

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH

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JUNE 22, 2025 | THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

## REFLECTIONS

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He **takes**: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He **blesses**: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He **breaks**: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He **gives**: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Father John Muir



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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. - Lk 9:16-17

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCC.

## THIS WEEK AT-A-GLANCE

### Monday St. Anthony's—Lakin

5:00 pm Rosary & Prayers  
5:30 pm Mass

### Tuesday HPRV

9:30 am Mass  
10:10 am Communion/Visiting

### Wednesday St. Raphael-Syracuse

8:00 am (MST) Mass (Syracuse)

### Thursday St. Anthony's —Lakin

11:00 am Confession  
11:45 am Rosary & Prayers  
12:15 pm Mass

### Friday

7:30 am Rosary & Prayers  
8:00 am Mass  
8:30—10 am Eucharistic Adoration  
Saturday Lakin  
3:50 pm Confessions  
4:00 pm Mass (St. Anthony)  
5:20 pm Confession

### Sunday Mass (Christ the King)

### Lakin & Syracuse

8:00—8:50 am Confessions  
9:00 am Mass (St. Anthony)  
10:30 am Mass (St. Raphael)

### St. Anthony's

## COLLECTION FOR 6-15-2025

Envelopes: \$230.00

Loose: \$284.75

Online Giving: \$1044.16

Total: \$1,558.91

Average Weekly Expense: 1,761.17

Income over/under: 202.26



## OFFICE HOUR

T - F 8:00 am -6:00 pm

# ST. ANTHONY CHURCH—600 SODERBERG STREET

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DEAR PADRE,

Some of my non-Catholic friends say the bread and wine are just symbols of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Is there documented proof that we receive the Body and Blood at Communion? Your non-Catholic friends are accurately representing their understanding of the Eucharist within their Christian denomination, but it is not the Catholic understanding. Catholics believe that, "in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the 'body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, the whole Christ, is truly, really, and substantially contained'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374). Therefore, Catholics do not believe that the Eucharist is a symbol of Jesus but rather, "This presence is called 'real'" (CCC 1374). To answer your question regarding "documented proof," this can be offered only by the consistent and unchanging witness of the Christian community, found in the Catholic Church, that has never wavered in belief or practice of this understanding. At the same time, we understand that it is a mystery. It is not something that can be placed under a microscope or dissected. As a mystery, it is not subject to the laws of science and biology. Such laws are not applied to theological mystery, which goes beyond what can be physically seen but is "seen" through the eyes of faith. As the hymn proclaims: "Look beyond the bread you eat, see your Savior and your Lord" ("Look Beyond," Darryl Ducote).



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FOOD IN THE DESERT

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Today, Sue lives in a retirement community. She no longer drives, so she walks the few blocks to the grocery store for her simple needs. One day, she took her checkbook to pay for some groceries because she had lost her credit card and had not yet received a new one. The store, however, would not accept personal checks without some identification, and, without a driver's license to show, she found herself in a swirl of distraught frustration. That was when the person behind her in line offered to pay her \$11 bill. She was overwhelmed and called to tell me about the stranger's kindness to her. Throughout the Scriptures, deserts were always places of chaos and abandon, but they were also places where people were fed by God. In the desert, the wandering Hebrews were fed manna; in the desert, Jonah was fed when he wanted to give up; in the desert, Jesus was sustained by God; and in today's Gospel, Jesus fed the crowd in that "deserted" place with five loaves and two fish. In so many ways, it is when we find ourselves in the deserts of life, feeling abandoned and hungering for solutions to our needs, that we recognize God feeding us. Sometimes, it occurs in simple, unexpected ways, as it did for Sue. At other times, we are fed with the strength to endure and make our way through a difficult time to the other side of life's storms.



For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.  
1 CORINTHIANS 11:26

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ / June 22, 2025

**First Reading:** "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth;

and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." (Gn 14:19-20)

**Psalm:** You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

**Second Reading:** For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

**Gospel:** Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

### Observances for the week of June 22, 2025

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Tuesday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Prayer for the True Presence  
Jesus, What a gift we have in  
your True Presence: the  
assurance of your friendship,  
your company, your grace,  
your love. Increase our thirst  
for you as you, also, desire to  
draw closer to us. Amen.



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Plans are to have a  
rummage sale again

this year. Some Saturday in August. If you would like to donate items please call any of the following volunteers:

Tressa Powers 620-260-6247

Janet Rooney 620-640-1946

Jane Sullivan 620-355-5118

Gwen Waechter 620-272-1030

All proceeds go towards the church building fund. Your donations are appreciated.

## BUDGET SHOP

We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, July 5, and Tuesday, July 8. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us.

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE CATHEDRAL:** In recognition of Bishop Brungardt's designation of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a Jubilee 2025 site, the Cathedral has compiled information for groups/individuals/ families wanting to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral. Visit the Cathedral website for complete information on times, dates, and upcoming events. "May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven" (from the Jubilee Prayer 2025)

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**Attention HS Graduates!** As you head to college, vocational school, etc. know that Jesus is with you! The Diocese wants to serve our college students but it must be able to reach you. Visit Newman Connection-Student Signup Form <https://signupnc.newmanministry.com> or scan the QR code below to make it easy to stay in touch. Between the Dodge City Diocese and your college campus ministry, there are plenty of opportunities to grow in your Catholic faith. If you want to be kept in the loop, please either fill out the digital form (scan the QR code), or take a card from the church tables and submit it to Gentry Heimerman, Director of Young Adult Ministry.



THIS IS MY BODY  
GIVEN FOR YOU;  
DO THIS IN  
REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME.



ESTO ES MI  
CUERPO, QUE  
SE ENTREGA  
POR USTEDES.  
HAGAN ESTO EN  
MEMORIA MÍA.

**22 de junio de 2025 - El Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo**  
Como Jesús nos conoce, él sabía y sabe que nos gusta comer. Jesús, multiplica la comida; él sacia el hambre de aquella gente que lo buscaba por sus enseñanzas y por sus milagros. ¿Por qué buscas a Jesús? ¿Qué tipo de hambre sacia en tu vida? En el sacramento de la Eucaristía, Jesús nos dejó su presencia real para poder alimentarnos espiritualmente.

*“El culto que se da a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa es un valor inestimable en la vida de la Iglesia. Dicho culto está estrechamente unido a la celebración del sacrificio eucarístico. La presencia de Cristo bajo las sagradas especies que se conservan después de la Misa---presencia que dura mientras subsistan las especies del pan y del vino, deriva de la celebración del Sacrificio y tiende a la comunidad sacramental y espiritual. Corresponde a los Pastores animar, incluso con el testimonio personal, el culto eucarístico, particularmente la exposición del Santísimo sacramento y la adoración de Cristo presente bajo las especies eucarísticas. Es hermoso estar con él y, reclinados sobre su pecho como el discípulo predilecto (ver Juan 13:25), palpar el amor infinito de su corazón” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, en el número 25, san Juan Pablo II). ¿Cómo es nuestra participación en la Eucaristía? Estamos llamados a ser fuente de vida y pan compartido para los demás. “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él, dice el Señor” (Juan 6:56).*

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## PARISH STAFF

<b>Pastor:</b> Fr. Peter Tran	355-6405
<b>Rel.Edu. Committee:</b> Karen Burden,	355-6388
<b>DRE:</b> Lisa Gannett	272-6866
<b>Parish C. Chair:</b> Gwen Waechter	272-1030
<b>Finance C. Chair:</b> Tressa Powers	355-6206
<b>Altar S. President:</b> Nanette Rice	355-7676
<b>Grand Knight:</b> Tom Bachman	640-8259
<b>Prayer Line Starters:</b> Allison Bushek	355-1696
	& Nanette Rice 355-7676
<b>Vocation Team:</b> Nanette & Sandra	355-7676
<b>Youth Director:</b> Hannah Schauf	316-765-4131

**Question:** I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:** Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.



## MASS INTENTIONS



<b>Mon, June 23</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>+ Maria Nhiem</b>
<b>Tue, June 24</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>+ Mary Ann Sramek</b>
<b>Wed, June 25</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	
<b>Thurs, June 26</b>	<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>+ Maria Nhiem</b>
<b>Fri, June 27</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Smith &amp; Jones Families</b>
<b>Sat, June 28</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sun, June 29</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Sp. Int. For Healing</b>

## MINISTERS FOR THIS/NEXT WEEK

### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**6/21/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Gus, Jonathan Gannett, Brisa Ibarra

**Reader** Karen Burden

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Debbie Frederick, Gwen Waechter

**6/22/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Haley Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Bob Woodrow

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Mike & Cindy Broeckelman

**STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

**6/28/2025 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Ryann & Brecken Bamberger, Rowen Simon

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Cecilia Harris, Karen Burden

**6/29/2025—Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kingston Guerrero, Jace Berning, Haley Berning

**Reader:** Julie Kaps

**Extra Ordinary of HC:** Robert Longoria, Kyle Berning

### Reconciliation:

Confessions are heard every Saturday at 3:00 pm and every Sunday at 8:00. Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

### Baptism:

### Marriage:

Please contact parish priest at least four months before the wedding.

### Anointing the sick:

Celebrated anytime