



Food for the Journey

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

As the story is told, two men were talking about why they go or do not go to church every weekend. One argued why he no longer comes to Mass: “I went every Sunday for almost thirty years and I can’t remember a single sermon from all those years that I sat in a pew.” The other thought about that and then replied, “You know, my wife and I have been married for more than twenty-five years. Just about every day during those years my wife and I sat down and shared a meal at least twice a day. Now I can’t say that I remember more than one or two of those meals, but if we hadn’t sat down to share those meals every day, I don’t think we would still be married today.”

Surely there are many reasons why Catholics come

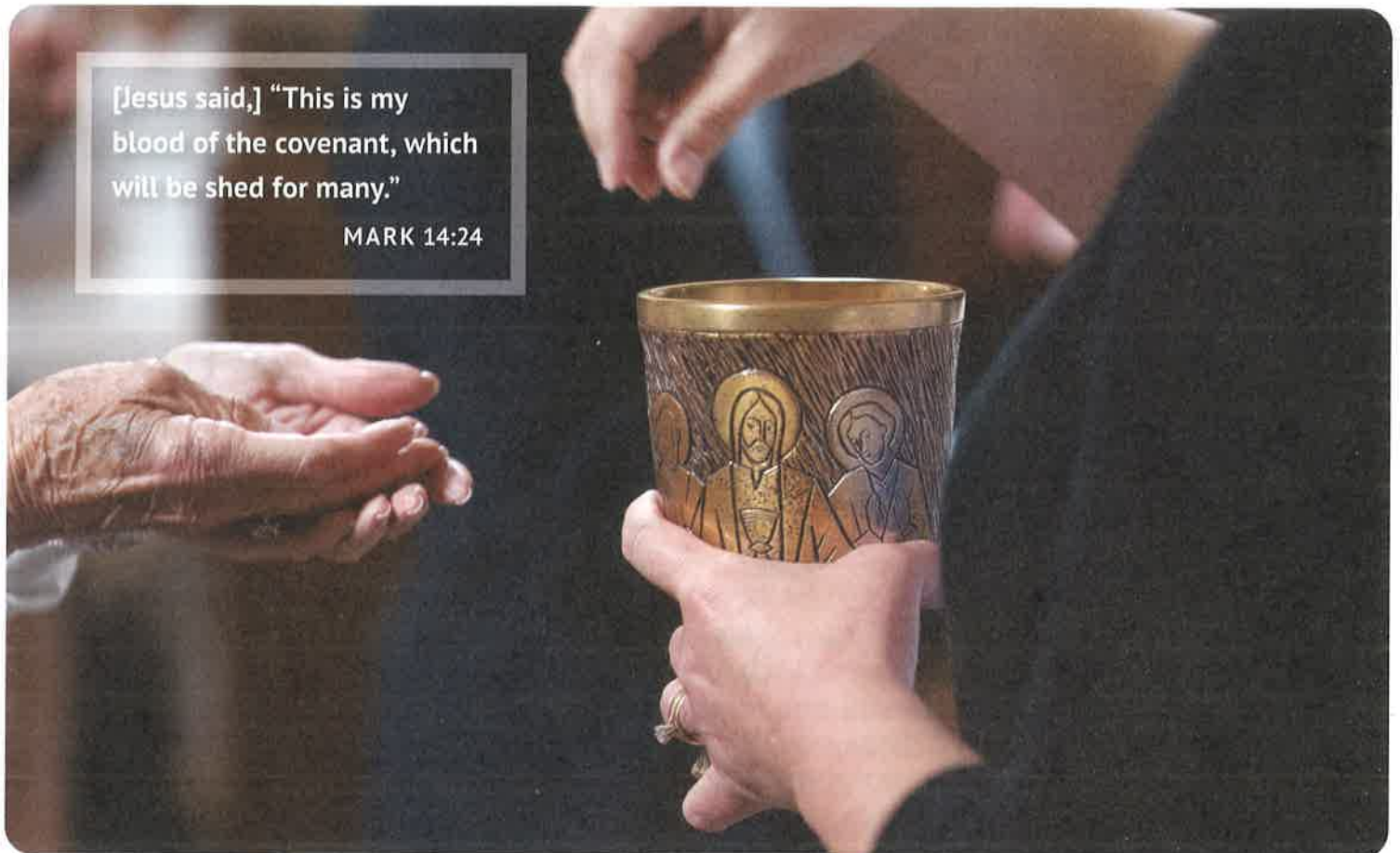
to the Eucharist each weekend. Some come for the homily, some for receiving holy Communion, others for the singing, and still others to be part of a faith community. For most, it is probably some of each. Yet behind all of it, though most might not think of saying so, is a commitment to be people of faith, to believe in the Lord Jesus, and to live as his disciples. It is the same commitment the Hebrews made in the desert in Exodus 24:3: “We will do everything that the LORD has told us.” Indeed, how long would we be believers and disciples of Jesus without being fed at his table? 🍷

Reflect

Why do you come to Mass each week?

[Jesus said,] “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many.”

MARK 14:24



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CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY – JUNE 2, 2024

The Sanctuary Lamp Burns in Memory of Gus Fredriksen

★★MASS INTENTIONS★★

SAT	5:15 PM	Sybilla & Francis Miller	THURS	9:00 AM	ICA MASS Joseph Hogan
SUN	7:30 AM	Birthday Blessings on Dcn Paul Hiryak		7:00PM	Gus Fredriksen
	9:00 AM	Our Parishioners	FRI	7:30AM	Deceased of the Chan Family
	11:00 AM	Thuy Nguyen	SAT	5:15PM	Carl J. Kubitz
MON	7:30 AM	Matthew Farley	SUN	7:30AM	Our Parishioners
TUES	7:30 AM	Ron Schwendt		9:00AM	Frances & Joseph Bambrick, Sr.
WED	7:30 AM	Linda Bardi		11:00AM	Living Members of ICC Women's Society

The Second Collection Next Week is the Monthly Collection

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Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Madge Butto, Pat Fessler, Sunny Motta, Curt Miller, Loretta Hitchens, Dante Stefina, Barbara Ruby, Kara Morrison, Arlene Shirley, George Ruby, Harriet Yeager, Marjorie Hansen, Jason Leman, Ann Washko, Dominic Strock, Anthony Scaglione, Aaron Gulla, Maryanne Emery, Pam Amos, Miriam Leman, Marianne Sutton, John Mingione, Henry J. Wade, Lois Muldowney, Terry Swisher, Arlene Schaeffer, Shelly Weiler, Joe Nowotarski, Steven Blanyar, Jennifer Gruber, Adele Nieckoski, Shawn Kaeser, Catherine Mueller, Regina Marie Brown, Ralph Rapposelli, Joe Dantas, Debbie Simcock, Judy Jones, Wanda Palmieri, Msgr. Nevin Klinger, Barbara Wright, Charlotte Glacken, Beppy McGee, David Mollura, Mary Louise Myers, Mary Ann Uivary, Michael Bobb, John Kuszniar, Joseph Ondo, Rose White, Karl Husbands, Magdalene Babiarz, Michael Gulla, Alex Lopacki, Angelina Swisher, Geraldine Christ, Rachel DiFrancesco, Millie Mattassa, Bill Pribanick, Rosemary Williamson, Christine Hummer, Tony Guilliams & Phyllis Vilano.

Please pray for the deceased Shirley Koch.

Our parish church is open each day of the week from 8am to 3pm for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament.

Each Sunday, the 11am Mass is live-streamed on our Facebook page for those who are sick and homebound. Access the live-streaming Mass from our parish website at

www.icbvm.org

OUR PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN WEDNESDAY,
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 11 AM-3PM. IF YOU CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE AND NO ONE ANSWERS YOUR
CALL, PLEASE LEAVE A DETAILED MESSAGE AND YOUR
CALL WILL BE RETURNED 610-582-2411

Daily Mass Schedule: Please be advised that On
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, the daily Mass will be at
7:30am as opposed to the usual evening hour.
Thank you for your kind understanding.

The 2024 Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal
is underway! Our parish support is a vital part of
this Diocesan-wide effort to serve children and
families in our own community and throughout the
Diocese of Allentown. You can make your gift
today at www.becausewearecatholic.org.

Thank you

A Request for Prayers: Please keep parishioners
Shawn and Michol Kaeser and their family in
your thoughts and prayers. Shawn is in end stage
kidney failure and is in need of a
transplant. Shawn is currently receiving dialysis
and is on the transplant list. Please pray that a
donor may soon be found. If interested in
learning more about organ donation, please call
Shawn at 610-906-2833 or e-mail at
skaeser1969@icloud.com.

**Mary Queen of Peace Council meets on the
first Tuesday at 7:30pm in the social hall.
Join us to learn more about the Knights of
Columbus and our parish group.**

Our parish **GRIEF SHARING GROUP** is here to
help you through those times of loss—trying to
cope with the death of a loved one. The next
meeting will be **Tues., June 4, 7-8pm**. If
planning to attend call/text Toni 610 404-1389

**The 2024 Graduating Class of Berks Catholic High
School** will hold its Baccalaureate Mass on Monday,
June 3rd at 6pm at St. Catharine of Siena, Reading.
All are invited.

**The 2024 Graduating Class of Daniel Boone High
School** will hold its Baccalaureate Service on
Tuesday, June 4th at 7pm in the high school
auditorium. All are invited

**Join the St. Raymond Nonnatus Foundation for a
half-day retreat at the Daylesford Abbey in Paoli,
for a special retreat for Catholics wounded by
divorce/separation. Sat, June 15, 2024,**

<https://www.nonnatus.org/divorce-retreat.html>

Questions: email director.srnf@gmail.com

**SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
HERO HOTLINE-Called Together to Serve God
July 15-July 19, 2024 Ages 6-10**

See today's insert for more information.

Parish Giving.

SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

Through Parish Giving, you are able to make
your Sunday Offering, along with special
diocesan and other contributions online!

*Thank you for your commitment to our parish
family and its Mission to proclaim the good news
of the Gospel!*

Won't you join us? It's easy, safe and secure. And
YOU have control over your online account. How?

- † You determine a monthly or weekly withdrawal
- † Use your Credit/Debit card or your checking account
- † See your year-to-date contributions at any time
- † Best of all, you don't have to worry about missing a
Sunday Collection even if you are away for any reason!

Go to www.icbvm.org and click the Parish Giving
link on the lower left-hand side of the home page.

Your generosity to Immaculate Conception is greatly

appreciated!

Join us for 18 holes of fundraising fun,

with all proceeds going to support
Immaculate Conception Academy!

June 24 Golf Scramble starts at 9am

Where: French Creek Golf Club

4500 Conestoga Rd, Elverson, PA 19520

For more info contact ICAGOLFS.COM

Register Now for the ICA Mini Golf Classic

Event Details:

Date: June 22nd, starting at 10 am

Location: Schell's Miniature Golf

4625 5th Street Hwy, Temple, PA 19560

Registration: Required in advance.

Website: ICAGOLFS.COM

*Open to the public, we encourage you to extend this
invitation to your friends.*

Church Reminders: SCRIP is available for Redners,
Boscovs, Giant, Kohls, Boyers & Weis. SCRIP can be
purchased in the church office, Wed. to Fri. & after
the Sat. 5:15 pm & Sun. 7:30am Masses. Please
remember to save your Redner's tapes and place
them in the box in the Narthex or drop off at the
church office.

MARRIED COUPLES – When's the last
time you gave your marriage a tune-up? Keep
your engines running by getting away
together on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Weekend! The next in-person experiences
are July 12-14 at Our Lady of Czestochowa,
Doylestown. For more info visit:
<https://www.wwme-philly.org>

Dear Padre,

Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

By only taking the host you are participating fully. And if you only drink from the chalice, you also are participating fully. Christ is always fully present in each form.

Many times, it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation. There are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially a person who is very ill, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier.

In the Church's teaching on the Eucharist, we are invited to receive both. The *Eucharisticum Mysterium* (32) says it is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a feast that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the kingdom of God is established in its fullness. In John 6, Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully by taking the host. Both forms are always present, because the priest must always receive both. ●



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Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
June 3 <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Pt 1:2-7 Mk 12:1-12	June 4 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Mk 12:13-17	June 5 <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Mk 12:18-27	June 6 <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8-15 Mk 12:28-34	June 7 <i>Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37	June 8 <i>Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Tm 4:1-8 Lk 2:41-51	June 9 <i>Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Gn 3:9-15 2 Cor 4:13-5:1 Mk 3:20-35



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

As we are nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ... we receive his love within us, not to hold it back selfishly, but rather to share it with others. This logic is inscribed in the Eucharist: we receive his love within us and we share it with others. This is the eucharistic logic.

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Immaculate Conception Church

Presents

Vacation Bible School 2024

Hero Hotline – Called Together to Serve God!



Dear Family,

It is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! This year our theme is *Hero Hotline, Called Together to Serve God!*

At **Hero Hotline VBS**, your children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they are called together to serve God. They will become Heroes and discover that answering God's call together means striving for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up!

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Heroes make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Hotline Tips to equip your Heroes for an active life with God. Your Heroes will also discover our Hotline Verse, which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they have discovered by making their own art projects, singing new songs, playing games, and enjoying tasty treats.

Join us as we answer God's call together, to serve, bring peace, and build each other up! Join us at **Immaculate Conception Academy** on **July 15, 2024 through July 19, 2024**, from **6:00pm to 8:00pm** for **ages 6 to 10**.

To register or to find out more about Hero Hotline VBS, call Mrs. O'Donnell at 610-582-3880.

Sincerely,

Your Hero Hotline VBS Team

VBS 2024 Registration Form

Hero Hotline

Called Together to Serve God

July 15 – July 19 Ages 6 to 10

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Participant's Name _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Address _____

Best Email Address _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

Participant's Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Last school grade completed _____

IMPORTANT: Please list any Special Needs, Allergies, or Medical Information that would be needed for your child to have the best experience.

If the above number cannot be reached, please provide emergency contacts below.

#1 Emergency Contact's Name _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

#2 Emergency Contact's Name _____

Best Contact Phone Number _____

***Please note:** In the event of an emergency 911 will be called first.

Dismissal Information: Other than a parent, please list the name(s) of person(s) who may pick up your child.

Cost: \$30/family – Checks made payable to Immaculate Conception Church - ICC