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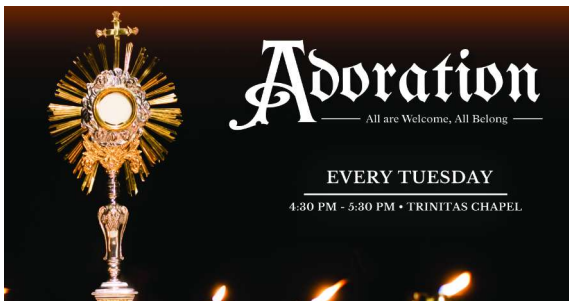
CAMPUS MINISTRY

June 7, 2026
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

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All are welcome. All belong.

Campus Ministry Notes

- We still have a number of students on campus this summer. The Argo Shoppe's food pantry is close to being cleaned up and will reopen by the end of this week. If you would like to donate either food items or a monetary gift please bring your food or funds to Sunday Mass or to Tuesday Adoration and we will get it to the pantry. Thank you.



- Pope Leo XIV's encyclical letter, *Magnifica Humanitas* has been released. Interested in gathering to do a summer read of this letter? Talk with Roy and let's make it happen.

The Four-Fold Presence of Christ

In the Catholic Church we speak of the fourfold presence of Christ in the celebration of the Mass. In the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*) a key principle is that Christ is present in four unique ways in the liturgy:

–in the Eucharist itself, the body and blood, soul and divinity. Also known as the Real Presence or presence par excellence.

–in the minister (priest). You may have heard the phrase the priest is *in persona Christi* when he is administering the sacraments.



–in the Word of God. Whether we are hearing the scripture proclaimed from the Old or New Testament, Christ is present in that word.

–in the assembly. That is all of us. The gathering of the faithful around the altar of the Lord. “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

The Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted in 1264 by Pope Urban IV as a reminder to all the faithful that the Lord is truly present in the Eucharist under the elements of bread and wine. As part of this feast day, Eucharistic public processions (carrying the host in a monstrance) are common. It is a reminder that Christ is in us and with us and we are called to live this reality. Dr. Timothy O'Malley says we are Eucharistic people and we need to both adore and consume Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

It is why coming together on Sunday is so important. We need to come to know the Lord in the breaking of the bread. In doing so, we can make St. Thomas' response our own, “My Lord and My God.” And what St. Augustine said to the Church in his time holds true for us today, “We become what we eat and drink.”

There is no Eucharistic procession today at the University of Providence. However, there is Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays, from 4:30 - 5:30 pm at Trinitas Chapel.



A View from My Window

Servant of God Dorothy Day is one of my heroes. She and Peter Maurin co-founded the Catholic Worker and inspired generations of men and women to live deeply the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and to embrace non-violence, voluntary poverty, and hospitality as a way of living out the Gospel. One of my favorite quotes is appropriate for this Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is at the end of her autobiography, *The Long Loneliness*.

“We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other. We know Him in the breaking of bread, and we know each other in the breaking of bread, and we are not alone anymore. Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship.”

This is one of the coolest descriptions of what it means to be a Eucharistic people. We need the Sunday Eucharist to form and shape us into community and to deepen our love for the Lord. We also need meals with one another. We need to break bread and to see those moments as extensions of the Eucharist.

None of my siblings go to church anymore. It saddens me. However, this past week as we gathered with my dad and mom and helped them pack and move, we shared multiple meals. At each of these meals my mom made sure we blessed the food with the meal time prayer. I saw each of these meals as extensions of the Eucharist, and even though my siblings have lost that part of the narrative, there was a glimpse of it each time we all signed ourselves and blessed the food. They knew the words. They prayed the prayers and for a moment the Eucharist came alive at our table.

Peace, Roy

For those of you who got a peek at the “throwback” photo of my son and I a couple of weeks ago, here is an updated pic from this year’s feast. I think Frank and I are definitely ready to go forth and give witness to the Holy Spirit at work in the world. *Veni, Sancte Spiritus!*



Keep Praying

We have a favor to ask: As part of your prayer time would you add the Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Providence with the following intention:

Our Lady of Providence, Mother of the Church, pray for our university. Keep us safe as we navigate a path forward.

You can add your intentions and then pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.

Then close with the Novena Prayer:

Remember, O most faithful Lady of Providence, that you have been given to us by your Son to be our mother.

We entrust to you our labors; bless them.

We commend to you our needs; supply them.

Show for us the same concern you manifested at Cana, for we trust that whatever you ask of your Son will be done.

Pray for us on our pilgrimage that we may share the faith and hope that marked your life.

Full of confidence in your power before God, we place ourselves, our loved ones and all our petitions in your providential care.

Amen.

Corpus Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, embolden me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Never permit me to be parted from you.
From the evil Enemy defend me.
At the hour of my death call me
and bid me come to you,
that with your Saints I may praise you
for age upon age.

Amen.

(Anima Christi Prayer)

