

Dear Padre,

Should extraordinary eucharistic ministers receive Communion before or after the congregation? In my home, guests are normally served first.

Fundamentally, we're all guests in the house of God at the gracious invitation of Jesus Christ! When the presider and ministers of holy Communion gather in the sanctuary to consume, they affirm their belief in the Real Presence of Christ. Then, in service, they proceed to distribute the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful, asking others to affirm that same belief. In this affirmation of faith, and in rendering service to one another, the worshipping community forms a unified "body of Christ."

Therefore, according to the Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion: "The practice of extraordinary ministers of holy Communion waiting to receive holy Communion until after the distribution of holy Communion is not in accord with liturgical law" (NDRHC 39). Essentially then, these extraordinary ministers cannot give what they haven't already received.

The amount of time for ordinary and extraordinary ministers to receive holy Communion need not be prolonged unnecessarily before others can partake. Despite logistical challenges, especially for the cantor and choir, the *General Instruction of The Roman Missal* advises, "While the priest is receiving the sacrament, the Communion chant is begun, its purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices,

to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the 'communitarian' character of the procession to receive the Eucharist" (GIRM 86).

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

The Eucharist satisfies our hunger for material things and kindles our desire to serve. It raises us from our comfortable and lazy lifestyle and reminds us that we are not only mouths to be fed, but also his hands, to be used to help feed others.

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Calendar

Monday

JUNE 7
Weekday
2 Cor 1:1-7
Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday

JUNE 8
Weekday
2 Cor 1:18-22
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday

JUNE 9
Weekday
2 Cor 3:4-11
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

JUNE 10
Weekday
2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6
Mt 5:20-26

Friday

JUNE 11
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
Jn 19:31-37

Saturday

JUNE 12
The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Cor 5:14-21
Lk 2:41-51

Sunday

JUNE 13
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 17:22-24
2 Cor 5:6-10
Mk 4:26-34

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

June 6, 2021

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

Ex 24:3-8

Heb 9:11-15

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Take This: Eat and Drink

We are a people who ritualize life's important events. We insist on birthday cakes; we dream about ostentatious weddings; we go over the top on Super Bowl Sunday. If certain rituals are not included in these celebrations, the profound meaning of the event seems compromised.

Today's readings speak of blood rituals. Since life is in the blood (see Leviticus 17:11), the meaning of the ritual is contained in the meaning of the blood. In the reading from Exodus, young bulls are sacrificed at the height of their virility. In this way, not only the life of the bulls, but their future of youthful strength, is offered to God who is the source of life. A visible sign of this offering—sacrificial blood—is sprinkled on the people signifying that, joined to the bulls through this blood, they too are offered to God. Furthermore, the sacrificial blood seals the covenant bond that joins the people to God.

All of these elements are new in the Letter to the Hebrews. There is a new sacrificial victim, Christ. There's a new power in the blood—the ability to obtain eternal redemption, a New Covenant that promises an eternal inheritance. The Gospel reading describes how we might participate in this ritual and benefit from its wondrous power.

The feast we celebrate today invites us to participate in the ritual it commemorates. Its sacrificial elements are rudimentary nourishments of life, bread and wine. They become the Body and Blood of Christ. All we have to do is draw near with faith, eat, and drink.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

* *The word Eucharist means "giving thanks." How grateful are you for the privilege to participate in this wondrous event?*



He entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

HEBREWS 9:12



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Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,

Today we celebrate Corpus Christi (The solemnity of the body and blood of Christ). 1) The last two precious gifts given to us by Jesus are the Holy Eucharist as our spiritual food on Holy Thursday and Jesus' mother Mary as our spiritual mother on Good Friday 2) *Corpus Christi* is the celebration of the abiding presence of a loving God as *Emmanuel* – God with us – in order to give collective thanks to our Lord for his living with us in the Eucharist. 3) The feast also gives us an occasion to learn more about the importance and value of the "Real Presence" so that we may appreciate the Sacrament better and receive maximum benefit from the Eucharist.

Today's readings for the Feast emphasize the theme of Covenant blood because the ancient peoples sealed Covenants with the blood of ritually sacrificed animals, and Jesus sealed his New Covenant with his own Blood shed on Calvary. Today's first reading describes how Moses, by sprinkling the blood of a sacrificed animal on the altar and on the people, accepted the Covenant Yahweh proposed and made with the chosen People. In the second reading, St. Paul affirms that Jesus sealed the New Covenant with his own Blood, thereby putting an end to animal sacrifices. Today's Gospel details how Jesus converted this ancient ritual into a Sacrament and sacrifice. Instead of the lamb's blood, Jesus offered his own Divine/human Body and Blood, and instead of sprinkling us with blood, Jesus put it into our hands as food and drink: "Take ... eat ... this IS my Body which will be given up for you, and "Take ... drink ... This is ... my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many...." May we gain ever greater awareness of this mystery day by day. Amen.

As announced already, Fr. Rayappa (Roy) Pasala will be your new pastor from July 1st, 2021. I will be moving to Sidney NE to be the pastor at St. Patrick's Sidney NE, and St. Joseph's Kimball NE. Kindly pray that this transition may be a smooth one for all of us.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Fr. C. P. Varghese
Pastor

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
06/07	Monday	No Mass Today		
06/08	Tuesday	No Mass Today		
06/09	Wednesday	No Mass Today		
06/10	Thursday	No Mass Today		
06/11	Friday	No Mass Today		
06/12	Saturday	5.30 PM	Dalton	Don Devier
06/13	Sunday	8.00 AM	Bayard	Sandry & Aaron
06/13	Sunday	10.30 AM	Bridgeport	People of God

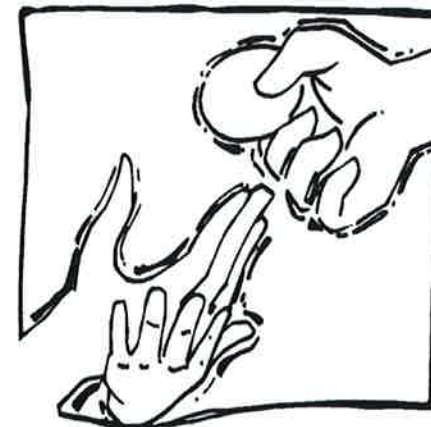
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SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION
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On May 22/23, 2021

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$660.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$286.00
SUBTOTAL	\$946.00
MASS STIPEND	
SEMINARY	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$1096.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,046.00
DONATIONS	\$3,615.00
BALANCE	\$2,431.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-262-0453 or Teresa-262-0439.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



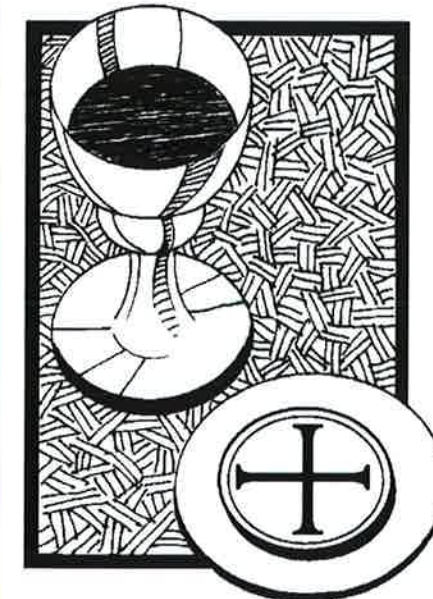
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1003 AVE B
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SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION
returned to
Grand Island Diocese,
On May 22/23, 2021

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$291.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$88.00
SUBTOTAL	\$379.00
MASS STIPEND	
SEMINARY	\$15.00
TOTAL	\$394.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$4,907.00
DONATIONS	\$3,015.00
BALANCE	\$1,892.00

- Prayer line requests may be made to Paula-586-2992.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION
returned to
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On May 22/23, 2021

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	\$590.00
CHILDREN	
PLATE	\$131.00
SUBTOTAL	\$721.00
ASCENSION	\$30.00
SEMINARY	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$801.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	\$6,136.00
DONATIONS	\$6,439.00
BALANCE	(\$303.00)

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- The rosary is prayed ½ hr before Mass, please come and pray.

