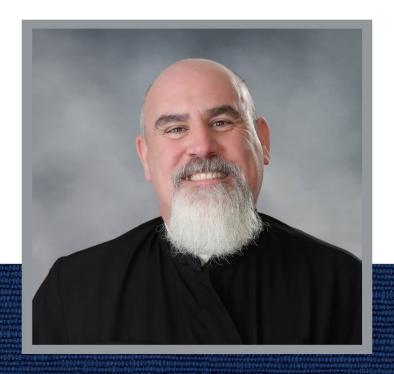
25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Gr. Toseph J. Krupp



Mass of Thanksgiving
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 18, 2023
12:00 p.m.

Church of the Holy Family Grand Blanc, MI

Heavenly Father,

You have given me another day here on earth; grant me the grace to live it well in preparation for the eternal world to come.

As best I can with your help, I forgive all who have wounded me and ask your forgiveness for any wounds I have inflicted.

I dedicate my day to you; I offer all that I do today to your glory.

I offer to you any wounds I will incur, any injustices I will suffer;

I join you on the cross and offer my pain to help you save the world.

Guard my mind, restrain my tongue; lead me to wherever you want me to go.

I ask that you bless my family; protect them, heal their wounds and draw them closer each day to Your Sacred Heart.

I ask that You bless and protect my Parish; Keep us in your care and help us to worship You with great love, to grow in love and knowledge of the Faith and to serve the poor and vulnerable with joy.

I ask that you bless our Country; place in our hearts a deep and abiding respect for all life.

I ask that you bless The Church; protect us, strengthen us and purify us so that others may see our good works and glorify you.

Heavenly Father, I love you.

Help me to live that love well. Help me to be a Saint.

(Amen

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please Stand.

"O God beyond All Praising"



GREETING

Please remain standing.

Priest: The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

ACT OF PENITENCE

GLORIA





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OPENING PRAYER

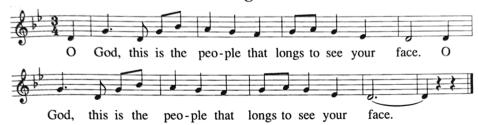
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING—Exodus 19:2-6a

Please sit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 24: We Long to See Your Face



SECOND READING—Romans 5:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.



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GOSPEL—Matthew 9:36-10:8

HOMILY

Please sit.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Please stand.

All: (respond to each petition) Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE ALTAR

Please sit.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Please stand.

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to

God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands

for the praise and glory of his name,

for our good, and the good of all his Church.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest: Father... through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

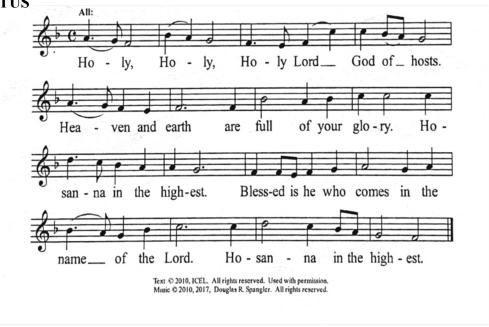
Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Please kneel or be seated.

Priest: The mystery of faith.

All:



GREAT AMEN

Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him,

O God, almighty Father,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours,

for ever and ever.

All:

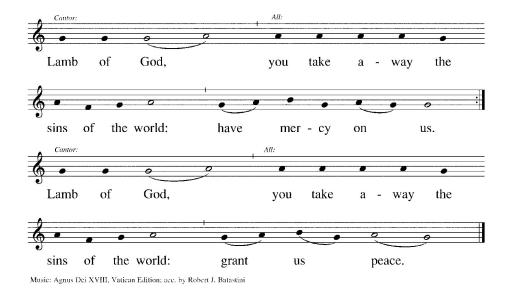


COMMUNION RITE

LORD'S PRAYER
RITE OF PEACE

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Please stand.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please kneel.

Priest: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,

but only say the word and I shall be healed.

We are blessed to have you join us for Mass. As we come together today we invite you to participate in the responses and hymns of the Liturgy.

We want to explain why Holy Communion is reserved to Catholics. There are two reasons, which we hope you will understand.

Catholics believe that Our Lord Jesus Christ, following His words at the Last Supper and repeated at every Mass, is truly present as God and Man in the host and cup which are given as Communion. Because it is **so** sacred in that fact, we think it not proper to offer it to those who, in their honest belief, do not hold that Christ is truly and wholly present in Communion.

The second reason is that the reception of Communion is a bond of unity among Catholics. For this reason, the reception of Communion is a sign of the unity one shares with the Church.

For those who are not Catholic or are not prepared to receive Jesus in Communion, you can do one of two things; you can remain in your pew and pray or you can come forward and ask for a blessing which you would indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN & PROCESSION

"How Great Thou Art"



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"Purify My Heart (Refiner's Fire)"

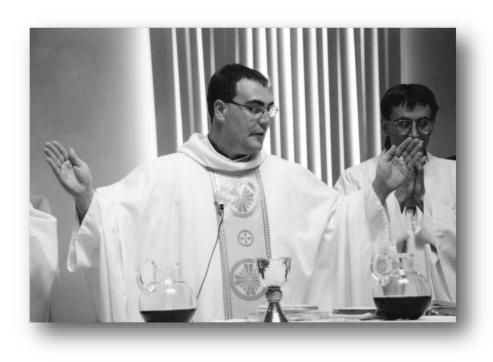


PANIS ANGELICUS (BREAD OF THE ANGELS)

Words by St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) Music by Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Panis angelicus
Fit panis hominum
Dat panis coelicus
Figuris terminum:
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominu
Pauper, servus et humilis.

Bread of the Angels
Is made bread for mankind;
Gifted bread of Heaven
Of all imaginings the end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
This body of God will nourish
The poor, the servile, and the humble.



"You Are My All in All"



CONCLUDING RITES

GREETING

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

FROM FR. JOE...

Thank you so much for being here to celebrate today! These types of things tend to compel me to feel nervous: so many people in the room that I love, how will I manage to show the love I hold in my heart?

I think the most important thing I can do is thank you for praying for me, for loving me, for being patient with me and for accepting my limitations. When I sit with, pray with, cry with and laugh with my brother priests, I often hear and feel their pain at how challenging it is for people to accept the limitations of priests. You accept mine and I am so grateful.

I just love being a priest. I can't imagine living any other way. I believe with all my heart the words of St. Joan of Arc: "I am not afraid. God is with me. I was born for this."

Our times are challenging; I don't know if there's ever been a period of history where humans have had access to so much information and so little truth. So, here is what I know to be true: Jesus loves us. He died for us. He believes in us. He has given us His Holy Spirit and we need not be afraid to Love, to have Faith and to live in Hope. We are called to Worship Him, Grow in love and knowledge of The Faith and we are called to help those who are in need.

We are the Family that God has put together to help people know these truths and live them with love, prayer and relentless determination.

May God bless our humble, stumbling and joyful efforts to do so. I love you all.

"[God's] friendship will not fail me, nor will His counsel or love. In His strength, I will dare and dare and dare until I die." -St. Joan of Arc

RECCESSINAL HYMN

"Hail Mary: Gentle Woman"





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ABOUT FR. JOSEPH J. KRUPP

I was born in 1970 to Gordon and Martha Krupp as the youngest of 6 kids. Throughout their life together, Mom and Dad were firmly committed to helping others and, in the end, over 38 people lived in the house with us at different times. At one point, there were 13 kids in the house, 9 of whom were teenagers. Mom called that "The Summer of Jeans".

We prayed everyday together as a family; no exceptions. Mom and Dad tried hard to surround us with like minded people who believed that Faith is the primary thing and that community was vital to a life of striving for holiness.

Because of that, I was surrounded by beautiful people my whole life who reaffirmed this idea. We had a very hard life at times, but in many ways it was idyllic, simply because of all the wonderful folks who came into our lives.

Through some of high school and college, I traveled with an amazing group of people all over the US and Canada. We had a common vision of showing other young people that Life in Christ is primary. We used acting, music and personal testimony to share our faith as best we could. I will always remember these days with great joy and a deep sorrow because it all passed away. The teams fell apart as a desire for a life like everyone else's seemed to take over. People who called Mom and Dad constantly for help and advice seemed to have suddenly decided that these relationships weren't worth fighting for.

I was devastated and entered a period of my life that seemed like a refining fire. I felt alone, abandoned and angry. I had no control over people's decisions and had a difficult time figuring out what was true and what wasn't.

This time of my life was like being thrown in a refining fire. I had to abandon the illusion of control and simply figure out what was true, how I could change and grow to ensure I didn't inflict my sinfulness or brokenness on any one if I could avoid it. I emerged with principles that I made my guide. I'd like to share a few of them, but not all because that would take a long time!

I exist for Christ. If that's true, I need to focus on the biggest obstacle to that: me. I simply have to be holy. "Be a Saint or go to Hell" became my slogan.

I need to foster and fight for community wherever I go. A group of people trying to love Jesus are always going to struggle because we are all broken. I need to be gentle with the brokenness of others and tough on my own brokenness. Gossip and harsh judgments are the enemy of community.

I have to be vulnerable. Jesus' life was defined by vulnerability. The human experience is defined by it. If I present myself as better than I am or different than I am, I will have failed you and God.

I have to be tough. I watched my Mom and Dad suffer because people needed them and then suffer because those same people discovered they were human and went away. I watched my Mom die without many friends around her. I saw all this and learned that virtue is its own reward and that I need to be strong. I need to take every opportunity to suffer as a gift to help me be more like Christ.

After graduating from college, I entered seminary. This was in 1993. To be clear, I did not enter seminary in love with priesthood, I went because I felt God was calling me. By the end of my first year, I was head over heels in love with priesthood: I understood so much more about what I was called to and what it all meant. I will never be able to thank God enough for those holy men and women at Sacred Heart Major Seminary who taught me.

My first assignment was with Fr. John Klein who I will always hold as one of the best priests God made. Fr. John loves being a priest and taught me by word and example how to strive for holiness. I adore him. When my time with him ended, he gave me two pieces of advice: first, he told me I need to work on my swearing. Two, he told me I could never work on preaching the rest of my life and no one would complain but that it would be a tragedy if I didn't strive to be better at it.

I accepted his challenge and strive to make sure I spend at least a few hours a week on my homilies. As for the swearing, I'm still working on it!

As a priest, I've been assigned at St. Gerard in Lansing, Lansing Catholic High School, St. Thomas Aquinas in East Lansing, St. Francis Xavier in Otisville, St. John in Fenton, St. John on the MSU campus, Sacred Heart in Hudson, St. Mary on the Lake in Manitou Beach. I helped at St. Anthony in Hillsdale, St. Joseph in Adrian and a few other places.

I've been blessed to serve as Chaplain for MSU Football, the East Lansing Police Department and the Lansing Police Department. I've written for Faith Magazine for years and did some work with Catholic TV in Boston and Toronto...I can't think of it all, but this is most of it.

Now, I'm at Holy Family and St. Mark and I feel like the plane has finally landed... where else is there for me to go? I praise God everyday that I am here and frankly, am getting choked up just thinking about it all. Because of the amazing and dedicated employees here, I am more free to be a priest than I have ever been.

I thank God for His People. I simply cannot believe all that I have seen God's People endure because of the sinfulness of us who serve the Church...I don't know how you do it, but I thank you. You show me what it is to have Faith.

I thank God for my brother priests. We are broken, but called. So much of priesthood turned out to be so very different from what you imagined and hoped, yet you accepted that this is God's call and found ways to be faithful and joyful. You show me what it is to have Hope.

I thank God for the lay employees I have been blessed to work with. You could easily leave and go work in a secular job where you will make more money and not have to deal with things that you have to in a Church but you stay and you give. You endure the strange or angry calls, the faults and sins of us priests, the gossip within the community and you do so with a smile on your face and faithfulness in your heart. You show me what it is to have Love.

I thank God for my family. I remember the day I was ordained, my oldest sister Laure sat us all down and told my family "Joe is not ours anymore. He belongs to everyone. We need to remember that." Thank you for loving me, giving me up and never giving up on me all at the same time. I miss Mom everyday and ask her to pray for us. I love you.

St. Jean Vianney, pray for me.

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for me.

Holy Mother of God, pray for me.

God bless you all!



