

Building The Body of Christ ✠

Worship – Eucharist

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”
Description of the Early Church (Acts 2:42)

We start with Word, Sacrament, Liturgy and Song. It all begins with our own relationship with God, our spiritual growth.

We do this in the Eucharist and in our own time of prayer. In response to COVID, our Sunday Eucharist was presented in video format online, with continued participation through both music and readers. We were able to return to in-person services for a brief time and livestreamed the services for those who were uncomfortable returning to in-person services or who were unable to attend. Volunteers were recruited to assist with these services in a variety of ways. During the fourth wave of COVID we continued to offer livestreaming services while in-person services were suspended.

We’ve offered distribution of the Blessed Sacrament for people to pick up and take home to partake of the Eucharist during the online and livestreaming services.

This must all be done well as our work is holy work in a holy place. It takes time, practice, study, and coordination.

20% of our expenditures to August 31, 2021 have been spent on Worship and Eucharist. This includes 30% of clergy ministry expense, altar supplies, music group expenses, audio/visual equipment, and the Pyx boxes which are provided for the Blessed Sacrament.

Families, Children, and Youth

“Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Jesus (St. Matthew 19:14)

The formation of young disciples is an essential part of what we do. In a world with so much confusion, the formation of young followers of Jesus needs to be our top priority. Our focus is to strengthen and deepen their love for God and to encourage and instill confidence in children so that they can be Disciples of Christ. During COVID, children’s talks and Sunday school lessons remain available for children each week online. Lenten packages were delivered to families with young children.

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Before COVID, we had a small but dedicated Youth Group. During COVID two youth participated in confirmation classes and were confirmed by Archbishop Gregory in June. Families and youth were involved in the pre-recorded Christmas Eve service. As we look to the eventual return to a more normal world, we are planning how that might look for the youth.

11% of our expenditures to August 31, 2021 have been spent on Families, Children, and Youth and Small Groups. This includes 20% of clergy ministry expense, church school educational material and Sunday School costs.