



# ST. LOUIS THE KING PARISH

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## THE BODY OF CHRIST—FIRST COMMUNION



### Special points of interest:

**First Communion**

**Mary's Month**

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**Stuebenville Here We Come!**

**Coming Attractions**

On a beautiful spring day at the 11:15 Mass on Sunday, May 3, over 440 people watched as thirty four children knelt in front of the altar receiving the Eucharist from Father Glenn for the first time. The children have been preparing for their First Communion since January, attending class with their parents once a month; learning about Jesus' sacrificial love given to them through His body, blood, soul, and divinity. "Through the Eucharist, Jesus takes away all my sins," Luke McKnight was heard saying to his friend Sophia Henning.

As the children and their parents attended the prac-

tice the day before their First Communion, they brought their homemade name banners to hang on the end of their assigned pew. The children were given the opportunity after practice to attend the sacrament of Reconciliation. Their First Reconciliation was in December.

With 34 children making their First Communion there was no doubt that the church would be filled to capacity. With families and the regular 11:15 church attendees, all eyes were on the children who fully participated in the Mass. Some children were greeters at the doors, handing out programs. Other children chose to do a reading, peti-

tion, or to bring up the offertory gifts. Emma Garceau was one of the children who had a petition during the Mass. She sat at the Easter Vigil as her brother, John, came into the church, receiving the Eucharist for the first time. It was her day to receive Our Lord in the Eucharist during the May 3 celebration.

When I commented on how pretty Brianna Anderson looked in her dress, she told me that it was her mother's First Communion dress and that her sister, Cora wore the dress at her First Communion. Mary Jane Lynch commented...

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## First Holy Communion—Continued

...on how beautiful the children looked but when approaching the first communicants that morning she chose to focus on how exciting it was that they were going to receive Jesus for the first time. Some of the girls wore their First Communion dresses for the Mary May crowning procession the following weekend.

After the Mass the Women's club helped with the catered reception. The hall was decorated with colorful table settings and balloons. Families were

treated to a lunch of hot dogs, mac and cheese, salad, garlic bread and chicken alfredo pasta.

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the families of the children who received Jesus for the first time in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Please continue to pray for them. Our parish keeps growing in leaps and bounds and it is very exciting to see 34 children take another step on their walk with Jesus through this life journey.

**C**ongratulations to Aidan Andrews and his family. Aidan joined the 34 other First Communicants as he received Jesus' body, blood, soul and divinity for the first time on Sunday, May 24th at the 11:15 Mass. Aidan went through the Sacrament Preparation classes this spring but was unable to come to the First Communion Mass on May 3rd. Aidan was joined with his mother Katie, his father Greg and his sister Riley as well as friends and grandparents. After the Mass they all joined the parish at the Lunch with Lifeteen.



**Thank you to all who helped to make  
First Communion such a  
Beautiful Celebration for our Children**



## Mothers' Day 2015—May Crowning and Breakfast Feast

**M**other's Day 2015 was a very blessed day at St. Louis the King Church. Our statue of Mary was beautifully decorated and enthroned. Mary was adorned with a crown of flowers at the 9 a.m. Mass. At the 11:15 Mass Mary was presented with a procession of flowers that were distributed at the breakfast in Gauthier Hall. It was a wonderful tribute to our Blessed Mother.

The Mother's Day breakfast was a very special gathering for our parish family. The hall was beautifully decorated and it was filled with mothers and women of all ages. The food was lovingly prepared and served by members of the Knights of Columbus and many other men and young men of the parish. It was great to see fathers and grandfathers working side by side with sons

and grandsons. It was wonderful to see mothers and grandmothers with daughters and granddaughters spending this special time together. The young girls were especially proud to be with their mothers, grandmothers and even great grandmothers on this special day.

The women's club has agreed to return the favor on Father's Day. June 21st at 10 a.m.

## The Pastoral Plan—To Know, Love and Serve the Lord

Growing up with Baltimore Catechism I learned the answer to the question, "Why did God make me?" God made me to know Him, to love Him and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next, was the answer that I memorized for life. As a child I was taught the faith well by the good sisters. I had the wonderful privilege of attending a Catholic high school. Perhaps most importantly, I was raised in a very strong Catholic extended family environment. I can count on one hand the Sunday Masses that I have missed in my lifetime. The grace and the knowledge gained by the experience participating actively in the Sunday liturgy week after week have been invaluable to me.

Having said all that, the most important thing that I learned in five years of intensive seminary study, is just how much I still did not know about our rich faith tradition. I learned that I must never stop learning. I also learned to love learning itself. I used to always say to my middle school students during class, "Isn't this fun," and I would get some strange looks. The parting words of Jesus as He ascended to heaven were: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me, go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and behold I am with you always until the end of the age." The word for disciple literally means, "learner." Jesus is commanding us to become learners and to draw others to become learners as well. In the great prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper Jesus prayed, "Father, may they come to know You as I know You." God wants us to know Him in a very personal way.

If people really would come to know the Lord Jesus and the Church that He founded, they would never leave and they would in fact follow His commands and lead others to Him. The heart of this pastoral plan is therefore to continue to enhance our existing catechetical efforts and to expand opportunities for all mem-

bers of our parish from the youngest child to our most senior parishioners to love to learn and to learn to love.

Statistics show that far too many Catholics claim to not have a personal relationship with Jesus or to even acknowledge that a personal relationship with Jesus is possible. Not only is a personal relationship possible, but Jesus Himself is seeking a personal relationship with each one of us. God reveals Himself to us as a loving God who longs to embrace us with His love in a very personal way as the father of the Prodigal Son longs for his son to return.

In the fall of 1987 I experienced the embrace of the Father's love as I had never experienced it before. That experience came during a Catholic Cursillo weekend retreat. It came in the midst of a penance service where we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The experience came as I knelt before the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament chapel at the Marygrove Retreat Center. It was the personal relationship with God that I so deeply was longing for. "My soul thirst for you, O Lord my God, as a dry weary land without water." The heart of this pastoral plan for our parish must be to bring others to the font of Love that flows through the Sacred Heart of Jesus, through the Sacraments of His Church, into our hearts. We must then become the fountain or the channel of God's grace and draw others to the fountain of Grace. We must allow the rivers of God's grace to well up within us and then to pour out onto the world around us. We do that by a life of service.

To know God is to love God and to love God is to serve God. "Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit

you? And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me...'" (Mt 25: 38-41) The wonderful people of St. Louis the King Parish have been living this command of Jesus for many years. We must continue to draw people into living the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who "came not to be served, but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many."<sup>(Mk 10:45)</sup> We must continue to draw those around us into a life of service to all.

God made me to know Him, to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next. May Jesus one day say to each and every one us, "Well done my good and faithful servant, come and inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."<sup>(Mt 25:34)</sup>

### *Coming Attractions*

- ◆ *The Flock—Middle School Youth*
- ◆ *Steubenville North—HS*
- ◆ *NET Retreats HS/MS*
- ◆ *Life Teen Bible Study*
- ◆ *Bible Study—Adult*
- ◆ *Gospel of Luke*
- ◆ *Gospel of John*
- ◆ *Life in the Spirit*
- ◆ *Fireside Theology*
- ◆ *Marriage Preparation*
- ◆ *Marriage Enrichment*
- ◆ *Parish Retreat*
- ◆ *Spiritual Book Club*
- ◆ *R.C.I.A*
- ◆ *Apologetics 101*
- ◆ *St. Louis the King Community Meal*

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**Coming This Summer and Fall—Mark Your Calendars**

<p><b>The Flock Returns</b></p> <p>Returning to St. Louis the King this summer is The Flock for middle school kids going in to 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The flock is led by high school mentors who will give talks on testimonials and lead small group discussions about our Catholic Faith.</p> <p>It begins on Sunday, June 14 and goes through Aug. 2. The group meets at 7pm on the grounds of St. Louis the King. The night ends with evening prayer in the church at 8:10 where all are encouraged and welcome to join us. Spread the word and bring a friend!</p>	<p><b>Sun., June 7</b> Blue Mass honoring our Public Safety Officers with reception in Gauthier Hall</p> <p><b>Sun., June 14</b> The Flock Begins 7-8:30 p.m. Sunday Evenings through August 2nd</p> <p><b>Sun., June 21</b> Father’s Day Breakfast 10:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>June 22-26</b> Vacation Bible School - Father Marquette Elementary School 9 a.m.—noon daily</p> <p><b>Sun., June 28</b> Free Lunch with the Flock 12:15 p.m. Blessing of the Bikes 1:00 p.m. - followed by... Bike Ride with Fr. Glenn—From Church to Lower Harbor or Presque Isle Park</p> <p><b>Sun., July 26</b> Free Lunch with the Flock 12:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Aug. 3 –7</b> Totus Tous Youth Retreat</p> <p><b>Sun., Aug 23</b> Free Lunch with the Flock 12:15 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tues., Aug 25</b> Feast of St. Louis the King Mass 5:30 - Community Meal 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Sun., Sept 13</b> Parish Picnic—12:15 p.m.—4 p.m. Children’s games and lots of Great food</p> <p><b>Sat., Oct 10</b> NET Retreat—Middle School Youth 10 a.m.—4:30</p> <p><b>Sun., Oct 11</b> NET Retreat—High School Youth 12:15 p.m.—4:00</p>
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