

**BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**  
*June 7, 2015*



While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."  
 - Mk 14:22-24

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**OFFICE HOURS • MONDAY-THURSDAY 8:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. - St. James**  
 † Priscilla Shoreack.....Denis & Joan Montroy  
**Sunday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. - St. Gertrude**  
 † Genevieve Koelz .....Margaret & Bob Frey  
**Sunday, June 7, 9:30 a.m. - St. Elizabeth**  
 † Ray & Jim Iberg .....Marge  
 † Kenneth B. Hess.....Jean Hess Family  
**Tuesday, June 9, 8:00 a.m. - St. Elizabeth**  
 † Arline Jaconis .....Ralph & Cindy Reynolds  
**Wednesday, June 10, 8:00 a.m. - St. Gertrude**  
**NO MASS**  
**Thursday, June 11, 8:00 a.m. - St. James**  
 Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**Friday, June 12, 9:30 a.m. - Hitz Home**  
 John F. Wick Family  
**Friday, June 12, 10:00 a.m. - Alhambra Care Center**  
 In Honor of the Sacred Heart  
**Saturday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. - St. James**  
 For the People of the Silver Creek Parish Cluster  
**Sunday, June 14, 8:00 a.m. - St. Gertrude**  
 † Sonny Schwarz .....Skip & Joan Dickshot  
**Sunday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. - St. Elizabeth**  
 † Clarence & Shirley Mersinger....Bob & Karen Daiber Fam.  
 † Mary Jo MacKenzie .....Marcie & Julie

**NEXT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE • June 13-14**

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - Troy • Fr. Pat  
 Saturday 5:30 p.m. - St. Jacob • Fr. Pat  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Troy • Fr. Peters  
 Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Grantfork • Fr. Pat  
 Sunday 9:30 a.m. - Marine • Fr. Peters  
 Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Troy • Fr. Pat

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**5:30 p.m., Saturday, June 13, St. James**  
 Server: Gene Touchette  
 Lector: Joe Galeaz  
 E. Min.: Joe Bushur & Judy Touchette  
 Ushers/Greeters/Gifts: Dennis & Lori Daiber  
 Sacristan: Joe & Pat Galeaz

**8:00 a.m., Sunday, June 14, St. Gertrude**  
 Servers: Nicole Knackstedt & Brady Knackstedt  
 Lector: Barbie Weis  
 E. Min.: Whitney Landmann & Karen Straube  
 Ushers/Greeters: Kevin Schwarz & Carly Ann Maurer  
 Gifts: Michael Sauls Family  
 Sacristan: Dean Sauls

**9:30 a.m., Sunday, June 14, St. Elizabeth**  
 Servers: Adam Grotefendt & Alex Grotefendt  
 Lector: Vera Durbin  
 E. Min.: Thelma Vernatti & Connie Grapperhaus  
 Greeters/Gifts: Gina Dimig & Greg Mersinger  
 Sacristan: Cindy Reynolds

**NURSING HOME MASSES**

Mass will be celebrated at the nursing homes in Alhambra on Friday, June 12. We will be at the Hitz Home at 9:30 a.m. followed by Alhambra Care Center at 10:00 a.m.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### St. Elizabeth • May 31, 2015

Parish Offerings .....\$1,162.00  
Non-parish Offerings ..... 160.00

### St. Gertrude • May 31, 2015

Parish Offerings ..... \$958.00  
Non-parish Offerings ..... 48.00

### St. James • May 31, 2015

Parish Offerings .....\$1,094.00  
Non-parish Offerings ..... 40.00

**Parish Offerings:** All contributions designated for the parish, such as envelopes, loose, maintenance fund, Holy Days, PSR, etc.

**Non-parish Offerings:** All other contributions designated for non-parish income, such as, Rice Bowl, Diocesan Collections, Sister Parish, etc.

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:** Thank you for your recent donations; St. Elizabeth \$558, St. Gertrude \$476, St. James \$238. Your donations will be used to provide safe drinking water to families in rural Guatemala. Complications caused by unclean water are major contributors for malnutrition and under nutrition. The Q'eqchi Partners' mission is support Guatemalan organizations working to improve the lives and culture of the Q'eqchi Mayan. It is our pleasure to help you help them with these donations to the water filtration project. David J. Hartnett, President, The Q'eqchi Partners, Inc.

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Life in the Spirit Healing Ministry will meet on Monday, June 8, 9:15 am at St. Elizabeth, Marine. Bring Bible, Daily Prayers for Spiritual Warfare, and Intercession by Sr. Ann Shields.

### TRI-PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Parish Pastoral Council:** St. Elizabeth - Flossie Bohnenstiehl, Ron Wildhaber, John Hodapp, Sheryl Hess; St. Gertrude - Whitney Landmann, Dave Raymond, Chad Korte, Linda Wernle; St. James - Janet Highlander, Pat Galeaz, Dennis Daiber, John Nonn.

**Finance Council:** St. Elizabeth - Bob Daiber, Paul Neudecker, Lisa Neudecker, Marge Iberg; St. Gertrude - MaryAnn Frueh, Kevin Schwarz, Carly Ann Maurer, Rich Weis; St. James - Janet Highlander, Dan Dickman, Laura Reilson.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Mt 5:1-12  
Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Mt 5:13-16  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37  
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Mt 5:33-37  
Immac. Heart: Is 61:9-11/Lk 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

## PLEASE PRAY FOR ... ALL THE SICK, ESPECIALLY:

Caden Dapkus, Marge Hess, Teresa Dickman, Jenna Pettus, Michelle Cain.

## PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

St. Jerome has a prayer-chain ministry, where volunteers confidentially pray for requests made through the parish office. The prayer requests are sent via e-mails or phone calls to the prayer chain volunteers. If you would like to serve on this ministry and pray for the intentions requested, please send your e-mail address to [lsenci@stjeromeparish.org](mailto:lsenci@stjeromeparish.org) or call her at 667-6571, ext. 11. Or, if you or someone you know would like to be added to our intercessory prayers, please call or e-mail the request to Lorraine.

**HOMEBOUND VISITS:** Fr. Pat visits the homebound on a regular basis. Call Vera at 887-4535 to let her know of any parishioner who is homebound due to sickness or age.

**ADDITIONS TO PRAYER LIST:** If you know of someone who is serving in our military, are sick, or are in a nursing home and would like to have them added to the prayer list, contact the parish office at 887-4535 or email [vera.durbin@yahoo.com](mailto:vera.durbin@yahoo.com). Please note if they are in the military.

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** If you know someone who is serving overseas in the armed forces with an APO or FPO address, please contact the parish office at 887-4535 or [vera.durbin@yahoo.com](mailto:vera.durbin@yahoo.com)

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS:** Please stop by or call the parish office at 887-4535 during office hours to register.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are always celebrated during a weekend mass. The family must be registered and actively living their faith at St. Elizabeth, St. Gertrude, or St. James for six months to assure faith will be shared with the new born child. A Pre-Jordan Class is required for all parents. We encourage couples to attend the class during pregnancy. Godparents are also encouraged and welcome to come. For more information, please call the parish office at 887-4535.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Please contact the parish office at 887-4535 at least nine months before your anticipated wedding date to begin your spiritual preparation. One or both persons must be registered and actively living their faith at St. Elizabeth, St. Gertrude, or St. James for at least six months to celebrate their wedding there. All couples planning to be married must attend a Pre-Cana Conference or participate in an Engaged Encounter. Call the parish office at 887-4535 to schedule a meeting with the priest. For those who were former members here, they must be registered and living their faith at the parish where they reside.

**Pray Every Day to End Abortion**

## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES



Our parish family is happy to extend our sincere and heartfelt congratulations on Sunday, June 14 at 8:00 am at St. Gertrude Church to all our graduates.

We are happy to congratulate them and assure them of our prayers, love, and support as they begin the next step to fulfilling their dreams.

Parishioners are invited to breakfast in the church hall after 8:00 am mass to celebrate with the graduates. Sponsored by the Catholic Holy Family Society. If each family wishes, they could bring some items for the food pantry for a meal donation. If you have any questions, please call 675-3366.

## Liturgy Notes from Steve Stack

### MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST BLOOD OF THE COVENANT



When Moses was given the ten Commandments as the covenant established with his people, Moses, on behalf of all the people, sealed the covenant by sacrificing young bulls on the altar, splashing some of the blood on the altar, and sprinkling the rest on the people as they proclaimed, "All that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." Moses said to the people: "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

But the blood offered by the people to God was not sufficient, in that over time they broke the commandments, violated the covenant. So God established a new covenant with his people. Jesus Christ himself is the New Covenant: an indissoluble marriage bond of God and humanity. And when Christ established the Holy Eucharist, he himself became not only our high priest that offered the sacrifice, but was himself also the sacrificial Lamb. He – *who is GOD* – sacrificed *himself to us* in this unimaginable reversal of roles. HIS own blood became the "blood of the covenant which will be shed for the many."

This marriage bond is unbreakable even by our sinfulness, because God has done it and is ever faithful. We on our part may (try to) deny it or refuse it, but the truth is that in Christ we all now belong forever to God, to Christ. And so in the Holy Eucharist, when we eat and drink his Body and Blood, we renew our promises to Christ to be ever faithful, ever one with him. In this precious gift God ever forgives us our sins and grants us intimate communion with him. And this communion is the foretaste of the fullness of unity we will know in the life that is to come.

This is such an amazing gift! Why would I ever want to refuse it; why ever deprive myself of such great love and goodness? In the Rite of Marriage, after the couple has made their vows, the priest says: "what God has joined, no one must divide."

If God, in Christ and in their Holy Spirit, joins us to himself, then how could we ever refuse to acknowledge and receive this Communion with love and gratitude?

## Confirmation ~ Thanks + a word from a Mom Ron Knapp, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation

So many folks, from each of our parishes, contributed in seemingly "little" ways and certainly in major ways to enhance our cluster's celebration of Confirmation. Thank you!

To our 19 Confirmandi: Congratulations on fuller Life in the Spirit. Continue to fan that flame. We are with you, continuing on the path of faith, hope, mercy, service, compassion, justice, truth, joy, and love.

Peggy (Essert) Korte, who attended high school with me (Mater Dei in Breese - Clinton County), wrote a wonderful note the day after. Peggy's youngest son, Jack, was one of those confirmed this year. With her permission I share it in this bulletin space that's dedicated to faith formation.

It such was a beautiful ceremony! It was very uplifting, very special, and the music was beautiful. Everything was perfect. It was great being part of the Confirmation process the last two years. Jack is our "baby," Michaela is our middle child, and my oldest (Paige) is in Chicago and just graduated law school last weekend! We are "formally" finished now with kids going through their PSR classes and sacraments with our guidance, and with formal teaching from many. We will do our best to continue to 'guide' them on their adult journeys in the Catholic faith, teachings, and actions.

As a catechist myself, and as a parish staff member, and as a parent, these words are pure gold. Thank you, Peggy, and ALL of our parents, sponsors, guides, and role models of witnessing to the fruitfulness of our faith. May each of us continue to learn the faith, love the faith, and live the faith—to the glory of God and to the building-up of God's people.

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**Job Opportunities - Assistant Supervisor Needed...**St. Boniface School seeks an Assistant Supervisor for its extended day program. Applicant must be available to work Monday-Friday, 2:30 - 5:30 pm and must be willing to complete the Protecting God's Children training and background check.

**Sixth Grade Teacher Needed...**St. Boniface School seeks a "temporary" 6th grade homeroom teacher for August 14 – September 14. Teacher must be an appropriately licensed/certified elementary teacher.

St. Boniface School is currently taking applications for substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year.

Contact Sr. Anna Flanigan, 618-656-6917, or [strychnol@st-boniface.com](mailto:strychnol@st-boniface.com) for more information on any of these job opportunities. Applications are available at [www.st-boniface.com](http://www.st-boniface.com) or at the school or parish office, 128 North Buchanan, Edwardsville, IL.

**Elementary Education Teacher -3rd grade; Part-time Art; Part-time Music/Band** at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School in Newton, IL. Starting August 24. Practicing Catholics preferred but not required. All interested individuals should submit resume, letter of application, copy of license(s), letters of reference and transcripts to: St. Thomas School, Attn: Mrs. Jill Bierman, Principal, 306 W. Jourdan St., Newton, IL 62448. Deadline to apply: June 16, 2015, [jillbierman@stthomassaints.com](mailto:jillbierman@stthomassaints.com)



## Fr. Pat's Pen

**THANKS TO FR. DAVID PETERS** for helping me pastor our four parishes. I would not have been able to do this without Fr. Peters generous and tireless support, presiding at weekend Masses in my absence. Every Sunday, Fr. Peters offered Masses at either St. Jerome (8 a.m. & 11 a.m.) or at St. Gertrude (8 a.m.) and St. Elizabeth (9:30 a.m.), rotating this schedule with me. Fr. Peters, who is a retired Diocesan priest, is a friend and a mentor and I know you have come to love and appreciate him as much as I do. Because Fr. Paul Habing will begin his assignment in our area on July 1 and will start helping Fr. Alan Hunter cover weekend Masses at St. Jerome, St. Elizabeth and St. James and Fr. Scott Snider begins his administration at St. Gertrude's, Fr. Peters' last weekend at St. Jerome will be Sunday, June 21 and at St. Gertrude and St. Elizabeth will be Sunday, June 28. Please join me in thanking Fr. Peters and wishing him well.

**OFFICE REALIGNMENT:** We are in the process of consolidating parish administrative support for the Triad cluster of parishes (Marine, St. Jacob and Troy). Vera Durbin, the parish secretary for St. Jacob and Marine, will relocate her base of operations to the Wayland Office (upstairs) at St. Jerome, Troy. Parishioners can continue to use Vera's same email address and the 887-4535 phone number to reach her. Please be patient as we make these changes.

### FR. PAT'S CONTACT PROCEDURE

To speak with Fr. Pat directly, if your need is time sensitive or in an emergency, call his cell phone at 830-1595.

Email for an appointment or with any concerns/questions: [pjake158@gmail.com](mailto:pjakel58@gmail.com). Name what it is regarding in the subject line. Suggest the best day(s) or hour(s) to meet. If you would like a phone call, include your phone number(s).



## From the Deacon's Desk

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

**Weddings and Marriages.** Weddings seem to have gotten promoted to an extraordinary level of importance, complexity, and cost these days. TV programs, magazines and web materials demand that we recognize the need for the services of professionals, exotic destinations and settings, and the need to spend loads of time and money on this one day. In contrast is the elegant and noble simplicity of the marriage rite at the heart of every Church wedding. Through this rite we can move beyond ceremony and witness to the sacrament of matrimony. This is what really elevates a wedding day to its extraordinary level of importance. As followers of Christ we revel in the wedding day, just as at Cana, while recognizing the wedding as the point of creation, the genesis of something new: a daughter and son of God becoming one, answering their call to be held together by their love and God's to share their love and life through this sacred vocation.

...*Pax et Bonum*, Deacon Bob & Marian

## ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH

### BUFFET STYLE CHICKEN DINNER

DRESSING & HOMEMADE PIE

Sunday, June 7

Serving 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Quilt Raffle in Dining Room

Come Visit the Country Store

Children \$5.00 (Kindergarten thru age 10) • Adults \$10.00

Phone 675-3384 For Carry-Outs

### ST. GERTRUDE PSR NEWS

Grantfork PSR is looking for a Pre-K/Kindergarten Teacher for the fall. If you are willing to help please contact Kim Lewis or Benda Knackstedt.

### OPEN HOUSE honoring Fr. Pat Jakel



FAREWELL

The Parish of St. Jerome and the Tri-parishes of St. Elizabeth, St. James, and St. Gertrude invite everyone to come and celebrate the 30th Jubilee of Fr. Pat Jakel

and say farewell as he heads to his new assignment as pastor of St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland. Join us at St. Jerome in Troy any of the following times:

**Saturday, June 27:** 5:00 pm-7:30 pm

**Sunday, June 28:** 8:15 am-10:45 am or 12:15 pm-3:00 pm

The parishes are providing finger sandwiches, cake, coffee, tea, and lemonade. We are asking each family to donate baked goods that are easy for the party - cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc. Come join the fun and celebrate Fr. Pat! This will be his last weekend at St. Jerome.



### TRI-PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER NEWS

**ACSA Reminder.** Your contributions and pledges have helped offset funding our assessment from St Jerome operating funds. If you've not already contributed or pledged support for ACSA for the July 2014 through June 2015 year, please prayerfully consider doing so as we approach the end of the parish fiscal year. Thank you again for your support to our diocesan programs.

If you have any questions on any of these activities, please feel free to contact Deacon Bob.

### BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Relevant Pregnancy Options Center invites you to take a baby bottle home with you and return the filled bottle to the same location you picked it up by Sunday, June 21, Father's Day.