

The Body and Blood of Christ — June 14, 2009

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ B 1 *Exodus 24:3-8*

The Blood of the Covenant

To drink the blood of Christ is to perform a strong act of faith. Drinking human blood would be repulsive in any culture. But drinking divine blood is an act of faith.

Jesus specifically asked us to do this. "Take and drink," he said. "This is my blood." And, "If you do not drink my blood you have no life in you." Strong words.

Moses used blood as a sign of the covenant between Israel and God. After relating God's commands to the people, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses had some young men slaughter some young bulls as a peace offering. He sprinkled some of the blood on an altar. He sprinkled more of it on the people. Blood, the symbol of life, united the people with God in a committed covenant.

Moses told the people, "This is the blood of the covenant." Jesus told those gathered at the Last Supper, "This is the blood of the new and everlasting covenant."

When we drink the blood of Christ, we drink the source of life. We make firm our commitment with God. We say in our sip, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us."

Readings For Next Sunday **June 20 & 21**

1st Reading...Jb 38:1, 8-11
2nd Reading...2 Cor 5:14-17
Gospel...Mk 4:35-41

ALTAR SERVERS **(Week of June 15)**

Monday	Noon	Joe Thomas
Tuesday	Noon	To Be Contacted
Wednesday	Noon	Bud Koshewa
Thursday	Noon	Steve Sternberg
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	+A. Durbin, D. Flynn, J. Vining
Sunday	10:00am	+T. Monarch, H. Hammond, S. Olshansky

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MASS INTENTIONS **(Week of June 15)**

Monday	Noon	Louis Preher
Tuesday	Noon	Dec. Mem. of the Altar Society
Wednesday	Noon	Virginia Johmann
Thursday	Noon	Jeanette Hackett
Friday	Noon	Communion Service
Saturday	4:30pm	St. Raphael Community
Sunday	10:00am	Bob Blair

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS **(June, 2009)**

4:30pm....David Worland, *Cpt.* Joe O'Toole, Marti Family
10:00am... Paul (cpt) and Ellen Wilson, Craig Spencer, Roy & Kathy Potts, Dave Quesenberry, Chris Hartung, Bill Tharp

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS **(June 20 & 21)**

4:30pm...Team A...George Gates, *Cpt.*, Mike Armes, Judy Fieldhouse, Don Bayers, Joan Raap, Cleo Leonhardt, Marty Purcell
10:00am...Team B...Horace Lynch, *Cpt.*, David Meyer, Lisa Stearns, Mike Littell, Carolyn Bell, Karen Willenger

LECTORS **(June 20 & 21)**

4:30pm...Sandy Cundiff & Kathleen Reed
10:00am....Mary Henry & Bob Massey

GIFT BEARERS **(June 20 & 21)**

4:30pm...To Be Contacted
10:00am...To Be Contacted

Stewardship Reflection

Tithing for June 7.....\$21,126

The Eucharist illustrates the ultimate model of stewardship -- the sharing of God's very self with all.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Junior High Kentucky Horse Park:



We will meet at the Youth Basement on **Tuesday, June 23** at 9am sharp and return at 3pm. The cost is \$15. Please bring your permission slip from home or one from online.

Senior High Water Front Park Fun: We will meet at the Youth Basement at 9am, **Thursday, June 25**, and then head to Water Front Park for: bicycle rides, frisbee and fun. Everyone should bring his or her own spending money.

Opportunity to Travel:

National Catholic Youth Conference or **NCYC** will be held November 19-22, 2009 in Kansas City, MO. Our parish is allowed to take up to **6 youth group members**. NCYC is for High School Youth Group members that **actively participate** in their parish programs. Two years ago the Archdiocese of Louisville took 300 hundred youth to Columbus, Ohio. We joined 20,000 other young Catholics in prayer, mass, small group sessions, and worship. More information about NCYC will be available at High School youth nights on Thursdays from 7 to 9 pm.

For more information about any of the above info, contact Nick Cummins at: 458-2500 ext 141 or write to nkcummins@bellsouth.net.



Vacation Bible School

July 20-24

During Vacation Bible School (VBS), the children will spend a whole week discovering more about the Catholic Mass and deepening their love for Jesus in the Eucharist through faith teachings, music, games, crafts and snacks! While having fun doing activities they will learn about the Mystery, the Gift, the Celebration, the Meal and the Call of the Mass. Additionally the participants will be introduced to the virtues of Patience, Peace, Unity, Faith & Generosity. In order to make VBS a wonderful experience for the children of St. Raphael, we need adult volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please call Carolyn Marcum at 472-8429.

Summer Hours for the Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-1:00pm



There will be **No** noon Mass on Monday, June 22.

The Parish Office will be **closed** Friday, July 3.

The office will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 8:30am.

Prayer Blankets Needed...The Archdiocese of Louisville Office of Pastoral Care is seeking donations of Prayer Blankets. The Catholic Pastoral Care Teams at Baptist Hospital East, University of Louisville Hospital and Kosair Children's Hospital will distribute these gifts as part of their visitation with patients and families. Each blanket will be blessed and given to a hospital patient along with a prayer attached. The blankets will be for infants through senior adults. Please make sure that each blanket has a small pocket on the front of them for a prayer to be placed in it. The blankets that are given out at Kosair need to be children friendly patterns and any type for the adults. The Blankets should be 29" x 29" similar to a receiving blanket. For more information please call Jocelyn Frazier at (502) 636-0296 ext: 1244.

Picnic News

Picnic Setup & Takedown...Volunteers are needed to help with the setup of the picnic booths, fencing, etc. Booth setup will take place on Sunday, June 14 at 4pm. The setup of the fencing and other items will take place on Monday, June 15 at 6:30pm; and (if necessary) Tuesday, June 16 at 6:30pm. Volunteers will also be needed to help with taking down the picnic booths, fencing, etc. This will occur on Monday, June 22 at 6:30pm; and (if necessary) Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30pm. To help with either setup or take-down, join us at the church parking lot.

Jar & Gift Bag Booth...In the back of church we are giving out jars and gift bags for the Jar & Gift Bag Booth for the Picnic. Take one or both, fill it with something fun, such as dog bones, girls' barrettes, home-made cookies, candles, etc. Bring it back to church or the Jar & Gift Bag Booth the day of the picnic. Be Creative!!

Bereavement: Great appreciation and thanks to all the St. Raphael "angels" who have prepared, served or delivered food to our fellow parishioners who have lost a loved one. We receive many notes of appreciation from families who have benefited from our work. It is time now to welcome the new members who signed up via of their Stewardship cards and to express our appreciation to those members who have served faithfully for a long time and choose at this time to have their names removed from the membership. Many thanks to each and every one of you. We are in the process of reviewing the year and finding ways to improve our service to the community of St. Raphael. New members are presently being assigned to a team and will be contacted very soon. Anyone wishing to join and did not sign up on their stewardship renewal card please call Abbie Creed at 454-5077; Clara Jacob at 451-7066 or Cleo Leonhardt at 452-9867.

St. Raphael School Fall Sports Sign-ups

Cheerleading, Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball

Sign up by June 30

<http://www.quia.com/sv/308789.html>

St. Raphael School Fall Sports Coaching Application

<http://www.quia.com/sv/250243.html>

St. Raphael Football Clinic

For all St. Raphael parish kids grades 3 - 8 interested in football. This is a voluntary clinic that is free of charge.

July 7-9 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

To sign up/questions call Jeff Hofmann 664-6760

Please offer your prayers for our sick family & friends in the St. Raphael Parish community:

Bernadine Allbritten, Bob Bethards, Helen Bethards, Charles Bauer, Lucille Bauman, Jo Ann Carroll, James Caudill, Richard Chandler, David Charmoli, Victoria Clark, Pat Conner, Robert Coury, Martha Creed, Connor Day, Mary Jeannette Durham, Sara Fante, Daniel Flynn, Kay Forsthoefel, Frances Gibson, Sue Harris, Marcella Horney, Mary Kautzman, Damion Kline, Albert Knabel, George Koestel, A.C. Leonhardt, Cleo Leonhardt, Phyllis Lippy, Marilyn Malone, Andrew McKinley, Tom Meyer, Bob Moore, Charlotte Nall, Ron Parrino, Connie Peters, Dr. Richard Phelps, Tina Ray, Jean Reinstedler, Joesph Sauter, Elfriede Smith, Elmer Smith, Dorothy Thomas, John Tichenor, Anna Maria Verwest, Jane Wagner, Carol Walls, Mary Warken, Lillian Werkman, James Whelan, Dorothy Wimsatt,

(In an effort to keep the prayer list up-to-date, please notify the Parish Office of any additions or deletions.)