



St. Thomas Aquinas Corpus Christi Procession

On The Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood

May 25th, 2008

In his Apostolic Letter *Mane nobiscum Domine* John Paul II particularly promoted the procession on Corpus Christi: "This year let us also celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity

of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings."

The Corpus Christi Procession gives the Catholic believer a unique opportunity to proclaim their Eucharistic faith to the world. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present among us through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, and thus during the procession we are showing that faith to the world. It also cannot but bring blessings to our community and to those who participate as we witness to our Eucharistic faith.

Last Year's Procession

Last year's procession was a great success. We had about 250 people participate as we processed from Hathaway Park through the local neighborhood and offered benediction from six parishioners homes.

This year's procession in our St. Thomas parish neighborhood

The procession will begin at the Church parking lot and go through the surrounding neighborhood to six designated stations. These will be in the front yards of homes belonging to local parish families where altars will be set up for benediction. The procession route will be just over a mile long and should take approximately one hour and a half. It will conclude back at the Church with a final blessing at the seventh altar. After a final blessing there will be a potluck with the Knights of Columbus providing hamburgers and hotdogs, much like the parish picnic. It will be a wonderful day of prayer and celebration in honor of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

New Corpus Christi Play

The talented Leonardo DeFelippis will perform a one man play on the life and times of St. John Vianney.

**The procession will begin at 2:00pm on
Sunday, May 25 at the Church**