



## ALL SOULS CATHOLIC PARISH

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SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” - Mt 13:44



July 30, 2023

# All Souls Catholic Parish

The Communities of St. Ann, St. James, & St. John

Reverend Mark Kalema, Pastor

Reverend Joseph Kaye, Associate Pastor

## St. Ann Church & Parish Office

3010 Ridge Road, Lansing

708.895-6700/708-895-6877 (Fax)

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: Closed

### Confessions

3:00 p.m. Saturdays

## St. James Food Pantry

22400 Torrence Avenue, Sauk Village

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Schedule at St. Ann

### Monday Morning Communion Service

### Tuesday-Friday Morning Masses

7:30 a.m.

*Followed by Rosary on Weekdays*

### Saturday Mass

4:00 p.m.

### Sunday Masses

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

### Monday/Thursday Adoration

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

[www.allsoulscatholicparish.org](http://www.allsoulscatholicparish.org)

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### Please call the office:

- for baptism (2nd & 4th Sundays), marriage, anointing of the sick, quinceañeras, and RCIA/RCIY
- for Ministry of Care to the homebound or hospitalized
- to request prayers for the sick
- if you are grieving for a loved one

Subscribe to the bulletin and have it delivered to your email:

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Click "Find Your Charity" and search for All Souls Catholic Parish, visit [givecentral.org/location/100](http://givecentral.org/location/100) or scan the handy QR code here.



In these difficult economic times, know that the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Ann is here to assist you in your time of need. All information is kept confidential. Please do not wait until matters become insurmountable. Please call 708-745-4760.

### New Members Welcome!

We would love to have you join us! Please fill out the information below, and place in the Offertory Collection or send to the Parish Office. You may also request a registration form at 708-895-6700 or register on our website at >About >Becoming a Parishioner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Town/Zip

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Once you register and have a number assigned, you will be able to receive envelopes and play the weekly 50/50.



## Mass Intentions

**Monday, July 31** (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

**Tuesday, August 1**

(St. Alphonsus Liguori )

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

**Wednesday, August 2** (St. Eusebius of

Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† Vocations to the Priesthood

**Thursday, August 3**

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

**Friday, August 4** (St. John Vianney)

7:30 a.m. Mass

† People of the Parish

**Saturday, August 5** (The Dedication of  
the Basilica of St. Mary Major)

4:00 p.m. Mass

† Wayne Green (Mary Green)

**Sunday, August 6**

(The Transfiguration of the Lord)

8:30 a.m. Mass

† John Hemmerling, Sr. (Judy Wohadlo)

† Stan Wohadlo (Judy Wohadlo)

10:30 a.m. Mass

† David Radbel (Family)

**The 2023 Mass Book is open for your special intentions. Please call the office FMI or to schedule Mass intentions. The suggested donation is \$10.**

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 (97a)/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

## This Week's Activities

### Monday, July 31

Communion Service	7:30am	Chapel
Rosary	8:00am	Chapel
Adoration	9:00am - 6:00pm	Chapel
Legion of Mary (Spanish)	7:00pm	Parish Office

### Tuesday, August 1

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel
Food Pantry	10:00am - Noon	St. James

### Wednesday, August 2

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel
A.A. Meeting	8:00pm	School Hall

### Thursday, August 3

Daily Mass/Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30am	Chapel
Rosary	8:00am	Chapel
Adoration	9:00am - 6:00pm	Chapel
TOPS Meeting	6:00pm	Parish Office

### Friday, August 4

Daily Mass Followed by Rosary	7:30am	Chapel
Religious Education Registration	5:00 - 7:00pm	School Door C-3

### Saturday, August 5

Confessions	3:00pm	Chapel
Mass	4:00pm	Church

### Sunday, August 6

Masses (Children's Lit @10:30)	8:30 & 10:30am	Church
Religious Education Registration	9:30am - 12:30pm	School Door C-3
Parish Council Meeting	11:30am	Office

**For parish updates, please visit the website & click on the Calendar tab: [www.allsoulsatholicparish.org](http://www.allsoulsatholicparish.org)**

**To add to the calendar or to schedule the Narthex or other meeting spaces, please visit the Parish Office to fill out a request form.**

**All activities MUST be on the calendar in case of emergency.**



**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
TREASURES: MATTHEW 13:44-52**

Buried treasure, a pearl of great price, a storeroom full of choices—these are the themes of today's Gospel that I would like to explore with you in several stories. Straightforwardly, I use these figures of speech to represent the beginnings of morality, of character, and the critical part you play in the making of moral people, of which we seem to be in short supply these days.

Wisdom is the most precious gift a person can have. It is a real treasure. Without it, all other things are useless because we won't know how to use them. On being told that he could have anything he wanted from God, Solomon asked for the gift of wisdom. God was pleased with his request and granted it to him. However, this doesn't mean that wisdom was handed to him on a plate, so to speak. That does not and cannot happen.

Wisdom is not acquired overnight. If acquired at all, it is acquired gradually and often painfully. It is the task of a lifetime. Wisdom is like dew; it comes to us in tiny droplets without our knowing it. However, there can be experiences which enable us to take a giant step forward. Sometimes it takes a crisis to teach a person a little wisdom. Then the words of St Paul come true, namely, that in His mercy, God can make all things work for our benefit. (Second Reading).

Recently I heard a story about a woman who went shopping one day and, in the process, she ran into a store "for just a second." She had a baby (her niece) with her and thought the baby would be all right for just a minute while she got what she needed. Of course, the little stop took more than a couple of minutes and the hot sun on this summer day really heated up the car. Accidentally, in her haste, she left the keys in the car. She panicked. All the doors were locked. Could she call AAA? If she had a hanger, maybe she could get the door open with it. Meanwhile the baby was looking worse. Fortunately, a man came driving by, saw the situation and took a tool to break a window so the baby could be saved. The aunt, who now had a broken car window, was not grateful. She didn't like that her window was broken. The man who broke the window said simply, "What was more important, the baby or the window?" It's a story that causes us to ask ourselves what's important in our own lives?

Here is another story to help us think more deeply about treasure, the theme of our Gospel this weekend. A lady wrote this story about herself. She recalled that when she was a child, her wealthy parents would take an extended vacation every summer and they would leave their child in the care of a babysitter. When the girl was 11, the sitter quit right before the parents were to go on vacation, but the parents were able to hire a substitute. The girl came upon her mother wrapping up and hiding all the family jewels and silverware. The little girl asked why, since her mother had never done that before. Her mother explained she

could not trust the new sitter with the family valuables. You can imagine how the little girl interpreted this remark. The parents were trusting the sitter with their daughter but not with anything that had material value. Was she not a "family valuable" of greater importance than knives and forks?

That remark did not make the little girl feel valued. I am sure her parents would have protested that they greatly valued their daughter. The point I am making is that we can all say we value something or someone. But sometimes the things or people we value most are taken for granted. Jesus is telling us today that the kingdom of God and living in God's good grace is of the highest value to us. Going to Mass, prayer, keeping the Commandments, loving God and each other are not just forms of insurance that we will be happy in the next life. These are things that we make part of our lives.

The man who found the treasure was lucky, but the treasure wasn't legally and fully his until he sacrificed his possessions to buy the field. The man who wanted the pearl had to do the same. The kingdom of heaven doesn't come automatically. We must invest in it to really possess it, or rather I should say, to have it possess us. The most important thing we invest is our time: time to pray and to reflect on the Scriptures, to serve God in the Church with some of our gifts and talents. But it also requires an investment of our will, choosing to guide our lives by Christ's teachings rather than making up our own rules about what's good or bad. It even takes an investment of our finances, since if we value our faith, we will adequately support it.

When this life is over, we will have to leave behind most of our treasures. But we will take with us our good works and our love for God and others; these will be our joy for all eternity. A life of holiness and goodness is a treasure that will not fail. Amen.

*Fr. Mark Kalema, Pastor*

**Today's Readings**

**First Reading:** "Because you have asked for this—not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right—I do as you requested." (1 Kgs 3:11-12)

**Psalm:** Lord, I love your commands. (Ps 119)

**Second Reading:** For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. (Rom 8:29)

**Gospel:** "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Mt 13:44)

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# WEEKLY MONEY MATTERS

7-16-2023

ONLINE/GIVE CENTRAL: \$ 1,070.00  
 DROP OFF/MAIL IN: \$ 5,575.00  
 \$ 6,645.00  
 50-50 CLUB: \$ 506.00  
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: \$ 811.00



*Thank you for your continued support!  
 Figures include all collection basket, mailed-in,  
 dropped-off, and online contributions.*

## ALL SOULS SPLIT \$ ~ 50/50 CLUB ~ \$

**Our July 16 winning number was #3393.  
 #3393 WOULD HAVE WON \$2,563.00.**

**DON'T MISS OUT ON YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!**

To be eligible, both your 50-50 (\$5.00) and weekly collection envelopes (no limit, but at least \$5) with separate payments **must be in the parish office by 9:00 a.m. Monday.**

**You may make your 50-50 donation at Give Central, along with your weekly and other contributions! If you donate by check, you need to write two separate checks.**

**A NEW CHANCE TO WIN EVERY WEEK!**



### ALL SOULS PARISH Holy Souls Bereavement Ministry Will Meet at the Parish Office AUGUST 9 & 26

**Every Second Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
 Every Fourth Saturday at 11:00 a.m.**

Our new Bereavement Ministry is a faith-based group that provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to deal with their grief in an atmosphere of care. Let us join you on your grief journey to offer comfort, encouragement, and understanding. All are welcome and no registration is required. Please call 708-895-6700 FMI.



## DON'T FORGET TO WRITE!

Safe travels to all of our parishioners and loved ones this summer, and please don't forget about us! We rely greatly on your support and often have difficulty making ends meet when summer Mass attendance declines. If you're going to be away, you can place your weekly envelopes in the Sunday collection or leave them at the Parish Office before you go or upon your return. Another easy option would be to visit [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org) and automate your contributions either through a regularly scheduled direct withdrawal or a credit card transaction. You can even play the 50-50 this way! Happy trails!



## July Baptisms

Please welcome and keep in your prayers the newest members of our All Souls Catholic Parish family!



**Ava Kayleen Druetzler**  
*Child of Andrew & Kathleen Druetzler*

**Cal Joseph Franczyk**  
*Child of Ryan & Jordyn Franczyk*

**Arinze Jasper-Duruzor**  
*Child of Afam & Lynnette Jasper-Duruzor*

The parish family of All Souls is happy to welcome new members into the Body of Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism! Christenings take place at St. Ann Church on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (unless otherwise indicated), immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Parents must attend a preparation session prior to their child's baptism. These are held monthly on the Thursday before the first baptisms of the month. There are no baptisms during weekends of Lent. FMI, call the parish office at 708.895.6700 or visit our website:

[www.allsoulscatholicparish.org/sacraments/baptism/](http://www.allsoulscatholicparish.org/sacraments/baptism/)



**Miss Me—But Let Me Go**

*In Loving Memory of  
 Stanley Sroczyński*





- ✦ The second collection this weekend is in support of the Mission Cooperation Plan: Catholic Diocese of Butare in Rwanda. The mission of the Diocese of Butare is focused on Catholic education, and the diocese is currently establishing a Catholic high school to teach computer science. Thank you for your generosity.
- ✦ We will no longer hold Adoration in the St. Ann Chapel on the last Wednesday of each month, as there is now weekly Adoration on Mondays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please join us on one of those days. Do you have an hour or two to spend with the Eucharist? We still have openings for Adoration attendants. Call the office FMI: 708-895-6700.



Look for "All Souls Catholic Parish" on Facebook, and "like" us for updates and breaking news about the parish and communities.



- Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Church?
- Are you from another faith tradition and feel drawn to the Catholic way of life?
- Are you unbaptized and recognize the need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know how to move toward becoming one of the Catholic faithful?
- Were you baptized Catholic, but never received any formal religious education?
- Or a practicing Catholic who was never confirmed?

Then RCIA is the place for you! Every year, adults are welcomed into the Catholic community through this process. Bilingual sessions will meet Friday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Office at St. Ann beginning September 15, 2023. Think on it, pray on it, and join us! Spouses are also welcome.



You do not need a degree in education, religion, or theology to be a catechist! All you need is a loving heart and a strong desire to help form our young people in the Catholic faith. Training and resources will be provided to you. Please consider joining our catechetical team! We are seeking catechists, classroom aides, and office/hall aides. Feel free to contact us for more information at 708.895.6700, or drop your interest form into the collection basket or at the office!

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

**SHARE YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS WITH US**



Prayer and trust in God's guidance of our work are fundamental to all that we do. Email your prayer intentions to [partners@catholiccharities.net](mailto:partners@catholiccharities.net). They will be brought to the St. Louise de Marillac Chapel at Catholic Charities' St. Vincent Center and included in all Masses and liturgical services.

**If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please return this form to the Parish Office, drop it in the collection basket, or contact us at [sbustamante@allsoulsparish.org](mailto:sbustamante@allsoulsparish.org) or 708-895-6700**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
 e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Baptized:    Yes    No  
 Married?    Yes    No    Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Upcoming Events

RE Registration:  
Fridays & Sundays in July & August

Children's Liturgy @10:30 Mass:  
August 6

K of C Raffle Ticket Sales:  
August 12 & 13

Silver Rose Prayer Service: August 26

RCIA Begins: September 15



### National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug. 1, 5-8 p.m.

Fox Pointe, 18138 Henry St.

Join us for fun, information,  
and exciting activities!

- Train rides
- Face painting
- Dunk tank
- Bouncy house
- K-9 demo
- Free hot dogs
- Raffles
- Bubble guy
- Magician
- Vendors
- Outdoor activities sponsored by Patti Leach Youth Center & Lansing Public Library
- And much more!

Let's build police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals that Lansing community members are working with police to protect their neighborhoods.

### Lansing Police Department

(708) 895-7150 \* [www.VillageofLansing.org](http://www.VillageofLansing.org)



71st Annual Raffle  
**LANSING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
1st Prize - \$5,000 CASH  
2nd Prize - \$2,000 CASH  
3rd Prize - \$500 CASH

**MAIN DRAWING SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023**  
Early Bird Drawings:  
June 30th & July 25th, 2023 - \$250 Cash

All Drawings Held at Kasey's  
**TICKETS: \$10.00 EACH**  
Winner Need Not Be Present

Tickets Compliments of: SCHROEDER-LAUER FUNERAL HOME

**Purchase Your Tickets in the Narthex  
After All Masses August 12-13!**

## K of C SILVER ROSE PRAYER SERVICE

Saturday, August 26

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners, and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**The Silver Rose will arrive at St. Ann Church on Saturday, August 26 at 9:30 a.m. The prayer service will take place at 10:00, and then the Rose will depart at 11:30 a.m. for its next stop on the pilgrimage.**



### PERPETUAL NOVENA TO ST. RITA OF CASCIA

**“Be not afraid;  
my Immaculate Heart will  
be your refuge and your  
safe passage to God.”**  
– *Our Lady of Fatima*

All are invited to the next monthly St. Rita of Cascia Novena Mass to be held Thursday, August 3, 2023 at the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel. Confession is available at 6:00 p.m. Mass and novena prayers will begin at 7:00 p.m. Stay after Mass to enjoy a slice of the famous

Racine Danish Kringle and socialize with new friends. Secure and ample parking is available. Visit our website at [stritashrinechicago.com](http://stritashrinechicago.com) for more information.

St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel  
7740 S. Western Ave. | Chicago | (773) 925-6600





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

In person registrations will take place in July and August on Fridays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Enter the school building through the Chicago Avenue Door C3 at the back of the small lot.

- 1 Student - \$200 • 2 or More Students - \$275
- Confirmation Fee - \$50 • Book Fee - \$35 per student

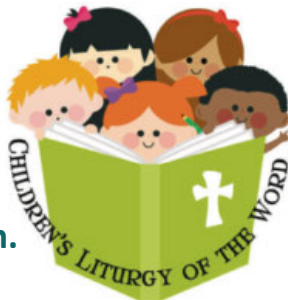
Monthly tuition payment plans are available.  
All book fees are due at the time of registration.

**RE begins with Family Mass on September 10, followed by a mandatory parent meeting for both Sunday and Monday groups.**

**First Class Dates are September 17 & 18**  
**Sundays: 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. or**  
**Mondays: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

***We will again have monthly Family Masses and parent meetings. The first Family Mass will take place on September 10 at 10:30 a.m. and will include a blessing for the parents & children, followed by the mandatory parent meeting. FMI please call Sandra Bustamante DRE at 708-895-6700 x135***

**Our Next  
Children's  
Liturgy  
is Sunday,  
August 6 at  
the 10:30 a.m.  
Mass**



All children present are invited to come to the front of church when the priest calls them forward together with the catechists for a blessing. They are then dismissed to the chapel to hear the Sunday readings and reflect on the Gospel in terms they can understand. The children rejoin the congregation in time for the Profession of Faith.

***Want to join us? Children's Liturgy is an easy, low commitment volunteer opportunity for anyone middle school-aged and older. Lessons are provided. FMI, contact Sandra Bustamante at 708-895-6700, ext. 135 or sbustamante@allsoulscatholicparish.org***

## REGISTRACIONES DE CATEQUESIS ESTÁN ABIERTAS: AÑO ESCOLAR 2023-2024



Las Registros Seran Los Meses Julio y Agosto: Viernes 5:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. & Domingos 9:30 a.m. a 12:30 p.m.  
Registros serán en el edificio de la Escuela Puerta # C3.

**Nuestras clases son en dos días diferentes:**

**Domingos: 8:45 a 10:15 a.m.**  
**Lunes: 4:00 p.m. a 5:30 p.m.**

Formación para padres: Una vez al mes / Misa familiar una vez al mes. Las clases comienzan en Setiembre: Domingo 10, 2023 @ 10:30 am Misa Familiar bendición de los padres y sus hijos serán en la misa. Junta de padres inmediatamente después de Misa. Ambos grupos Domingo y lunes deben de asistir.

Para más información llamar Sandra Bustamante DRE a 708-895-6700 x135




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# COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



# GOSPEL

Your toys can break. Your books can tear. Your clothes can shrink and stain. Things don't last forever. The kingdom of heaven does last forever. It is like a treasure. Heaven is worth more than anything you own. In both stories, the person who found the treasure sold everything else just to be a part of God's kingdom.



# PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

KINGDOM  
HEAVEN  
TREASURE

HIDDEN  
FIELD  
FOUND

PEARLS  
SOLD  
BOUGHT

T	N	F	H	D	E	O	K	M	I	O
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A	H	L	H	E	A	V	E	N	T	A

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time • Matthew 13:44-52



# PRAYER

God, help me to love your kingdom more than the things I have.



# DRAW

Draw a picture of yourself finding a buried treasure.



# MISSION

Put God's kingdom first. Read a Bible story every morning.



# PRAYERS IN THE PEW™

## National Eucharistic Revival Supplement – July 2023

### **BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OUR NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL IS NOW BEGINNING THE YEAR OF PARISH REVIVAL!**

... And there is no better time to start it than in July, the month in our church calendar dedicated to the *Precious Blood of Jesus Christ*, the saving source of life that flowed from His Eucharistic heart on the Cross (John 19:34).

#### **Back to Basics**



The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC, 1339-1340) reminds us that the Eucharist is rooted in God's self-revelation to His chosen people. It is the **fulfillment of all the ancient symbols** of God's favor in the Old Testament:

- The **Manna** in the desert (Exodus 16)
- The showbread in the Temple, also called the **Bread of the Presence** in Exodus 25, and
- The Passover meal, with particular emphasis on the **Paschal Lamb** in Exodus 12.

#### **The Fathers Know Best**

The **Fathers of the Church** picked up on this connection very easily and drew amazing analogies between the Passover and the Eucharist. St. Jerome is just one good example of so many:



"After the symbol had been fulfilled by the Passover meal and He had eaten the flesh of the lamb with His Apostles, [Jesus] takes bread which strengthens the heart of man, and goes on to the true **Sacrament of the Passover**. Just as Melchisedech, the priest of the Most High God, in prefiguring Him, made bread and wine an offering, He too makes Himself manifest in the reality of His own Body and Blood." (~ *St. Jerome, Commentary on Matthew's Gospel*)

#### **Liturgy and Truth**



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*"There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of: fervent Communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament."* ~ *Saint John Bosco*

#### **Eucharistic Revival Updates**

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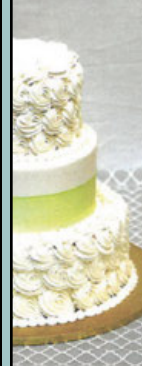
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