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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
**(Corpus Christi) – June 6, 2010**

**MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 5 - 13, 2010**

<b>5:00 pm Saturday (5<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Peggy Hiebert req. Joan & Gary McCallum
<b>9:00 am Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (6<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Cordelia Sibrian req. A.C.C. Board of Directors
	<b>NO MORNING MASS ON MONDAY, JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup></b>
9:15 am Tuesday, (8 <sup>th</sup> )	+Taras Kuchma req. Marcel & Bernice Lanouette
9:15 am Wednesday (9 <sup>th</sup> )	+Deceased Parents req. Phyllis Garet
9:15 am Thursday (10 <sup>th</sup> )	+Matilda Lavallée req. Louise Lane
<b><u>10:45 am Thursday (10<sup>th</sup>)</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Mass at Sturgeon Creek II</u></b>
9:15 am Friday (11 <sup>th</sup> )	+Paul Soubry, Sr. req. Al & Ann McMurdie
<b>5:00 pm Saturday (12<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Peggy Hiebert req. Joe & Maureen Ploquin
<b>9:00 am Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>)</b>	For all our Parishioners' Intentions
<b>1:00 pm Sunday (13<sup>th</sup>)</b>	+Bob Prokopow req. Joanne Prokopow & Family

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Knights of Columbus	Monday, June 7 – following Memorial Mass for the Unborn
General Meeting:	at Assumption Cemetery. (See announcement this bulletin)
Scripture Reflection Group:	Tuesday, June 8      10:00 - 11:00 am      Room 10
Parish Pastoral Council:	Thursday, June 10      6:00 pm Meeting, followed by Windup BBQ at the Rectory

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**First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20** Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine in thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and redemption in Abram's life is a foretaste of Jesus' offering at the Last Supper. Like Melchizedek, Jesus announces God's victory over our enemies. Unlike Melchizedek, Jesus offers in thanksgiving His own life, the gift of self-emptying love on the cross.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26** Paul assures the Church at Corinth that the celebration of Eucharist is no mere human precept or practice, but is the command and will of Jesus. The Church's celebration of Eucharist is first and foremost an act of obedience. Certainly, our obedience to all that God asks is for our benefit and growth in holiness, especially our obedience in celebrating Eucharist. The celebration of Eucharist is an acknowledgement of the sovereignty of Christ in our lives. In our obedience we adore Him, present in Eucharist.

**Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17** The disciples' pragmatic assessment leads them to suggest to Jesus that He should send the crowd away. After all, their resources were not adequate to feed the vast crowd. Jesus, however, raises His eyes to heaven and gives thanks, and feeds the crowd in a manner that not only satisfies, but in which abundance remains. A small host and a small sip of wine from a pragmatic perspective are not able to satisfy. Yet, the Lord, who breaks the bread and shares the cup in our midst, feeds us and satisfies us with an abundant gift, His own body and blood, for the life of the world. (*Sourcebook*)

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

The Feast of Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (as it is often called today), dates back to the 13th century, but it celebrates something far older: the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper. In 1246, Bishop Robert de Thorete of the Belgian Diocese of Liege, at the suggestion of St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (also in Belgium), convened a synod and instituted the celebration of the Feast. From Liege, the celebration began to spread, and on September 8, 1264, Pope Urban IV issued a Papal Bull "Transiturus", which established the Feast of Corpus Christi as a Universal Feast of the Church to be celebrated following Trinity Sunday. At the request of Pope Urban IV, St. Thomas Aquinas composed the office (the official prayers of the church) for the Feast. This office is widely considered one of the most beautiful in the traditional Roman Breviary (the official prayer book of the divine office or the liturgy of the hours), and it is the source of the famous eucharistic hymns, "Pange Lingua Gloriosi" and "Tantum Ergo Sacramentum". For centuries after the Feast was extended to the Universal Church, the Feast was also celebrated with a eucharist procession, in which the Sacred Host was carried throughout the town, accompanied by hymns and litanies. The faithful would venerate the Body of Christ as the procession passed by. In recent years, this practice has almost disappeared, though some parishes still hold a brief procession outside of the parish church. (*Fr. Gerald*)

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Aline Herner; Madeleine Dusessoy; Ruth Kuch; Karen Kirkpatrick; Lloyd Moist; Marlene Scheffler; Allan Egan; Eleanor Kapitany; Stella James; Dolores Mulaire; Shirley Payment; Jean Foley; Andre Meyer; Joan Nevins; Elsie Mason; Joe Lebedeff; Doug Rosler; Louis Gollets; Anne Luhowy; Judy Horn; Karen Cruickshanks; Geraldine Turner; Jack Egan; Mike Falavena; Livia Johnson; Jenó & Maria Farkas; Philip Monias; Stephanie Phillips

**LECTORS & COMMUNION MINISTERS: Please pick up your June-July schedules from the table in the Narthex.**

**Annual Memorial Mass for the Unborn Child:** St. James Knights of Columbus will be holding a special memorial Mass for the unborn child at the Assumption Cemetery, 3990 Portage Ave. in conjunction with our **June 7<sup>th</sup>** General Meeting. We will begin at the Monument for the Unborn Child at 7:00 pm, weather permitting. After the blessing we will process to the Mausoleum where Mass will be celebrated. All Knights, their families and parishioners are welcome. Please bring a lawn chair as seating at the Mausoleum is limited. Turn left as you enter the cemetery to locate the memorial. For more information phone Oleh at 888-8902.

**Rummage Sale:** Our final sale for this year is June 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm; we are gratefully accepting rummage, especially jewellery.

**Stewardship Reflection:** What a gift we have in Holy Eucharist. We all bring something to the celebration. The 1992 US bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship asks, *"And what do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus' offering?"* They answer: *"Their lives as Christian disciples; their personal vocations and the stewardship they have exercised regarding them; their individual contributions to the great work of restoring all things in Christ."*

(Stewardship Office, The Archdiocese of Winnipeg, [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca))

**Volunteers needed to clean the sacristy and worship area:** We need four or five people to join our group of committed parishioners who undertake this important service. Commitment consists of approximately two hours each week for one particular month. Cleaning can be done at your convenience whenever the office/church is open. Please phone Kitty (832-7175) if you are willing to help out in this area.

**Winnipeg Harvest Appeal: 10 Most Wanted Items** – Canned Fish and Poultry - tuna or salmon (packed in water), chicken or turkey; Canned Fruit and Vegetables (packed in own juice); Canned stew, chili, brown beans; Peanut Butter; Baby Food - jars of chicken, beef, vegetables or fruit, infant cereal such as oatmeal, barley or rice, formula with added iron (\*while donations of infant formula with added iron are needed, Winnipeg Harvest supports breastfeeding); Whole grain pasta/whole wheat pasta; Rice - brown, converted or parboiled; Canned spaghetti sauce or tomatoes; Cereal - high fibre, non-sugar coated; Canned soup - lentil, pea, vegetable. Please share what you can spare of these non-perishable food items which reflect recommendations in Canada's Food Guide and are supported by Manitoba Dietitians.

**Experience the Benefits of Becoming a Homestay Family:** St. Charles Catholic School has had the opportunity to host four Grade 8 students from Mexico this year. If you are interested in accommodating a student from Mexico for the upcoming 2010/2011 school year, please contact Lorne or Adriana Zagrodnik at 889-7522. Families would be paid \$600 per month for their support. Through your help, the school would have a more diversified student body at the middle years level and it's a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet some new friends from Mexico, experience a different culture, practice another language and gain a more global perspective.

**St. Charles Catholic School's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Robert Morrison Texas Scramble Golf Tournament,** Glendale Golf and Country Club; Tuesday, June 15; 11:00 am Lunch; 12 Noon Shotgun Start. \$150 per player or \$600 per team of four. To register please visit [www.stccs.ca](http://www.stccs.ca) or call Marcel Mollot 837-8073. Sponsorship opportunities available – prize donations gratefully accepted.

**New Director of Youth Ministry:** The Archbishop announces the appointment of Erin Kinsella as the new Director of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese of Winnipeg. This appointment will be effective August 3, 2010. Erin comes to us from Stittsville, Ontario. In 2004 Erin received her Bachelor of Science degree from Dalhousie University. In the past few years Erin has worked as a Youth Ministry Coordinator at Annunciation of the Lord Parish in Ottawa as well as a volunteer team member with NET Ministries of Canada. We look forward to welcoming Erin at the beginning of August.

***“A Swing & A Prayer”*** Golf for Vocations, *Breezy Bend Golf & Country Club*, **Monday, July 26, 12:00 pm Shotgun, Early Bird Entry Fee \$169 before June 15<sup>th</sup>, \$199 after June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

You don't golf? That's ok! You can still help. We are in need of prizes. You, your company or organization could sponsor a hole or an event. For more information on Sponsorship Opportunities contact: Dan Potvin, Director of Stewardship & Development, 452-2227 ext. 228 or e-mail [danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca](mailto:danpotvin@archwinnipeg.ca). A registration form is available from our website: [www.archwinnipeg.ca](http://www.archwinnipeg.ca)