

**From the  
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,  
 This weekend we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, which annually is the special Sunday on which we remember the magnificent gift of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist that Jesus has given to us. It is the Gift of His Very Self, of all that He is: His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. In the Holy Eucharist we literally and really have a physical encounter with our Crucified and Risen Lord. There is no more personal way of meeting Him in this life until He returns in glory. So, if we want to have a truly personal relationship with Jesus, then we must have devotion to Him present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Of course, our presence at Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day is the minimum necessary to develop this personal relationship with Christ, so the Church reminds us of this obligation: if we truly love Jesus who is present to us in such a wonderful way, then we must be present to him on these days. If we choose not to come to Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation when there is no serious reason that confines us to home, such as an illness, the frailty of old age, or severe weather, then we sin mortally. Jesus present in the Eucharist, who is nothing but our God of eternal and infinite love, is rejected by us in a fundamental way: He is there for us but we are not there for Him, we being so stingy that we cannot give him some time out of our week. If we deliberately did not give our family members any time out of our week, would we really have a relationship of love with them? Further, we are encouraged to go beyond the minimum and to develop an even deeper and greater devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist. This occurs when we come to daily Mass, when we pray in the presence of the Holy Eucharist reserved in the tabernacles of our Catholic churches or when there is Eucharistic Exposition, and /or stop into church to make a visit to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. While Jesus has given us the Holy Eucharist for the first purpose of His being our spiritual food when we receive Him worthily in Holy Communion, He also has given us Himself in the Holy Eucharist that we might know the consolation that he is always present in our Catholic churches and therefore always available for us to come and know the security of His abiding Presence. Hence we should come and adore Him in the Eucharist both at Mass and outside of Mass, showing him our thanksgiving and praying for our needs and those of the Church and world. The challenge, then, is to make the Mass and Holy Eucharist the very center of

our lives around with everything else revolves. Have a wonderful week. God bless, Father Gutowski

**MASS  
INTENTIONS****JUNE 20 THRU JUNE 19**

Monday	Virginia Meister
Tuesday	Joseph Ramm
Wednesday	William Roth
Thursday	Priest's Intention
Friday	Priest's Intention
Saturday	Bill Urbanski
Sunday	People of St. Joseph

**FAIR BOOTH HELP NEEDED**

Please be sure to sign up for helping at the Fair Booth. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church. There are still many slots available.

**PIRATES OF PENZANCE**

St. Joseph's will host the Summer Theater production of "Pirates of Penzance" by Gilbert & Sullivan on Friday, July 1 at 7 p.m. in the Social Hall. All are invited! Area 4th - 8th graders sing and act their way through this hour-long production. A reception will follow.

**1ST SATURDAY MORNING MASS**

There will be NO mass on Saturday morning, July 2.

**MORNING MASS**

Those attending morning Mass are asked to welcome Fr. John Mace. He will be saying morning Mass this week on Thursday and Friday when Fr. Matt is away.



Youth  
Group



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**MINISTERS**