

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

JUNE
19
2022

As often as you
eat this bread
and drink the cup,
you proclaim the
death of the Lord
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26



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Monday to Friday
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Maryland Heights, MO 63043,
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MASS SCHEDULE

*MASSSES ARE LIVE-STREAMED AT 6:30 AM MON/TUES/WED;
8:00 AM THUR/FRI; AND 9:00 AM ON SUNDAYS
(YOU TUBE HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MARYLAND HEIGHTS)*

Monday thru Wednesday.....6:30am
Thursday and Friday.....8:00am
Saturday:8:00am and 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, and 11:00am
Holy Days: Please consult the bulletin.

Eucharistic Chapel Hours

Weekdays: 12am to 6am and 9am to 12 midnight.
Saturdays: 12am to 7am
Chapel will close at 7am Saturday until 9am Monday.

Eucharistic Adoration

1:00pm—6:50pm followed by Benediction

SPECIAL REQUESTS

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm or by appointment

BAPTISMS & CLASSES:

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

Registration

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or download a registration form, www.holyspiritstl.org.

New information, such as change of address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office at 314-739-0230

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, and group name.
Items can be e-mailed to msaputo@holyspiritstl.org.



A Note From Father Bob

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*. On this day we celebrate the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

A little history of the Feast. The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by St. Thomas Aquinas to Pope Urban IV in 1264 following the recognition of a Eucharistic Miracle in Bolsena, Italy. His proposition was that we should emphasize the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Pope Urban decreed that the Universal Church should celebrate the Feast 60 days after Easter or the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. In those places where the Solemnity is not a Holy Day of Obligation, it is transferred to the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as we have in the United States. A bit of trivia, Corpus Christi is a public holiday in 26 countries today! Oh, what reverence!

In many parishes, the celebration includes a procession of the Blessed Sacrament in a monstrance at the end of Mass. The procession is then concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I recall as a child that our family would go to Cahokia for the Annual Corpus Christi Procession at the Church of the Holy Family parish grounds. I don't know how many attended but it seemed to be hundreds and hundreds of people. There are many parishes in St. Louis that will be offering a procession this year. We offer Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction each Monday in our Church from 1 pm to 7 pm.

Regardless of how we celebrate this day, our focus should be on recognizing the gift that Jesus has given each of us, his very self, Body and Blood, really present in the Eucharist and Precious Blood. As we are reminded in the Gospel, when Jesus feeds us, we have more than we need. And as we hear in the Preface, we are made strong and washed clean by his Body and Blood. We thank him today for his gift.

You may have read in the St. Louis Review that Archbishop Rozanski has given permission to once again receive the Precious Blood from a common Communion chalice at parish Masses beginning this weekend but with the caveat that it is at the discretion of the pastor based on his local situation. Recently, we have had several staff members and parishioners who have contracted Covid. Fortunately, their cases have been mild. These cases and the rising numbers locally and nationally indicate that precautions still need to be taken. Following consultation with our staff and clergy, I have decided that we will wait until the Covid situation improves before offering the Precious Blood. Keep in mind that to receive Jesus completely we are not required to receive both species. Jesus is fully present in either species of Communion, the Eucharist and Precious Blood. I pray that we will soon return to offering the Precious Blood but now is not the time.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or stop me after any of the Masses. I would be happy to discuss it further.

Happy Father's Day to all fathers today!

Let's pray for each other this week.

Peace,
Father Bob

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 19

7:30am Mike Rolfes
 9:00am Gary & Cory Fisk
 11:00am People of the Parish

Monday, June 20

6:30am John & Rita Roberson

Tuesday, June 21

6:30am Donald Stuckey

Wednesday, June 22

6:30am Ed Cody

Thursday, June 23

8:00am Richard Jennings

Friday, June 24

8:00am Dr. James

Saturday, June 25

8:00am Richard & Virginia Eikelmann
 5:00pm Edward Kastner

Sunday, June 26

7:30am Luke Boenker
 9:00am People of the Parish
 11:00am Mike Sampson

Consider Electronic Giving Year-Round

TO SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING, GO TO

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Online-Giving>

If you need help navigating the website, please call

Mary Saputo at the Parish Office

314-739-0230

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for May 30 - June 5, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 11,399.00
Loose Collection	\$ 449.75
Online Donations	\$ 4,609.00
Total	\$ 16,457.75
Weekly Budget	\$ 19,196.00
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ (2,738.25)

Hands	Parish Improvements
\$790.00	\$867.00

PRO-LIFE NEWS



“Fatherhood has its origins in God, who chose to reveal Himself to us as Our Father, sending his only Son for the sake of our salvation. Fathers, therefore, have a special role “in revealing and in reliving on earth the very fatherhood of God” (Familiaris consortio 25). Indeed, the role of the father “is of unique and irreplaceable importance” (FC 25).

We also pray today for all priests: That through the intercession of St. Joseph, they will be filled with the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.”

<https://www.usccb.org/fathers-day-action-guide>

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

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EUCARISTIC ADORATION

During the Summer, our school children will not be fulfilling the 1pm-2:30pm slot.

So that we might plan and know that our Lord is never left alone during Adoration, please consider a commitment of 30 min.– 1 hour of your time for those slots AND any empty slots that you may see still available.

Please contact the Parish Office or sign up directly on our website under QUICK LINKS/[2022 Adoration Sign-Up](#).

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick and Home-Bound *Parishioners*
and those who care for them.

Don Abramovitz	Jim Gerdes	Carolyn Putnam
Julia Andert	Kathy Glaser	John Rath
Lorraine Bath	Sherry Holland	Jean Schepers
Ronnie Bindbeutel	Kenneth Jordan	Pete Schwaninger
Carol Bonner	Sue Knoesel	Gary Szevery
Becky Bonner	Charles Medvick	Jan Telthorst
Jim Brockmeyer	Susie Meyer	Rudi/Brenda
Sr. Bernice Coreil	Glenn Mueller	Torricelli
Leon Deimeke	Jacob Painter	Bill/JoanWeinzirl
Charles Dent	Bob/Donna Pedrotti	Tom/Jeanne
Tom DuBois	Karen Piskulic	Zemblidge
Martha Elmore	Pat Romano	
Till Fehrbacher	Bob/Tootie	
Ray/Betty Garvels	Ponder	

Please remember in your prayers our
Sick Relatives and Friends:

Kathlyn Arnold	Carol Heffner	Mike Prinzi
Bailey Family	Greg/Jane Hefley	Jan Redden
Kendell/Tina	Steve Hercules	Alford Snowden
Bedell	Paul Hyduchak	Grace Solimando
Ann/Bill Boewer	Suzanne Johnson	Caroline Van Scoyk
Teagan Bracken	Jenny Lemkemann	Jerry Sutterer
Brenda Joyce	Barb McDonald	Chris Wells
Crouch	Trish Merklin	Paul Williams
Byron Difani	Lou /Betty Merritt	Michelle Wilson
Steve Essner	Colin Meyer	Ruby Winschel
Harold Feltmann	John Misauraca	
Kathy First	Bill Nobles	
John Garvels	Melinda Oeth	
Michael Gill	Liz Prange	



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

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
have left us a memorial of your Passion,
grant us, we pray,
so to revere the sacred mysteries
of your Body and Blood
that we may always experience in ourselves
the fruits of your redemption.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN
INITIATION FOR ADULTS**

Is Someone in your family,
someone you love, someone who
is a friend or co-worker interested in the Catholic
Church? Is there someone you know who is
Catholic, has been away for a while and is
interested in returning but needs
to explore their faith further?

Please contact
Deacon Jim DeNatale—314-610-2368;
deaconjim@holyspiritstl.org
Or
Fr. Bob Evans—314-739-0230;
revans@holyspiritstl.org



Lunch Bunch!

TUES., JUNE 28, our older adult parishioners are invited to gather at 11 am
for light-hearted conversation while enjoying lunch together.

**SPORTS CAFÉ, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO 63044
(Next to Bob Evans and Olive Garden)**

****Note that lunchtime is 11 am and the restaurant opens at 11 am**

Directions: West on St. Charles Rock Rd. Pass under Hwy 270 and then make a left at the stoplight onto Pennridge Dr. Make another immediate left to stay on Pennridge Dr. Sports Café will be on the right.

**Please RSVP to the Parish Office 314-739-0230 by MON., JUNE 27
Invite a friend or come alone because it's just for fun!**

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE

Gluten allergy? Would you like a gluten-free host? Please contact the Parish Office, 739-0230.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, June 19

7:00pm—Al Anon, Rigali Rm.

Monday, June 20

1:00-7:00pm—Eucharistic Adoration,
closing with Benediction at 6:50pm
3:30pm—Contemplative Prayer, Resource Ctr
6:00pm—Quilting, Annex

Tuesday, June 21

9:00am—Quilting, Annex

Wednesday, June 22

6:30-9am—St. Pat's Ctr. Casseroles, P. Hall
9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.

Thursday, June 23

9:00am—Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
6:00pm—Bells Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, June 25

4:00pm—Confessions

Sunday, June 26

8:00-10:00am—St. Pat's Ctr. Salad Sunday
7:00pm—Al-Anon, Rigali Rm.

NEW 2022 PARISH DIRECTORY

will be going to print in July!

*If you have changed your phone number
(landline no longer in use, etc)
or your previous info has changed since
2021, please call the Parish Office.*

*If you own or manage a business and would
like to inquire about advertising in the book,
please call us!
314-739-0230*

It's That Time! Summer Cleaning of Facility Starts June 27th through July 8th

Beginning with the Annex, then Gym area, on to Lower and Upper halls and Foyer. Next will be Middle School area, and finishing with the Parish Hall.

In order for the cleaning crew to do their job, it is important not have anything scheduled in the School while they do the floors. Thank You!



Garden of Feedin Is Open!

Saturdays ~ 9-11am, Annex
Sundays ~ Outside church, 8:30-11am.
Donations go to support HandS.

SPEAKER SERIES

Please join us for the 4th Session of the
Social Justice Speaker Series,
Wed. June 29 at 7:00 PM
(Rigali Room/Annex)

Our guest speakers will be Amy Hirsch Diemer, Dir. of Legal Services for St. Francis Community Services, Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) and Carlos Ruiz Martinez, Case Mgr. at St. Francis, Southside site.

St. Francis Community Services in on a mission to change the lives of the most vulnerable throughout the St. Louis region. Their immigration services meet the immediate and systematic needs of immigrants living across the St. Louis region, at their Southside Center. Thirty-two years after the initiative began, St. Francis remains committed to supporting counseling and youth programming in a bilingual, culturally sensitive environment serving more than 1,000 clients in approx. 60 zip codes.

The organization was established in July 2011 by uniting social service programs once operated directly by Catholic Charities of St. Louis.

For more information, contact:
Clare Duffy 314-291-2144,
or Peggy Owen 314-738-0562



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

We now have Pocket Prayer shawls (also called mini prayer shawls) and Prayer Wristbands in the Gathering area in a basket on the desk near the door. The pocket prayer shawls are great to have with you in a pocket or purse as a reminder of God's love. The wristbands are the same, but are especially nice for people who are in the hospital or those having medical procedures. With the doctor's permission they can often be worn during procedures. Full sized Prayer Shawls are available for women, men and children. All of the items were hand made by parishioners. Full sized shawls and lapghans are available upon request at no cost.

We recently made a trip to take yarn to the Potosi prison. The activities director said the prisoners were very happy when the new donations arrived. We continue to collect yarn (any color, gauge or fiber) as they use it very quickly. All the finished items from the prison go to persons in need in Missouri.

Please note: JUNE evening meeting is CANCELLED

If you have any questions, or want a shawl, don't hesitate to call or text Mary at 314-497-5048. You can also email at dalebannister@sbcglobal.net.
call or text Mary at 314-497
(or email: dalebannister@sbcglobal.net)

YOUTH MINISTRY

FIND HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY

ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM www.facebook.com/hsyouth AND as [hs_youth_stl](#) (HS Youth STL) on Instagram

Service Opportunities

Looking for summer service ideas? Contact Donna Eisenbath for some projects.

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:

EAT. PRAY. DISCUSS gatherings are Sunday afternoons in the Resource Center from 1:30 – 3:30. The more people we have the more fun it will be. Join us and bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

Today, June 19, is Father's Day - no gathering. Enjoy the day with dad!

CONFIRMATION

7TH GRADE FAMILIES – Session 6: Relationships along with a service project should be done over the summer with your sponsor. Look for a sign-up sheet for your fall sessions in your email.

Your Sacramental Record Form was due in April. Please be sure to turn this in to Donna Eisenbath as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have turned them in.

WE NEED YOU!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS CHAPERONES – We will need PCG adults to help chaperone monthly gatherings during the 2022.23 school year from October to April. Please contact Donna Eisenbath if you are able to help one month. We have 7 dates to gather. Volunteer for one or more months to help make this fun opportunity possible for our 7th and 8th grade.

Prayer for Fathers:

Creator God, in Wisdom and Love you made all things. Bless my dad, and all those who have taught and guided me in my life. Let their example of faith and love shine forth. Bless those who are no longer with me here on Earth but live forever in my memories, nourishing me with their love. Grant that I may honor all with a spirit of profound respect and gratitude. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

**Register Now for
PSR 2022-2023!**

Rates Effective June 1st

- 1 child:** \$205 + \$30 family fee = \$235
- 2 children:** \$285 + \$30 family fee = \$315
- 3 + children:** \$335 + \$30 family fee = \$365

Go to www.holyspirit.psrenroll.com
to register.

*For financial assistance, please contact the
PSR Director before registering;
314-739-0230*

**PSR is currently making plans for the
2022-2023 year.**

We have an amazing group of catechists returning to teach, however, we are in need of an 8th grade catechist or catechists if you would be interested in working as a team with one to two other people. The lessons are already planned. . .you just need to enjoy young people, have a desire to share your love of our Triune God and teach them about our Catholic faith.

Call Linda 314-739-0230 ext. 108 to talk.

THIS MIGHT BE YOU!

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR PSR CERTIFICATES,
FIRST COMMUNION PHOTOS AND GRADUATION PHOTOS
IN THE PARISH HALL CUBBIES.**

THANK YOU!

ST. PATRICK CENTER CASSEROLES—JUNE 22

We will be collecting casseroles for St. Patrick Center Wed., June 22 in the white bin at the curb outside the entrance to church, from 6:30 until 9:00 AM.

(In case of inclement weather, in the Parish Hall)

Pans and lids will also be available for you to pick up.

For more information, contact Mary Beth Schulte, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com.

ST. PATRICK CENTER SALAD—JUNE 26

Holy Spirit volunteers provide salads and/or components to help feed the homeless of St. Patrick Center, the 4th Sunday of each month.

Salad and/or components will be collected between 8 & 10 am, next Sun., June 26

The container will be in the Gathering Area.

For more information contact Ellen Staples, 314-422-2381.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSIONS

will take place **TODAY June 19th** at:

Cathedral Basilica (Lindell)—12pm

St. Ambrose on the Hill—12pm

(Full list of parishes is at <https://www.archstl.org/st-louis-review>)

PLANNING A VACATION?

You can always check for Mass schedules in your area at:

<https://catholicmasstime.org/>

Have a great summer but please remember to put God in your everyday life as well as your vacation plans, as you are always in His Plans!



PREVENT & PROTECT STL

If you are thinking about volunteering at Holy Spirit for the upcoming school year, or you will be ministering to minors, vulnerable adults or the elderly in ANY capacity, you are **REQUIRED** to register and complete the process & workshops in this important program administered by the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Please call Mary Saputo at the Parish Office to get started!
314-739-0230

Holy Spirit ACTS

Help continue the 20th anniversary celebration of ACTS at Holy Spirit Parish with our next women's retreat:

"Increase Our Faith Dear Lord"
September 29-October 2, 2022

Director:

Sharon Silver
314-578-5186

or sharonsilver2433@gmail.com

Co-Directors:

Angie Breakfield: 314-750-3053
Laura Shambro: 314-607-8703

Questions? Want to help?

Please contact **Alli Kleitz** or **Jeanne Kielhofner**,
Core Team Communications.

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or kleitzfamily@gmail.com

Jeanne: 314-973-2769 or

jeannekielhofner@yahoo.com

Holy Spirit

Contemplative Prayer Group

This group meets on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of the month from **3:30—4:45pm** in the Resource Center.

NEXT MEETING ~ Monday, June 20th

Contemplative prayer, such as Centering Prayer, can lead one to discover the meaning of Psalm 46:

"Be still and know that I am God".

The prayer can help you to find the God within and hear with the ear of the heart.

If you have an interest, please contact **Karlye Keleher at 314-291-5209**

St. Ferdinand Catholic Church—Florissant
will resume their
Year-Round Fish Fry
starting June 17, Every Friday from 3pm-7pm!

St. Ferdinand Parish
1765 Charbonier Road
Florissant, MO 63031
For more info, call 314-837-3165

MONTHLY OPEN HOUSE

SISTERS OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Sisters of the Most Precious Blood will hold a monthly open house tour opportunity from 1-4 p.m. on the second Sunday of every month in their beautiful historic chapel and heritage area. No reservation needed. For more information or to schedule a tour at another time contact Sr. Cecile Gunelson at 636-293-8013. Tours are available May through October.

Address: 204 North Main Street. O'Fallon. MO
Directions: Use the entrance at Main and 3rd street and take the first right. Parking is available on the south side of chapel. Chapel is handicapped accessible.



NEW DATE
ADDED
FOR DECEMBER!

**WORLDWIDE
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

For more information or to apply,
go to wwme.org, or call
Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

**8/5/2022 - 8/7/2022 -
Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters**
**9/30/2022 - 10/2/2022 -
Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters**
**12/2/2022 - 12/4/2022
Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters**



NATIONAL SHRINE of
OUR LADY of the SNOWS

National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows
presents
Eucharist—The Bread of Life
(Shrine Church/Shrine Visitors Center)
Tues., June 21, 10am-12pm
Cost: \$10

Program begins with the Adoration of the Eucharist in the Shrine Church. And then a procession to the Visitors Center following with a compelling presentation...

'His Eucharistic Miracle' presented by
Kristi Dentenger on the Eucharistic Miracle
of Lanciano, Italy.

For more information, call 618-397-6700

OR register online at

<https://snows.org/ministries/spiritual-programs/>



For the first time ever, the
RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE are touring the
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Dioceses. The Old Cathedral and the Cardinal Rigali
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209 Walnut St., St. Louis 63102

SATURDAY, JULY 9 ~ Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr., 63119

SUNDAY, JULY 10 ~ Old Cathedral (again)

For more info, visit www.oldcathedral.org
OR www.stbernadette.org/StLouis

REWARDS

**There is no greater reward in this life than having your family together,
loving one another, and serving God.**

—Drenda Keese

Corpus Christi Sunday

Genesis 14:18-20
Ps 110:1-4
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11b-17

Monday June 20

2 Kings 17:5-8,13-15a,18
Ps 60:3-5,12-13
Matthew 7:1-5

Tuesday June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

2 Kings 19:9b-11,14-21,31-36
Ps 48:2-4,10-11
Matthew 7:6,12-14

Wednesday June 22

2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3
Ps 119:33,34,36,37,40
Matthew 7:15-20

Thursday June 23

Birth of John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6
Ps 139:1b-3,13-15
Acts 13:22-26
Luke 1:57-66,80

Friday June 24

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Ezekiel 34:11-16
Ps 23:1-6
Romans 5:5b-11
Luke 15:3-7

Saturday June 25

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Lamentations 2:2,10-14,18-19
Ps 74:1b-7,20-21
Luke 2:41-51



"Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away." This is the message inscribed at a shrine near the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, built where Jesus multiplied a small amount of food to provide for the needs of everyone in the large crowd who had come to see him.

In front of the altar is a Byzantine mosaic of the loaves and fish, dating about 480 A.D. It's next to the rock upon which Jesus blessed the food. However, in the mosaic you can see only four loaves, not five. Why?

The fifth loaf is the bread of the Eucharist in which Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion at every Mass.

The Eucharist is more than the True Presence of Jesus. It's more than a communion with the Body of Christ that's become the whole Church community. It's a miracle of multiplication. Whatever we lack from God, it comes to us in Jesus through the Holy

Spirit, and when we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of Mass, we can (and should!) ask Jesus to multiply our insufficiencies into an abundance.

We can trust that he will give us all that we need, at the perfect time in whatever way we're able to receive it, albeit often through a growth process.

Do you have enough love in your life? Most of us would say no, because there is no one – except God – who is capable of giving us all the love that we need: No one, regardless of how close to us they are, regardless of how loyal and trustworthy, regardless of how close to Christ they are.

The Eucharist is our earthly, direct connection to all the perfect love of God. The reason we don't feel the fullness of that love is because we don't fully understand how to unite ourselves to the Eucharist. To receive the Eucharist fully, we have to *be* the Eucharist fully. The Eucharist is love given in sacrifice for the sake of others. If you're not receiving enough love, give more love – be the love you want to receive. Be Eucharist for others.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Is God's love sufficiently filling in the gaps where others don't love you enough? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to give more love instead of focusing on getting more, then ask Jesus to multiply the love that you give so that it's more than enough for your needs as well as the needs of others.
2. Describe an experience of love being multiplied.
3. How did that experience prove: "Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away"?

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— (JUNE 26, 2022)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Gal 5:1, 13-18; Lk 9:51-62



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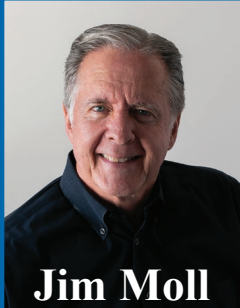
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