

Dear Padre,

I'm eighty-one. When I received first Communion, the nuns told me not to chew the holy Eucharist, but to let it melt in my mouth. Is it wrong to chew it?

It is permitted to chew the host or to let it dissolve in your mouth. The hosts today must be unleavened and made only of flour and water, making it easier for some communicants to dissolve it in their mouths. Unleavened bread doesn't mold or spoil and is more suitable than leavened bread for exposition and adoration. However, for nearly 800 years, the Church used leavened wheat bread for the Eucharist before unleavened wheat bread was introduced into the Roman rite. Communicants would have had to chew the Eucharist before the modern waferlike host evolved.

Your first Communion instruction on the proper way to consume the Eucharist was an effort to instill in you a deep reverence for the Real Presence of Christ. This profound respect for our Lord in the form of consecrated bread and wine is still desired by the Church. For example, at Mass the priest "reverently consumes the Body of Christ" and "reverently partakes of the Blood of Christ" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 158). Similarly, "when receiving Holy Communion, the communicant bows his or her head before the Sacrament as a gesture of reverence and receives the Body of the Lord from the minister" (*GIRM* 160). Today's Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is a special day for us to remember Jesus' gift of his own body that we might be nourished and strengthened for this life's journey. ●



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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|
| June 12 | June 13 | June 14 | June 15 | June 16 | June 17 | June 18 |
| Weekday | St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church | Weekday | Weekday | Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time |
| 2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12 | 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16 | 2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19 | 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26 | Dt 7:6-11 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30 | 2 Cor 5:14-21 Lk 2:41-51 | Ex 19:2-6a Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36-10:8 |

Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 11, 2023

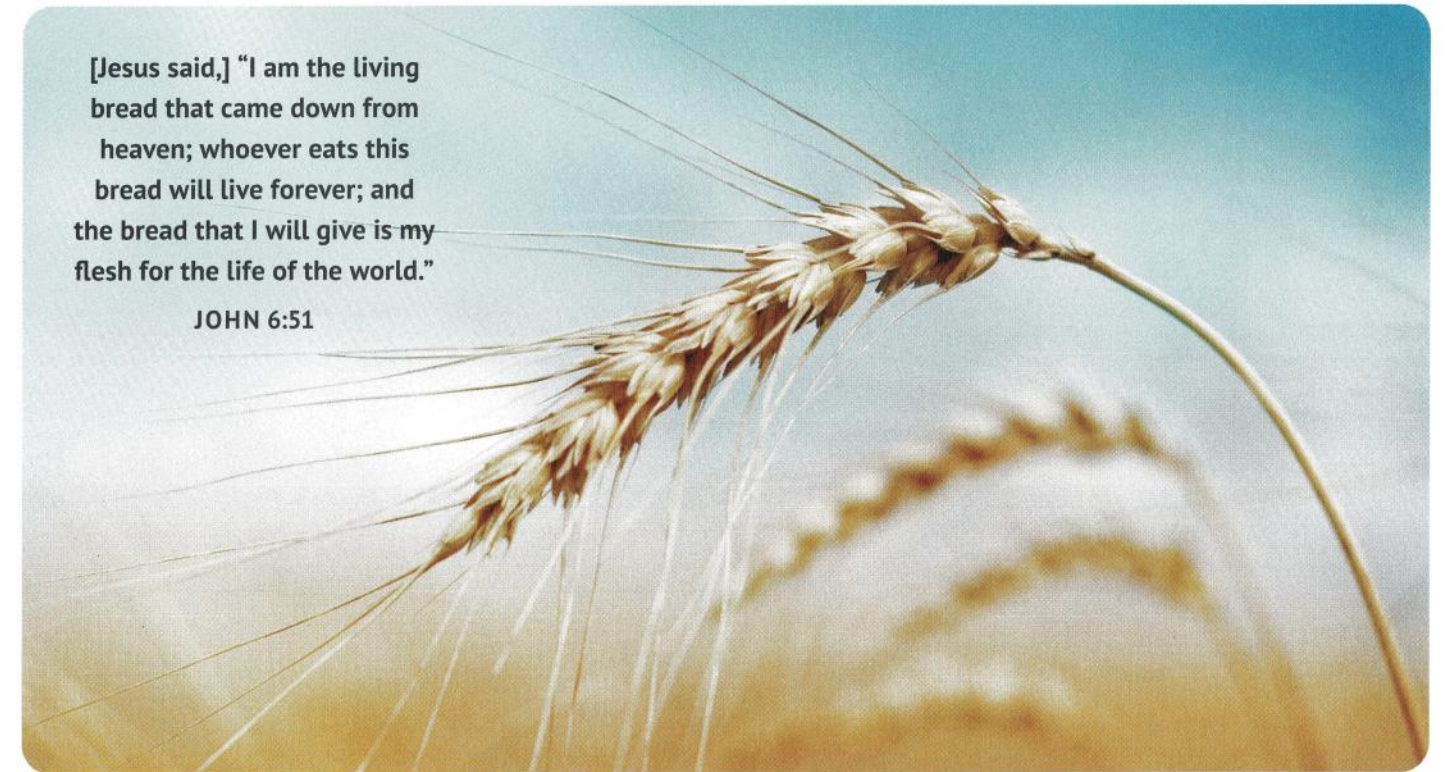
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (A)

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a / 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 / John 6:51-58



[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

JOHN 6:51



Food for the Day

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Just as the darkest of nights brings out stars we might never notice otherwise, so it is that when we find ourselves lost in the dark of life's deserts, the slightest kindnesses can bring us to a brief oasis in a day otherwise oppressive. Most often such moments come as gifts, unearned—even undeserved. Yet they are blessings to us.

Psychologists tell us that if we find ourselves down in the dumps and depressed, we can find hope by naming three things that happened that day that were pure gifts—a phone call from a friend, a compliment, a free cup of coffee, a good bill of health from the doctor. Remembering them at the end of the day and giving thanks for them may not solve the issues that burden us, but they can put them in perspective, reminding us that life is a mix of both the good as well as the not so good.

Moses urged the people to recall all that God had done for them—bringing them out of Egypt, guiding them through the desert, leading them to water, and feeding them with manna. Amid their grumbling, their remembering offered them hope and the courage to go on.

Thus, what psychologists suggest is what God has been doing for us for thousands of years—that God feeds us daily in large and small ways, all without our deserving it but out of his great generosity. Remember, then, how God has fed you. ●

Reflect

Tonight, will you think about your day and give thanks for three ways you were blessed?



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We who go to Mass can ask: What is it that we bring to the world? Is it our sadness and bitterness, or the joy of the Lord? Do we receive Holy Communion and then carry on complaining, criticizing and feeling sorry for ourselves? This does not improve anything, whereas the joy of the Lord can change lives.

HOMILY, ROME, JUNE 14, 2020

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St. James Parish Family

201 N. Missouri Street
Potosi, MO 63664



Weekly Mass Schedule

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| Mon | No Mass |
| Tues | 8:00 AM |
| Wed | 8:00 AM |
| Thurs | 8:00 AM |
| | 6:00 PM |
| Fri | 8:00 AM |
| Sat | 8:00 AM |
| | 4:30 PM |
| Sun | 8:00 AM |
| | 10:00 AM |

***HOLY DAY SCHEDULE:**
Please check the Bulletin for Mass times.

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www.stjamespotosi.org
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8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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Saturday: 3:30 - 4:10 PM
Thursday: 5:00 - 5:30 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK OF: **Jun 12, 2023**

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| MON | 8:00 AM | No Mass |
| TUE | 8:00 AM | Pat Pratt |
| WED | 8:00 AM | Diana Koenitz |
| THU | 8:00 AM | Greg Nicksic |
| THU | 6:00 PM | Kate Moxley |
| FRI | 8:00 AM | Wes Forrester |
| SAT | 8:00 AM | Richard Dix |
| SAT | 4:30 PM | Buckshot East |
| SUN | 8:00 AM | Parish Family |
| SUN | 10:00 AM | John Colgen |

Week of: June 4, 2023

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| Envelope.....\$ | 6678.00 | Main & Repairs.....\$ | 245.00 |
| Loose.....\$ | 1340.00 | On-Line donations.....\$ | 45.90 |
| SVDP.....\$ | 886.00 | Glennon Sunday.....\$ | 547.00 |
| Votive Lights.....\$ | 93.00 | Cemetery Maint.....\$ | 575.00 |
| Light House.....\$ | | | |

Special Ministers June 17 & 18, 2023

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| Saturday 4:30 pm Paul Villmer | Lectors: Sunday 8:00 am Jeanne DeGonia | Sunday 10:00 am Jamie Warden |
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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| Saturday 4:30 pm C: Judy East L: Laura Allen R: Annette Portell | Sunday 8:00 am Don Thompson Jamie Thompson Susan Broombaugh | Sunday 10:00 am Kim Coleman Mary Roy Diane McGirl |
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Servers:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Volunteers please
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Ava & Garryn West
Sun.10:00 a.m. Bruce Carter

Music:
Sat. 4:30 p.m. Chala Short
Sun. 8:00 a.m. Rebecca Richards
Sun.10:00 a.m. Anita Govero or The Little Way Band

Food of the Month of June: Breakfast items continue to be needed, but ALL items are appreciated! Thank you all for your continued generosity.
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS.
~We couldn't do it without you~
Please think about volunteering for our Fall Picnic this year

Heavenly Duster: **06/16:** Sharon Forrester
Altar Linens: **06/12:** Faye Jarvis

Protecting God's Children
Anyone who is interested & willing to be a volunteer; i.e. teachers, aides, SVDP, chaperones for youth group, etc... must take the Safe Environment online course AND attend Protecting God's Children. To make this easier, we have been able to get an instructor to come here to St. James Church. The class will be held **July 12th, 6:30 pm here in the Parish Hall.**
All are welcome to attend the class. If you're not volunteering at this time, but you may in the future, please come join us.

Mass Offerings -
Masses can be said for the living also: birthdays, anniversaries, etc.
Come by the office or write the name & any preferred date on paper, put in envelope with \$10 for each Mass & drop in drop box or put in the collection basket at Mass. If the chosen date is available, I will schedule for that date, if not I will schedule next available.

Word of Life
"Christ's blood reveals to man that his greatness, and therefore his vocation, consists in the sincere gift of self. ...It is from the blood of Christ that all draw the strength to commit themselves to promoting life. It is precisely this blood that is the most powerful source of hope, indeed it is the foundation of the absolute certitude that in God's plan life will be victorious."
Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana.
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May the worthy reception of Christ in the Eucharist strengthen us in our commitment to protect and cherish the gift of human life from conception to natural death;
We pray to the Lord:

Upcoming Events

- Jun 11: Feast of Corpus Christi, Precession at 10:00 am Mass
- Jun 12: SVDP mtg, 6:00 pm, Food Pantry
- Jun 18: Father's Day
- Jun 18-19: Moses Austin Festival, Potosi
- Jun 19: Rural Parish Clinic, St. James Church grounds
- Jun 24: Old Mines, MO 300th anniversary celebration
- Jun 28: Picnic mtg, 6:00 pm, Parish Hall

Jul 12: Protecting God's Children, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall

Picnic News!!
Our Gun Raffle this year brought in \$1600.00 already for our picnic! WOW! And the winners are:
1st winner - Brian Merkel - Ruger 10/22
2nd winner - Mary Ann Woodland - Henry Lever 22
3rd winner - Abraham Rolwes - Camo Johnson Pump 12 gage
Congratulations to our winners & Thanks to all who entered the raffle!

Our Country Store is still in need of those amazing handmade crafts and home-canned goods. Fall Picnic is only 3 months away and we all know how fast our summer's fly by.

*******FORMED*******
The INCREDIBLE Eucharistic Miracles w/Fr. Robert Spitzer:
The Eucharist is one of the greatest signs of Christ's love for us; not only did he want to be with us for 33 years and save us from our sins, but he also wanted to be united with us after his ascension in a radical way. Did you know there are miracles that back up the true presence of the Eucharist? It's true! You'll also get a primer on the metaphysics of the Eucharist, what "transubstantiation" means and the incredible stories of several Eucharistic miracles.

St. Francis of Assisi, Sign of Contradiction: Francis was a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was oftentimes left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Jesus Christ that his darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace. When the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion; his and ours.
To sign up for "Formed"
Go to: <https://signup.formed.org/>
Enter our parish's zip code
Enter your name and your email address. That's it, you're in.

Missionary Discipleship
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
The Blessed Sacrament
The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast began with St. Juliana, a young Belgian nun in the thirteenth century, who received in prayer an inspiration for a feast that would celebrate and promote the gift of the Real Presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. This feast would eventually spread throughout the province, continent, and world. Corpus Christi and its accompanying procession with the Blessed Sacrament, celebrating the sacrament and signifying God's presence in our world and in our lives and reminding us of our common pilgrimage to Heaven, is a prayerful and edifying act of the entire Church. As a general rule, devotions are not mentioned in the Code of Canon Law. However, because of the importance of this devotion in the life of the Church, canon 944 mentions it: "When it can be done in the judgment of the diocesan bishop, as a public witness of the veneration toward the Most Holy Eucharist, a procession is to be conducted through the public streets, especially on the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ." On this feast we can express our gratitude for the opportunity to receive our Lord every Sunday in the Eucharist, to adore Him in prayer, and to show Him to the rest of the world in the streets of our archdiocese.

Feast of Corpus Christi
June 11, 2023
Procession at 10:00 am Mass
Also called the "Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ", is a celebration in the Catholic Faith in honor of the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

This year, the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, marks the entrance into the second year of the **National Eucharistic Revival—the Year of Parish Revival.** Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. **Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist**

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."
JOHN 6:51

WHY NOW? Scandal, division, disease, doubt. The Church has withstood each of these throughout our very human history. But today we confront all of them, all at once. Our response in this moment is pivotal.

In the midst of these roaring waves, **Jesus is present**, reminding us that he is more powerful than the storm. He desires to heal, renew, and unify the Church and the world.

How will he do it? By uniting us once again around the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the **Eucharist.** The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation

Please come and join us in Procession at the 10:00 am Mass.

ST. JAMES YOUTH GROUP
PIZZA & POPSICLES
POOL PARTY
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH
6 TO 9 PM
@ THE ELKS POOL
ALL AGES WELCOME!
5 & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PARENT

Nothing is more rewarding than seeing the Faith flourish in the lives of the children you teach.
"Since God wishes to do all for us, let us place everything in His hands once and for all, leaving them to His infinite wisdom; and trouble no more about anything but what concerns Him."
Fr. Jean-Pierre De Caussade

St. James PSR NEWS
This year St. James will have our annual Fall PICNIC, Sunday, **September 17th.** All PSR Families are encouraged to volunteer to help in any way possible.
Registration for Fall PSR 2023-2024 will be held in August. PSR will be going back to the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month. The first PSR class will be Wed. September 13th. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for future information.
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