

CORPUS CHRISTI

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JUNE 7 - FOLLOWING 10:30AM MASS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AFTER THE PROCESSION ON THE RECTORY LAWN



WHAT IS CORPUS CHRISTI?

The Feast of Corpus Christi was first established in the year 1264 by Pope Urban IV at the urging of St. Thomas Aquinas. The feast invites us to focus more intensely on the True Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and to express deeper devotion to Him.

*"It was born for the very precise purpose of openly reaffirming the faith of the people of God in Jesus Christ, alive and truly present in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist. **It is a feast that was established in order to publicly adore, praise and thank the Lord, Who continues 'to love us to the end,' even to offering us His body and His blood.**" —Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

One way to celebrate Corpus Christi in addition to participating in the sacrifice of the Mass is to take part in a Eucharistic procession. The practice of Eucharistic processions has been handed down through the ages as a way to show to the world our belief, love and devotion to this greatest gift of Our Lord's presence among us. The Eucharistic Sacrifice is the Source and Summit of the whole Christian life, and Eucharistic processions give public witness, through public streets, of that truth.

In the St. Henry Parish, we have an opportunity to offer public witness to Our Lord's True Presence in the Eucharist as we process through the streets.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We're looking for 2 adults and 2 older students to help with kids/flowers, 2 people to take pictures, and 4 people (adults or students) to help with the ice cream social (set up/serve/clean). Please contact the office if you are able to help! 419-678-4118 or office@sthenrycluster.com



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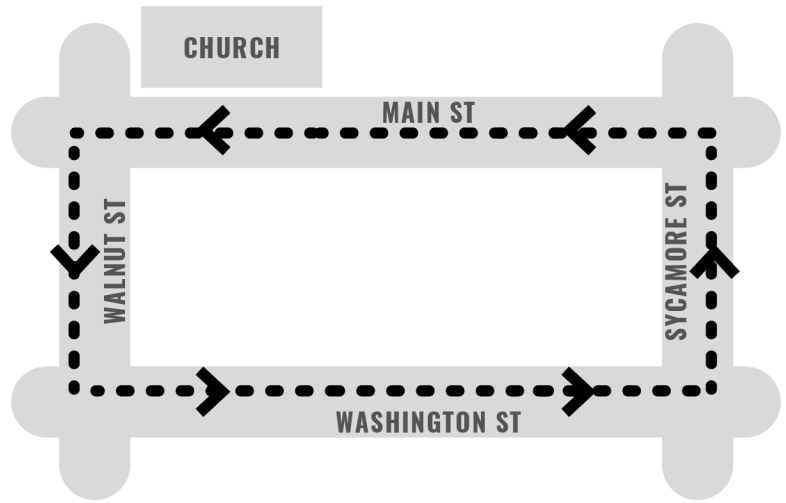
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PROCESSION ROUTE

Immediately following Mass, parishioners will follow Father and the servers out of Mass through the procession. If you're involved in the procession please line up after Communion (see graphic for line-up below).

If you're unable to join the procession, please exit out the side doors of the church after Father has left with the Blessed Sacrament.

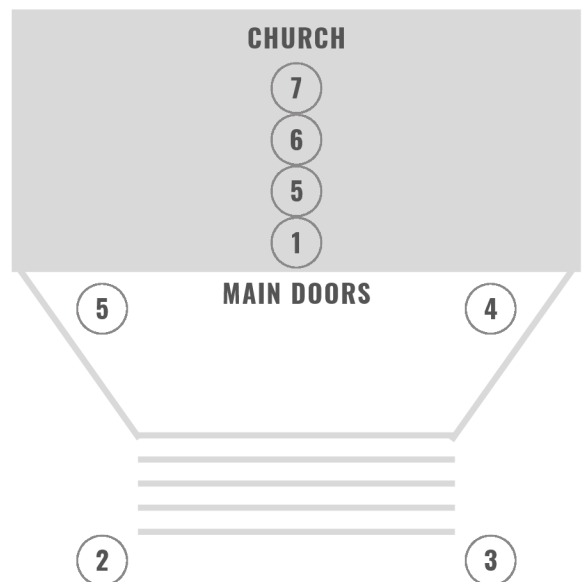
If it's raining, we'll do a simple procession inside around church.



PROCESSION LINE-UP

After communion, those involved in the procession should line up outside. We've marked where you can gather on the map.

1. Servers
2. Banner
3. 1st Communicants/Children
4. K of C
5. Blessed Sacrament & Father (and Canopy)
6. Cantor
7. Parishioners



1ST COMMUNICANTS & CHILDREN

First Communicants are invited to dress in their First Communion clothes and scatter rose petals or carry flags in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Any other young children in Mass are welcome to join this part! All children will walk together with a few adult volunteers. Please line up outside of church after communion to get your buckets or flags & get ready for the procession.