

Church of St. Sebastian
June 26, 2011—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Scheduled Masses For This Week

Saturday, June 25, Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

5:00 pm Michael Dugan

Sunday, June 26, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

9:00 am For the Parishioners

11:00 am Eva and Rita McKendall

Monday, June 27, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Tuesday, June 28, Saint Irenaeus, bishop and martyr

7:00 am Dora DiMario
-requested by her family

Wednesday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul, apostles

7:00 am Mass

Thursday, June 30, Weekday

7:00 am Mass

Friday, July 1, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:00 am Mass

Next Weekend Masses

Saturday, July 2, Vigil: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, July 3, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Mass

11:00 am For the Parishioners

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Many think that the New Testament was written chronologically, that is the Gospel of Matthew was written first, and the Book of Revelation was written last. *Au contraire!* St. Paul died about 65 A.D. His letters, which pre-date the Gospels, comprise a major component of our Christian faith. Today's short passage from First Corinthians is part of the very first description of the Eucharist celebrated by the early Church. Its importance gives us pause. Today's Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ makes us conscious of the invitation given to us to share in the very life of Christ.

When we worthily receive the Eucharist, we become what we eat. It may sound rather banal, but our receiving the Holy Eucharist is our genuine participation in the mystery of Christ. We become one with Him at Communion, and also one with each other! The mystery of this Presence is that all of us, women and men alike, bring Christ into the world as did Mary, the Mother of Jesus, at the nativity. We, like her, become Christ-bearers as the Lord leaves this Church within us. That is why we spend time in prayer after receiving Communion. We should savor the moment of being one with Christ Jesus. This is our faith.

This grace of transformation is the work of our entire Christian lives. How wonderful to see brothers and sisters returning to the faith here at St. Sebastian's. How wonderful for me to meet with parents preparing for baptism (four called this week!) and two more couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Body is growing in holiness and strength. As individuals and as a community, we offer thanks to God.

Have a good week,
Msgr. Darcy

As a small parish of under 450 families, each and every parishioner's financial support of St. Sebastian's is vital.

One suggested way to determine your own appropriate contribution is for each adult in your family to contribute one hour's wage into the collection basket each week.

Thank you very much for your continued support of St. Sebastian's.

WEEKLY SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT
June 18/19, 2011

# of Budget Envelopes Used	69
Contributions-Budgets and Checks	\$ 2,182
Loose Contributions	\$ 483
Total Offertory	\$ 3,150

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SUMMER PARISH GIVING

As we begin the summer, our parish charitable giving needs to be maintained. **Last summer our checking account at one point was at \$7.00.** Please remember our joint stewardship responsibility to support the parish during the summer. You may consider Parish Giving, our electronic stewardship program for parish contributions. Even I could set it up! You can register online at www.Parishgiving.com

PARISH COOKOUT

Looks like it's a go...rain or shine!! A simple summer cookout will be held after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, July 16 on the parish lawn. The usual summer menu:

Hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, watermelon, dessert, and soft drinks...\$3 per person.
Bring a lawn chair; let's celebrate summer! Sign up sheets are in the front entrance of the Church...join us and bring a friend!!

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Being July 1, parish office hours will change. Mary Brennan, the Parish Secretary, will be available as follows:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 10 AM – 2 PM
Wednesday 10 AM – 4 PM

Please keep our fellow parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers:

Rosemary Wynne, Maureen Baker, Bob R., Mary P., and Carmella Cardillo.

HOW TO SUPPORT MATTHEW 25 HOUSE IN GHANA

We would appreciate getting food, medicines, school materials, etc., sent to Ghana. However there is the cost for freight and these items have frequently gotten lost or stolen when they are mailed. Consequently, we would accept any assistance in the form of a check written to:

CARDINAL DERY FOUNDATION

7127 N. Green Bay Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53209

The people of Matthew 25 House will pray for you and we ask that you also pray for the success of our work.

Thanks for your interest and may God bless you.

Msgr. Alex Bobby Benson

(Please note this is a corrected mailing address)

SICK CALLS AND VISITS

Please inform the rectory if a relative would like a Communion visit during their hospital visit or recuperation. You are **not** imposing. I am very eager to visit the sick of the parish.

~ Msgr. Darcy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registrations for Religious Education Classes will be taking place throughout the summer. The registration forms may be found on our website: www.stsebastianri.org Please download the form you will need and send it along with the registration fee to 67 Cole Avenue, Providence, RI 02906. Attn: Ms. Marie. New registrations must be accompanied by a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate only if the student was not baptized here at St. Sebastian's. You will use the re-registration form only for students who are returning to Religious Education classes. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at msmarie06.stseb@gmail.com and I will get back to you. Thank you.

Feast of Josemaria Escriva

You and your family are cordially invited to attend a Solemn Mass celebrating the feast of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei

St. Sebastian's Church.
Thursday, June 30th
7:00 pm