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## ***Catholic Community***

**Member of the English-Speaking Mission**

**Mass: Fridays at 6 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel**

**Sundays at 10 a.m. in the main Sanctuary**

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## **June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings (Missal p 174 et seq.): Jer 20:10-13 • Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 • Rom 5:11-15 • Mt 10:26-33**

**Welcome to our 10 a.m. Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr. Wolfgang Schonecke**

Lectors: Glenda Massey • Eucharistic Ministers: Thomas Schmidt, Heide Doblhofer, John Massey

Greeter: Buck Chisolm • Altar Servers: NN • Hospitality: Monique & Family, Marianne Sihotang

Designated collection: All Saints

### **BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

The early biblical Christian community would have looked at today's feast through different eyes than those looking at it today. We've been trained to see the "feeding" element of Christ's Body and Blood; they saw the "presence" element.

We see the former in today's choice of a first reading. The comparison of Christ's Body and Blood to the manna in the wilderness is classic. Moses reminds the Chosen People, "He (Yahweh) let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna . . ." No matter the dangers the Israelites faced during their desert wanderings, Yahweh's timely manna provided the strength to see them through their journeys unscathed. The similarity with Christ's Body and Blood needs no explanation.

John's late first century CE reflection on both Eucharistic elements certainly reinforces that theology. Immediately after the bread miracle, his Jesus states, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them on the last day." The evangelist is convinced Christ's Body and Blood are the only "true food and true drink" Christians need to attain eternal life.

Yet a generation or two before John wrote his gospel, Paul looked at the Eucharist through a different filter. Today's I Corinthians passage is very significant; it contains the earliest known biblical reference to the Lord's Supper. But once pulled out its chapter 10 context, it's almost impossible to appreciate Paul's unique Eucharistic theology.

At this point of his letter, Paul's challenging the overconfidence of some in the Corinthian community who believe they can continue taking part in their old pagan sacrifices yet remain followers of Jesus in good standing. He argues that just as receiving from the Eucharistic cup makes them one with the risen Jesus, so the pagan temple rituals in which they engage make them one with those other gods; an obvious contradiction for a disciple of Jesus. Then, bringing up a point John never makes about the Lord's Supper in his oft-quoted chapter 6, the Apostle mentions his belief that receiving the cup and bread also make the participants one with one another. Symbolized by the one loaf, it transforms them into the one Body of Christ. (I wonder what our use of individual "hosts" signifies.)

Paul doesn't have to ask the next question. It's obvious. How could the Body of Christ take part in such an abomination?

One of the reasons Catholic celebrations of the Lord's Supper eventually transformed themselves into just a series of "robotic actions" springs from our church's zeroing in only on John 6 and ignoring other early Eucharistic theologies, especially that of Paul in I Corinthians. The "Mass" simply became the way this special food and drink was produced. No longer was it a communal meal in which the participants became one with both the risen Christ and one another. One special person did all the "work;" everyone else just "applauded" when it was over. (Until the liturgical reforms of the mid-20th century practically no one – except the priest - even dared to actually eat any of this unique food!)

Ad nauseam I repeat the late Bishop Frank Murphy's 1964 instruction to us about-to-be-ordained priests. "Your main task during the Eucharist isn't just to say the right words or make the right gestures; it's to help form the participants into the Body of Christ."

Unfortunately, it didn't take us long to figure out it was far easier to "cook" the meal than it was to create the unique environment in which that one of a kind meal was to be eaten.

**Roger Vermalen Karban**

**Membership meeting of the Friends of All Saints on Sunday,  
July 2nd at 11:15 in the Community Hall**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME!** *Visiting for the first time?* At the end of Mass, please introduce yourself and tell us where you are from, so we can welcome you. Please join us for coffee and cake in the Community Hall!

Attendance on June 18<sup>th</sup>: 81

Collection: All Saints €232.20 Caritas €46.50



## Will you be in Berlin over the summer?

If so, would you consider helping in one of these ways?

**Hospitality** – during the summer we just need to have someone make coffee and put out the cakes.

**Water the garden** – from time to time help water the flower beds, especially if we have some hot days. See someone in the church office to volunteer and thank you very much.

**Lectors** – If you would like to be our lector during the summer months please contact [johannes.ploog@gmx.de](mailto:johannes.ploog@gmx.de) or [b.chisolm@gmx.de](mailto:b.chisolm@gmx.de). Lectors need to be at church 30 minutes prior to Mass to make preparations.

**Altar Servers** – We don't have our sign-up Doodle during the summer months. If you would like to serve drop a line to [b.chisolm@gmx.de](mailto:b.chisolm@gmx.de) or talk to me at church. Even if you don't volunteer when you arrive for Mass and are willing to serve just check in the sacristy. Chances are you will be asked to serve in the Mass. Thanks to all.

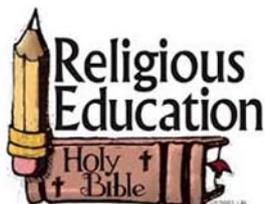
## Mark your calendars:

- June 25<sup>th</sup> - **Girls Confirmation Class** meets at 12:00 h at the Pedussel residence
- June 30<sup>th</sup> - **Boys Confirmation Class** meets at 18:00 h at the Schulze-Makuch residence.
- October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – **Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** - Konrad Giersdorf has details. Contact him at: [giersdorf@hotmail.de](mailto:giersdorf@hotmail.de)



Dirk Verheyen, who directs a program for students from North America at Free University Berlin ([www.fubest.org](http://www.fubest.org)), will be carrying out a Pastoral Internship in the English-Speaking Mission during the timeframe of June 2017 - September 2018 as part of his training for the Permanent Diaconate.

Aside from his regular presence at and involvement in liturgies at St. Bernhard and All Saints, especially, he will be part of the Confirmation program and youth ministry activities. His involvement is supervised by and coordinated with Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa.



**Call for volunteer catechists!** Any confirmed adult who wishes to minister to our children and youth by teaching the faith,

particularly in preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion, is invited to contact Jenny Gebhardt / Fr. Sylvester before the summer break for more information! Email: [jgebhar@yahoo.de](mailto:jgebhar@yahoo.de)

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We wish a safe and fun holiday for many of our parish who will be gone for the summer returning in August. A few events to look forward to:

- Fall Family Bazaar on Saturday, September 9th. Contact Heide: [h.doblhofer@t-online.de](mailto:h.doblhofer@t-online.de)
- All Saints Council election in October. Look for detail if you are interested in running for office.

**Have a great summer everyone!**

## **Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, Celebrant: Fr. Sylvester Ajunwa**

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Designated collection: Peter's Pence

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