

## Diocese of Green Bay Announces Distribution of Holy Communion Under Both Species

For some time, parishioners within the Diocese of Green Bay have asked when parishes will begin to offer “the Cup/Precious Blood” as a part of the distribution of Holy Communion. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates that the Diocesan Bishop may lay down norms for the distribution of Communion under both kinds in his own diocese, which must be observed. Bishop Ricken recently announced that effective on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi), June 2, 2024, the Diocesan Practice of Holy Communion under Both Kinds is that Distribution of Holy Communion from the Cup **may** only take place and is *encouraged* on the following liturgical celebrations:

- The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ (Corpus Christi) (all Masses).
- The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (all Masses).
- Divine Mercy Sunday (all Masses).
- The Solemnity of Pentecost (all Masses).
- The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity (all Masses)
- The Christmas Mass During the Night (Midnight Mass only)
- Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord’s Supper
- Easter Vigil



It is, furthermore, *left to the discretion of each Pastor*, to distribute the Precious Blood at the following celebrations:

- First Holy Communion (Only First Communicants);
- Wedding Mass (Only the Bride & Groom);
- Mass celebrating the patronal feast of each oratory, church, parish or mission;
- Anniversary Mass celebrating the dedication of each church.

Church doctrine teaches that the entire Christ is fully present – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – within each Eucharistic species. Bishop Ricken’s entire document can be found at the following link: <https://www.gbdioc.org/docman/office-of-the-bishop/1563-pastoral-instruction-for-the-diocesan-practice-of-holy-communion-underboth-kinds/file>.

### Some Stipends and Stole Fees to Increase

Effective July 1, 2024, some stipend and stole fees will increase. These stipends and fees have not been increased in decades. The Wisconsin Provincial gathering of bishops has decreed that the adjusted updates will be:

- Mass stipend           \$20 (formerly \$10)
- Funeral stole fee       \$75 (formerly \$50)
- Wedding stole fee      \$100 (formerly \$75)

The new fee structure will be applied to all new requests received as of July 1, 2024. Mass stipends and stole fees in the Diocese of Green Bay go to the parish and not to the clergy personally.

## **Parishes Look to Begin Homebound Ministry Program**

To reconnect parishioners who are homebound to St. Mary's and St. Michael's parishes, we are looking to implement a Homebound Ministry Program. As a part of the program, those who are homebound and wish to receive visitors will receive visits from parishioners. Volunteers who wish to be a part of this ministry are also being asked to bring Holy Communion to the homebound who would like to receive Eucharist. We hope to start the program this fall. Volunteers who are interested in providing Holy Communion will need to be commissioned. This commissioning will take place this fall at each parish.



Existing Eucharist Ministers who were not able to attend the workshops several months ago for recommissioning, as well as new ministers, can attend a workshop this summer. The following are the dates and locations of the closest workshops:

- Thursday, June 6 @ Good Shepherd in Chilton (6 pm – 7:30 pm).
- Tuesday, June 11 @ Holy Cross in Kaukauna (6 pm – 7:30 pm).
- Tuesday, August 6 @ St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay (6 pm – 7:30 pm).
- Saturday, September 14 @ St. Peter the Fisherman in Two Rivers (10 am – 11:30 am).

Contact either parish office or Deacon Randy Jaeckels and we will register you for the workshop.

## **Help Wanted**

St. Mary's/St. Michael's (SM/SM) Catholic School is seeking a part-time Office Manager. The position requires approximately 23 hours/week and is benefit eligible. The individual reports to the school principal. Please contact the school office for a copy of the job description, visit the school website or Facebook page, or contact Deacon Randy Jaeckels for more information.

St. Mary's Parish is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant to help at the parish office. The position requires approximately 12 – 15 hours/week. The individual reports to the Pastoral Coordinator (Dcn. Randy Jaeckels). Please contact the parish office for a copy of the job description, see the parish website, or contact Deacon Randy Jaeckels for more information.

If one person is interested in both positions, the positions could be combined for full-time employment. Both positions will remain open until a replacement(s) are found.

## **Parishes Seeking Parish & Finance Council Members**

Both St. Mary's and St. Michael's parishes need parish members to serve on the Parish and Finance Councils. Some members' terms have expired after many years of dedicated service and other members have decided that they can no longer serve on their respective council.

Judy Dietrich has agreed to run for another term as St. Michael's Trustee Treasurer, but we are taking other nominations. Sue Bodart is stepping down as St. Mary's Trustee Secretary, so we are seeking nominations.

We are also looking for volunteers to serve as at-large members on both councils for both parishes. Please contact Deacon Randy Jaeckels for more information. Please prayerfully consider this ministry to the church. Thank you!