

Dear Friends,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

What a beautiful time of year as we usher in the beginning of summer and look forward to the summer holidays and the time spent in nice weather. First, I would like to congratulate all of our graduates. This time of year brings about a lot of pride as we celebrate the great accomplishments of our young folks. I especially want to congratulate St. Mary Parish School class of 2023. Many blessings to you as you transition to high school. Never forget that you are surrounded by the prayer of your parish family and that this will always be home for you. Continue to grow in holiness and in your relationship with Jesus. He undoubtedly will help you along the way. To all of our teachers, faculty, and staff I offer my sincere gratitude for a wonderful year. There was certainly a lot of joy this year and we are grateful for your faithful witness to our young people.

June is the month of the Precious Body of Christ. It takes a particular importance this year as we find ourselves in the midst of the Eucharistic Revival. The mission of the Revival is “to renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist” (Archdiocese of Milwaukee Website). This will be done through a number of different events and prayer opportunities both at an Archdiocesan level and parish level. On Sunday, June 11 after the 11AM Mass, we will have a Eucharistic Procession through our neighborhood. You might remember this from last year. While praying and singing we will literally bring Jesus to the streets and into our neighborhood. What better way to sanctify our community than to bring Jesus to the front door of our home? I remember last year being so moved by the people who came out on their front lawns, showed reverence for the Eucharist and signed themselves with the sign of the cross. How powerful! Please join us for this most beautiful and powerful prayer.

This Eucharistic Revival is a response to the startling statistic that 75% of practicing Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence. Meaning that people view the Eucharist as symbolic, not actually the Body and Blood of Jesus which is what we believe. This Revival is not just for those who fall into that category but it is for all the faithful. The Eucharist is such a grand mystery that no matter how devoted we may be to the Real Presence we can always benefit from such efforts as this Revival. It will renew and strengthen our belief in the most fundamental Truth of our faith – the Real Presence of the Eucharist.

Please join us in this great Eucharistic Revival so that our hearts may set aflame with love for the Most Holy Eucharist!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Aaron R. Laskiewicz

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