



June 19, 2022

# Saint Stephen the Martyr Parish of the PNCC

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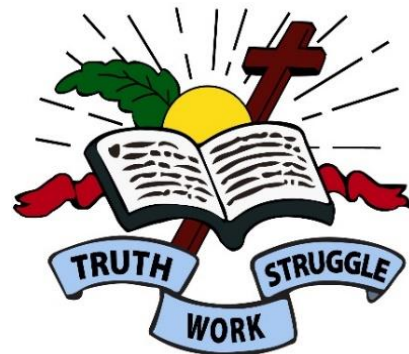
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## Solemnity – The Body and Blood of Christ

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**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY!**

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### A Festival Thought

The Body and Blood of Christ is more than just bread and wine. It is the real presence of Christ on the altar and in our hearts. But the Body of Christ is so much more. It is each and every one of us, united as one Body together as the Church of Christ on earth.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### GENESIS 14:18-20

Melchizedek blesses Abram and receives tithing in return.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 110:1, 2, 3, 4

**R. You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

#### 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26

At the Last Supper, Christ puts forth His own Body and Blood as expiation for our sins.

#### LUKE 9:11-17

The loaves and the fishes are miraculous food from Christ Himself, in the same manner as His Body and Blood feeds us still this day.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 16:20-21

*V. Lord You nourished Your people with food of angels and furnished them bread from heaven, ready to hand, untoiled for, endowed with all delights and conforming to every taste.*

**R. For this substance of Yours revealed Your sweetness toward Your children, and serving the desire of him who received it, was blended to whatever flavor each one wished.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA: John 6:56

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:11-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**TODAY – June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Solemnity – The Body and**  
**Blood of Christ**  
**“Corpus Christi”**

**ONE MASS ONLY!**

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass**

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

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**SUNDAY – June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**  
**Word of God Sunday**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – July 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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**SUNDAY – July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## SIGN UP SHEETS

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi this week. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for multiple days and there are two of them, one under the other so please sign up for as many days as you can. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

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## PICNIC FLYERS

Flyers are available on the table in the Vestibule for the Picnic in August. Please take a couple and post them where you can, your super market, hairdressers, barber, where ever there is a bulletin board. And talk about it, tell your friends. Thank you.

## INTENTIONS:

### My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman, Christine Mulutzje, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

**If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, June 19<sup>th</sup>; Solemnity of Corpus Christi – One Mass Only at 9:00 AM. Also - Father’s Day.**

**Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup>:** The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

**Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>;** Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM

**Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>;** The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

**Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>;** The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library

**If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior**

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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the windows and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

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## SEQUENCE – LAUDA SION

Laud, O Zion, your salvation,  
Laud with hymns of exultation,  
Christ, your king and shepherd true:

Bring Him all the praise you know,  
He is more than you bestow,  
Never can you reach His due.

Special theme for glad thanksgiving  
Is the quick'ning and the living  
Bread today before you set:

From His hands of old partaken,  
As we know, by faith unshaken,  
Where the Twelve at supper met.

Full and clear ring out your chanting,  
Joy near sweetest grace be wanting,  
From your heart let praises burst:

For today the feast is holden,  
When the institution olden  
Of that Supper was rehearsed.

Here the new law's new oblation,  
By the king's revelation,  
Ends the form of ancient rite:

Now the new the old effaces,  
Truth away the shadow chases,  
Light dispels the gloom of night.

What He did at Supper seated,  
Christ ordained to be repeated,  
His Memorial ne'er to cease:

And His rule for guidance taking,  
Bread and wine we hallow, making  
Thus our Sacrifice of Peace.

This the truth each Christian learns,  
Bread into His Flesh He turns,  
To His precious blood the wine:

Sight has failed, nor thought conceives,  
But a dauntless faith believes,  
Resting on a power divine.

Here beneath these signs are hidden  
Priceless things to sense forbidden;  
Signs, not things, are all we see:

Blood is poured and Flesh is broken  
Yet in either wondrous token  
Christ entire we know to be.

Whoso of this food partakes,  
Does not rend the Lord nor breaks;  
Christ is whole to all that taste:

Thousands are, as one, receivers,  
One, as thousands of believers,  
Eats of Him Who cannot waste.

Bad and good the feast are sharing,  
Of what divers dooms preparing,  
Endless death, or endless life.

Life to these, to those damnation,  
See how like participation  
Is with unlike issues rife.

When the Sacrament is broken,  
Doubt not, but believe 'tis spoken,  
That each severed outward token  
doth the very whole contain.

Naught the Precious Gift divides,  
Breaking but the sign betides  
Jesus still the same abides,  
still unbroken does remain.

Lo! the angel's food is given  
To the pilgrim who has striven;  
See the children's bread from heaven,  
which on dogs may not be spent.

Truth the ancient types fulfilling,  
Isaac bound, a victim willing,  
Paschal Lamb, its life blood spilling,  
manna to the fathers sent.

Very bread, Good Shepherd, tend us,  
Jesu, of Your love befriend us,  
You refresh us, You defend us,  
Your eternal goodness send us  
in the land of life to see.

You Who all things can and know,  
Who on earth such food bestows,  
Grant us with Your saints, though lowest,  
Where the Heavenly Feast You show,  
Fellow heirs and guests to be.

Amen. Alleluia.