

Dear SPA Family,

This weekend, we remember a very important moment in the liturgy. The moment when Jesus saw his disciples for the last time, and the disciples saw Jesus for the last time. However, this event did not fill the disciples with sadness, depression, as it was when Jesus died; it did not cause His disciples to scatter and return to their regular errands, but, on the contrary, it filled them with joy.

And while he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was taken up into heaven. **They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,** where they were constantly in the temple, praising and blessing God.



Jesus went to heaven ... He ascended!

It is difficult for us to determine where heaven is. We have different ideas, different thoughts about heaven. One thing is for sure, everyone of us wants to go to heaven. We want it as much as we want happiness, health, joy, peace, friendship, security, certainty of tomorrow... We long for heaven, because we long to be better, more perfect, wiser, more loving... These are our most basic human longings and wishes. Let's not kid ourselves. None of us will be able to escape these longings.

So how do you reach heaven? Where is heaven?

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

Heaven is the perfect life with the Holy Trinity, the communion of life and love with Triune God, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the saints. Heaven is the ultimate goal and the fulfillment of the deepest human aspirations, the state of the highest and ultimate happiness. To live in heaven means to 'be with Christ'. The chosen ones live 'in Him,' but they keep and - what is more important - find their true identity there, their own name. To live is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life and the kingdom.

If we discover Christ in our lives, if we discover Christ above all in ourselves, we will go through the world/life always with happiness on our faces. Because the **life of each of us is about discovering Christ in our hearts. He is in every human heart.** What blocks Christ for us is our sin, our slavery, our addictions, our pride, our selfishness, our lack of love. If we can put aside whatever blocks Christ for us, we will surely discover Christ in our hearts. And happiness will reign in our lives. Happiness with which we will amaze others.

And Christ is very close. **He is present among us in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in His word and in each of us.** If we believe in Him, He will help us to make our hearts into heaven. He will help us to put aside all that still blocks it, He will help us to discover true happiness.

Have a blessed week, Fr. Chris

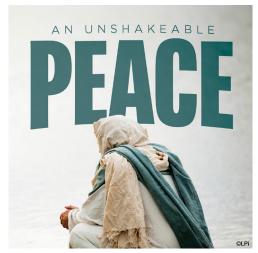
To read Mary Penich's **Something to Think About...**

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

7th Sunday of Easter

GOSPEL MEDITATION



The famous 20th century St. Padre Pio said once that he would wait outside the gates of heaven until the people in his life had entered. I'm not sure that I, or frankly many people I know, would say that and mean it. Yet that is precisely the kind of attitude we see in Jesus as he prays for us in the Gospel today. Having celebrated the Ascension of the Lord just a few days ago, we now hear the Son of God at the Last Supper pray to his Father "that they may be brought to perfection as one" (John 17:23). What does this mean for us?

I'd wager that we are not surprised that Jesus wants to make us perfect—that is, happy, whole, and healed. The shocker is that he desires this for us collectively and not just individually. Perfection is a team sport. We need each other to be perfect. Jesus is like a mother longing for her adult children to learn how to be in loving support of one another. He wants the perfection of his disciples to be not some individualistic plan of moral uprightness, but a loving communion of brothers and sisters.

Let's apply this practically. Do I see my participation at Mass as something I do merely for my own peace and edification, or as something I do with and for the people around me? Do I see my ongoing need for forgiveness as something that simply makes me feel better, or as a task that heals those around me, too? Is my dearest hope to individually get to heaven when I die, or is it to be part of the great procession of souls, together marching towards the heavenly Jerusalem? Do I want to be in heaven with people I currently find difficult? How would my life change if I did?

— Father John Muir ©LPi

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: Gather #826 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) by Rowland Prichard and William C. Dix At Sunday 5:00pm: Spirit & Song #181 Christ Is Risen by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: Spirit & Song #190 Shouts of Joy by Ken Canedo At Sunday 5:00pm: God Mounts His Throne by Josh Blakesley

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF SAINT KILIAN by Curtis Stephan

Preparation Song: I Can Only Imagine by Bart Millard

Eucharistic Acclamations: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Songs: Pan del Cielo (Bread from Heaven) by Iván Díaz, Tom Booth, and Estela García- López At Sunday 5:00pm: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (HYFRYDOL) by Rowland Prichard and William C. Dix, arranged by Josh Blakesley

Closing Song: Go Out In the World by Ed Bolduc

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons

that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,

and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem,

throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was

suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them.

They said, "Men of Galilee,

why are you standing there looking at the sky?

This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven

will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

READING II EPHESIANS 1:17-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

GOSPEL LUKE 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

*Tuesday: Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21*Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Wednesday: Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth.

Thursday: Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Friday: Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab The Lord has established his throne in heaven.

Saturday: Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7 The just will gaze on your face, O Lord.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

Monday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: St. Norbert, Bishop

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Fred & Mary Ann Perry | Gerena O. Monis | John Carter Bennett

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

7:30am: Michael Kinahan | Ben Serrano

9:30am: Conrado & Ana Dizon | Robert Chester Buttrey | Ricardo

A. Rivera | Stefan Boes

11:30am: Telma Marie Moeller | Nancy Minich Benedict

Humberto Arias Zamudio 5:00pm: Stefan Ciaston

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025

7:30am: Telma Marie Moeller

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

7:30am: Maria Dominguez | Judy Russell

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Robert Wagner | Loida Busa Pehlps | Edward Skowron | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Gerena O. Monis | Carmen Durban | Edgardo Arceo

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

7:30am: Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Ben Serrano

9:30am: Richard Maloni | Samuel Doran

11:30am: Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo |

Sabrina Taquilar

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of May 26, 2025

Sunday- \$11,405 Sharing-\$67 SVdP- \$329 Easter-\$30

Catholic Charities - \$1,571

Online Sunday- \$10,290 Online Sharing- \$370 Online SVdP- \$282

Month to Date - May

Sunday- \$51,951 Online Sunday- \$32,322 Sharing- \$1,530 Online Sharing-\$1,671 SVdP- \$2,391 Online SVdP- \$1,172 Easter- \$1,142

Catholic Charities - \$5,041

SCAN TO DONATE

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Rod Reyes Betty Falotico Dorothy Stratten Keith Kellogg Lisa Mischke Loretta Mirando Dave Erickson Darrel Alfonso Carla Irwin Alice DeSilvia Richard Kot Adriana Aparicio Pearla Villareal Suzelle Conze Kathy Hunt Jackie Herrera-Giron Kaz Wilk Rose Scarpelli Portia Tinker Donna Kalinoski Kathy Pozniecki Frank Shade Roberto Dacumos Alfredo "Doy" Martija Antonio "Tony" Alvarado William Otero Marcy Davis Emily Meyer Laura Hopkins Rosa LaBellarte Ruben Querubin

Rachel Ciullo Patricia Freeman Luis Fernando Mathieu Toni Lynn Mengarelli Shannon Bremmer Karen Swazas April Grandgeorge Alma De Torres Stephanie Rappe Vicki Shafer Ruth Blood Maria Delannov Tom Asma Natalie Hycner Karla Arce Jeanne Sypien Glenn Garamoni Daniel Schmelz Russell Yanow Victoria Sofia Luquez Mogollon Kinga Szymoniak Chris Lucy Donna O'Brien Monica Nash Norilyn Querubin Rey Querubin Obdulia Elizalde Iovita Menes Gerald Gundrum Reginald Dulaca Melody Cook Brian Smolicek

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

8:30AM EM VICARIATE TRAINING

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:00PM BAPTISM - HAMMOND

12:30PM BAPTISM - KEE

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

7:30AM MASS

TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2024

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

11:00AM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025

7:30AM MASS

3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025

7:30AM MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS

7:00PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S

GARAGE

11:00AM RECONCILIATION

12:30PM BAPTISM - BOTELLO

1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER

GROUP

5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025

7:30AM MASS

9:30AM MASS

11:30AM MASS

4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

5:00PM MASS

| JUNE 7/8 | LITURGY SC | HEDULE | | | | |
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| SATURDAY 5:00PM | G. Johnson J. Miller L. Miller K. Gaston A. Rusnak T. Rusnak | Jackie Senger Bruce Marchioni | E. Drexler S. Grzesiak J. Hauck D. Herchenback | B. Rago M. Smith D. Wells h | OPEN P. Balmes | Fr. Brad Dn. Andy |
| SUNDAY 7:30AM | R. Dizon T. Burns T. Shurtleff J. Siegel P. Mikols OPEN | Elsa Kurien Keith Kouba | M. Janik C. Karl J. O'Brien T. Rafael- Azcueta | C. Wicinski A. Wodek T. Zdenanlik | M. Zorc J.R. Delgado | Fr. Martin Dn. Andy |
| SUNDAY 9:30AM | M. O'Keefe N. O'Keefe K. King Dn. Tomasiewicz Db. Tomasiewicz B. Kibitlewski | Jeff Rediger Tom Maus | G. Pratscher S. Estorque J. Farber R. Ignacio | Arnold Ignacio C. Latza N. O'Keefe | R. Pratscher G. Pratscher | Fr. Martin Dn. Bob |
| SUNDAY 11:30AM | JJ Plamoottil P. Watson C. Karl R. Terrazas OPEN x 2 | Terry Denecke- Dattalo Conchita Manalo | R. Auguste E. Colcol T. Denecke- Dattalo | L. Lechowicz M. Ramirez J. Schoenherr S. Tebbetts | B. Moreno OPEN | Fr. Joe Dn. Ivan |
| SUNDAY 5:00PM | B. Marchioni C. Johnson N. O'Keefe M. O'Keefe OPEN x 2 | Christine Crow Teen or Lector I | C. Crow M. Gaytan C. Karl T. Marchioni | J. Marino T. Robb A. Wattelet | T. Marlowe J. Cruz | Fr. Joe Dn. Mike |



Got Junk? OOPs – We Meant Treasures?

SVdP Trailer Collection Event Saturday – May 31 (9am-4pm) Sunday, June 1 (9am-1pm)

Donation Collection

They say . . . One person's trash is another's treasure! Let us help you clean out those closets, basements and garages! AND help others in the process too!!!

St. Paul the Apostle's Society of St. Vincent de Paul ministry will be collecting your treasures that you wish to recycle. We will have a trailer parked in the west end of the church parking lot on the days above (or until the trailer is full.) Just pull your car up near the trailer and someone will assist you in unloading your donations and provide you with a receipt.

Anyone interesting in volunteering to help load the truck on either day, send an email to:
margaret_kuretich@att.net.

As always, your support is greatly appreciated!

Items that are in great demand:

- Gently-used clothing, shoes, and accessories for women, men, and children
- Kitchen/dining dish ware, flatware, bakeware, tools, gadgets, small appliances
- Home Décor: linens, decorative accents, artwork, mirrors, rugs, silk flowers, baskets
- Small Furniture: end tables, coffee tables, small chairs, TV stands, etc.

Please note: We will not be able to accept mattresses, box springs, stuffed animals, toys, baby car seats, cribs, strollers, baby bedding and accessories, computers, etc.

The SVdP thrift store is no longer conducting home pickups; however, any large items can be dropped off at the thrift store located at 168 Peterson, Libertyville.

All donations are tax-deductible. If you have any questions about this event, leave a message on our hotline at (847) 347-0832.



Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?

Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, June 3, at 11 am in Room 30.

Ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need within our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome — and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

Questions? Contact the parish office: info@spa.church

BAPTISM PREP CLASS



The Baptism
Preparation Ministry

prepares parents for their children's baptisms by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend before their child's baptism.

The next class is June 5, 2025 at 7pm in the Church

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply, we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us."

-Helen Keller

You are invited to join with us as we gather with others who have lost a loved one. Here you will find support and encouragement in abundance.

The next meeting is
June 4, 2025 at 3pm.
Sandy Gbur,
Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

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Friday June 20

6:00PM - 8:00PM



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Questions? Please call or email: Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



the First Saturday Prayer group have prayed together without fail all the decades of the rosary every first Saturday of the month. Prayers for June 7, 2025 will be at the Parish House 1:30PM-4PM.

- a. Divine Mercy
- b. Rosary
 - i. Joyful mysteries
 - ii. Luminous mysteries
 - iii. Sorrowful mysteries
 - iv. Glorious mysteries
- c. Angelus 2. Benediction



DIVINE MERCY COUNCIL #11112 PETE ALBAMONTE **CHARITY GOLF OUTING**

- WHERE: Heather Ridge Golf Course, Gurnee
- DATE: Saturday, June 14, 2025 (Rain date: TBD)
- TIME: Tee Times start at 10:15 AM (first available time is 10:24 AM)
- COST: \$75 per person, includes 9 holes with cart; sandwich, chips, and N/A drink; prizes and 50/50 raffle.
- FORMAT: Scramble (Foursome)
- REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must sign up by Friday, June 6th.

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What is Summer with the Saints?

- Every week of summer (beginning of June to end of August), receive an email containing a Formed video pertaining to a saint from that week.
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- Each week's email will include suggestions for families to implement what they watched through an activity to keep the summer fun and faith-filled.

Learn more at our website!























What is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) ministry?

Here at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish, our Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference was formed in 2008. Our members are known as Vincentians. Do you know how SVdP helps our community? We are always looking for new members. Come join us!

Our Mission

SVdP's mission is to build a network of friends, inspired by faith-based values, growing in holiness and building a better world through interpersonal relationships and to service people in our community in transitory need.

We are volunteers with a desire to answer those in an emergency, who need a one-time boost to get through a temporary setback. We work with neighbors in Gurnee, North Chicago and Waukegan. We offer temporary assistance such as rent and utility help, car payments, food, clothing and other needs so that the individual can move forward once the emergency has ended.

What makes SVdP different from other charities?

All our members are volunteers whose mission is to serve those in need.

- Neighbors call because they are desperate, and help is immediately needed.
- Individuals do not have to wait weeks for a return call or an appointment. Our members reach out quickly and provide not just help but understanding and care.
- We help neighbors as if they are family because we believe they are. They are our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- We are not government funded. All donations come from parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church

Recent Case Study-

Alysia is a single young mom of 4. She left an abusive relationship, found a job and a new place to live. Her ex found a way to blackmail her and get her rent money. She had to hire a lawyer to take him to court to take back control of her life. This caused her to get behind in her rent and she called us for help. We were able to help her with her rent payment and she was extremely grateful for this!

*Most of our cases are people who live paycheck to paycheck. One set back, like missing work for health reasons, or an unexpected expense, causing them to not be able to pay an important bill. SVdP listens to their story and works towards getting them back on track.

Interested in helping us with the St. Vincent de Paul ministry? Contact Debbie Mumm at 224-577-6866 for more information.



Make This a Summer to Grow in Faith!

When school year rhythms fade away and summer schedules fill up, it can be challenging to make family faith life a priority.
This summer, keep things

simple with Formed's
Summer with the Saints
journey!

Learn about the saints, celebrate their feast days, and grow in faith as a family.

This summer journey offers weekly opportunities to celebrate saints' feast days with movies and shows on Formed, accompanied by family activities that kids of all ages will enjoy.

This could be especially beneficial for our students preparing for Confirmation!

Make this a fun and faithfilled summer, one your family will remember for years to come. All you holy men and women of God, pray for us!





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Answer: Prior to the liturgical reforms that accompanied the Second Vatican Council, it was the universal practice that Catholics would receive communion on the tongue," meaning that the one receiving would allow the priest distributing communion to place the consecrated host on their outstretched tongue. At this time, only the priest celebrant (and, on special occasions, priests assisting at the Mass) was allowed to receive the Precious Blood.

Since 1977 (with the approval of the Holy See) the bishops of the United States have officially approved two equally valid options for receiving Holy Communion in Masses celebrated according to the Ordinary Form of the Mass. As the bishops statement Norms for Holy Communion Under Both Kinds states:

The communicant may choose whether to receive the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue. When receiving in the hand, the communicant should be guided by the words of St. Cyril of Jerusalem: "When you approach, take care not to do so with your hand stretched out and your fingers open or apart, but rather place your left hand as a throne beneath your right, as befits one who is about to receive the King. Then receive him, taking care that nothing is lost" (no. 41).

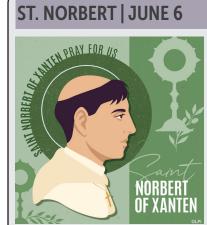
As we noted, both ways of receiving communion are equally valid in the United States and it is important that we always keep the instructions of the bishops in mind as we reflect on which method we might prefer.

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ST. NORBERT | JUNE 6



Born to nobility, St. Norbert of Xanten (c. 1075-1134), was ordained as a subdeacon and served in the court of Henry V, Emperor of Germany, however, at court it was easy to be distracted by wealth, power, and luxury and he lived a worldly and corrupt life there. By the grace of God while traveling in

a storm he was nearly struck by lightning and almost killed. This experience changed St. Norbert and he became penitent, left his court post, and after a period of discernment in a monastery, felt called to be a priest.

Norbert became an itinerant preacher, preaching against worldly attitudes but at the Pope's request finally settled in northern France and founded the Norbertine order established according to the rule of St. Augustine. The order grew rapidly and soon founded a women's branch. Norbert traveled and preached across Germany where he also founded a lay branch of the Norbertines. In Belgium he preached against heresies which denied the Blessed Sacrament, this earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament". He and those of his orders had a great love of and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, with a devout faith in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Eventually he was made Archbishop of Magdeburg, Germany, and later he traveled to Rome in support of Pope Innocent II, against the antipope. Afterward he returned to Germany to court of Emperor Lothar as advisor, at end of life, in failing health, St. Norbert was carried back to Magdeburg where he died. St. Norbert of Xanten, pray for us!



All teens in grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a week of Youth Ministry nights from Sunday, July 20, to Thursday, July 24 from 6:00pm -8:00pm each night. The nights will feature dinner, activities, faith-based talks, and discussions. Registration is found on the parish website and the cost is \$25 to attend the entire week. Contact Tom Wattelet with any questions.





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