# St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Joseph Arsenault, SSA, Pastor The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, June 6, 2021

# The Body and Blood

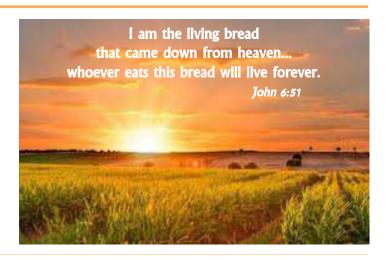
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of the Corpus Christi.

This is a long phrase for "Body of Christ" which has great symbolism in our liturgy.

The Body and Blood of Christ is the Eucharist or communion that we celebrate at our Mass. This tradition, of course, started when Jesus shared bread and wine with his disciples.

It also serves as a metaphor of a body or church in which Jesus is at the head.

Source: Catholic News Agency



# Our Parish News

### Father Joseph becomes pastor

A huge St. John's welcome to Father Joseph Arsenault, SSA, who joined us on June 1 as pastor for St. John the Baptist and Holy Family.

Father Joseph is a familiar face on Strawberry Hill.

In addition to his pastoral duties, he will continue as judicial vicar, ecumenical officer, director



Father Joseph

of Sanctuary of Hope Prayer and Retreat Center and coordinating chaplain for the Sisters, Servants of Mary.

Father William Fisher has left our parishes as pastor and commenced a priestly sabbatical.

## No Mass on Thursday

The Mass scheduled for Thursday, June 10 has been cancelled. Father Joseph and other priests will be on retreat for several days at Benedictine College in Atchison.

### Saturday Evening Mass returns

Holy Mass will be offered at 4 p.m. Saturdays with St. John's and Holy Family parishes alternating months.

The 4 p.m. Mass at St. John's will begin on August 7. It will continue at our parish during "even" months: February, April, June, August, October and December.

Holy Family will begin the rotation on July 3. Our sister church will have the Saturday Mass during "odd" months: January, March, May, July, September and

November.

Confession will be offered before the Saturday Masses.

### **Congratulations!**

Our parish friends, Mike and Anne Kucenic, should be very proud!

Grandsons Jack Grey and Matthew Kucenic just graduated from Sacred Heart Grade School in Shawnee and are set to attend St. James Academy. These two students also recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church.

#### Food Kitchen is next week

Our thanks once again for the many generous people who have shared food, money and time to feed the hungry.

Once again, we anticipate making 700 sack lunches for Monday, June 14.

Bring food donations to the Holy Family church office, or log on to your Amazon Prime and order from our wish list.

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