacle above the altar? Is it as if you are laying down your entire being by giving your heart to Jesus, by loving God with your whole being?

Perhaps this sounds a bit excessive. Perhaps simple reverence and respect is enough for you. But it's not. Since the Eucharist is God Almighty, we must see Him there with the eyes of faith in our soul. We must profoundly adore Him as the angels do in Heaven. We must cry out, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty." We must be moved to the deepest of worship as we enter into His divine presence. Jesus desired that we be physically close to Him so He left us Himself, as described in today's second reading written by St. Paul.

Ponder the depth of your faith in the Eucharist today and strive to renew it, worshiping God as one who believes with the whole of your being.

Lord of the Eucharist, I venerate You with my head bowed. With my faith providing for what fails my senses, I honor the Father and His Son, loving back who loved me first, as an apprentice in the school of love. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Feast of Corpus Christi

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." Luke 9:17

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Farewell Dinner for Fr. John Gathungu

Join us Saturday, June 25th
From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall
to thank him for the 3 years he has
been our spiritual shepherd and to
wish him well at his new appointment
in Idaho Falls, Arco & Mackay.

The main entrée is ham! A sign-up
sheet is available in the Church
entrance for side dishes: scalloped
potatoes, baked beans, dinner rolls,
coleslaw, & garden salads. Dinner
ware, punch, coffee & water are
provided. You are welcome to bring
your own spirits for the occasion!

Thank you to all who prepared for and
celebrated with Nelson Cintra, transitional
deacon, and the four seminarians who
accompanied him: Christopher Din, Zack
MacKeller, Ian Willnerd, & Nathan Ribb.

By God's grace, Nelson will be ordained
to the priesthood on June 8, 2023. Please
keep them all in your prayers as they
continue with their formation.

Please take a free **Parent's Prayer** card found
in the Church entrance. The prayer was written
by Deacon Gregory Sokolowski who was
inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Welcome Father John Mosier July 1st as our appointed Pastor!

He was born Dec. 1, 1962 in Kansas City. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and then as vice president of Sony Corporation's biotechnology business unit, with assignments in Austria, Germany and Holland. After his wife Jackie's death, he entered Mount Angel Seminary at age 51 in 2014. In addition to a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Theology from Mount Angel, he also earned a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology with an emphasis in linguistics from Saint Anselmo in Rome. He was ordained on June 6, 2019, by Bishop Peter Christensen in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. After his ordination, Father Mosier was named Parochial Vicar and then Administrator at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Coeur d'Alene, where he has served until his new assignment in Salmon, Challis, and Leadore.

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See the bulletin insert for information printed on his ordination to the priesthood in 2019.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 19: Happy Father's Day! This Mass will be offered for the repose of the soul of Gino Ottonello. Join us during coffee hour to share stories and celebrate his life as a long time St Charles parishioner.

June 21 & 22: Red Cross Blood Drive in our Parish Hall.

June 21: Pastoral Council meet at 6:00 pm in the Library.

June 25: Farewell Dinner, 6-8 p.m. for Fr. John Gathungu.

June 26: Fr. John Gathungu's last Mass at St Charles.

June 28-30: No daily Mass.

July 1: Daily Mass with Fr. John Mosier at 9:00 a.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Special Days This Week:

June 20: Dan Mudd (B)

June 21: Jane Feldhausen (B)

June 24: Marietta Rumary (B)

*Happy Birthday! May you be richly blessed
as you celebrate your special day!*