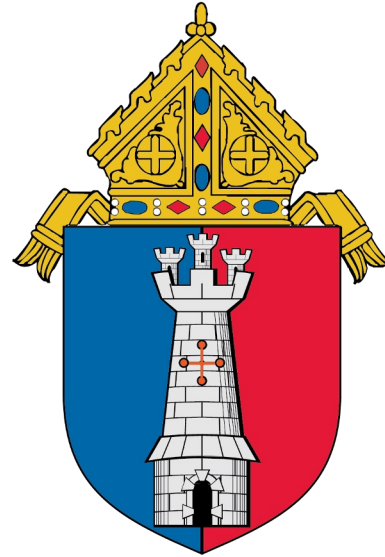


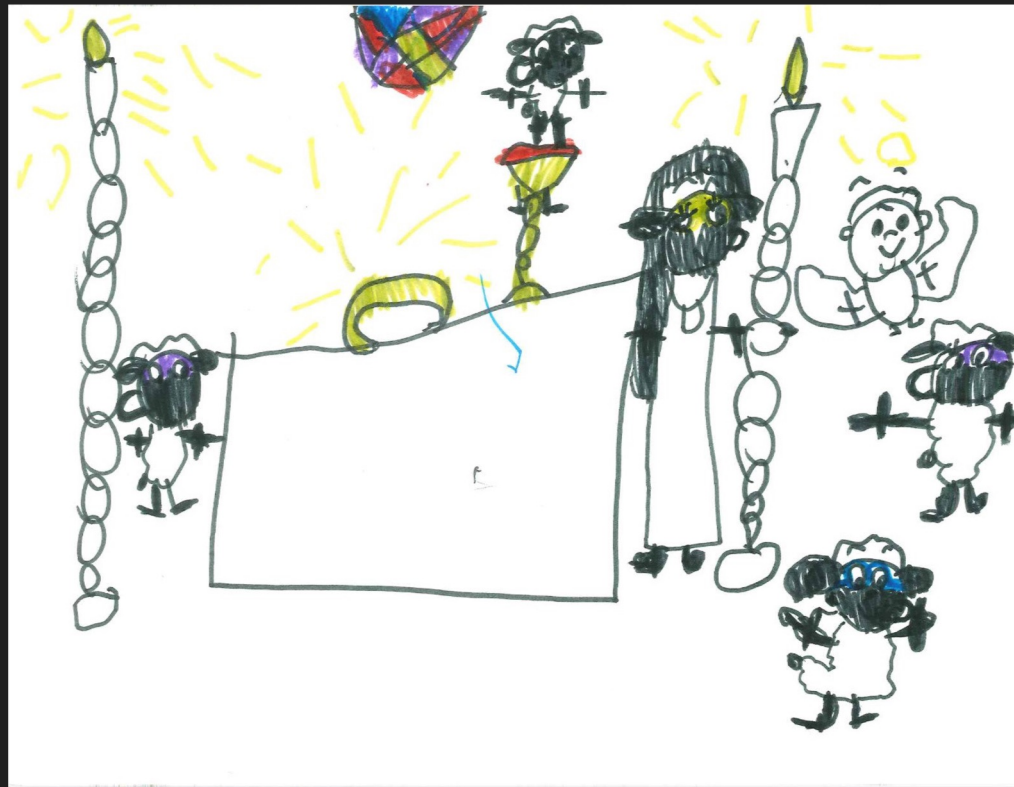
Congratulations to all of the finalists!



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Multimedia, Primary, 3rd Place
Caleb
Kindergarten, St. Michael, Findlay



Multimedia, Primary, 2nd Place
Second Grade Parish School of Religion
Holy Trinity, Bucyrus



Multimedia, Primary, 1st Place
Abigail
Grade 2, St Rose, Perrysburg



Multimedia, Intermediate, 3rd Place
Libby
Grade 3, Calvert Catholic Schools, Tiffin



Multimedia, Intermediate, 2nd Place
Grade 4 Class: Natalie, Hailey, Annaliese,
Declan, Alisen, & Nolan
Immaculate Conception, Port Clinton



Multimedia, Intermediate, 1st Place

Grade 4 Class: Kelvin, Audrey, Frankie, Josie,
Celena, Cayden, Adalynn, & Leah

St. Mary, Edgerton

Server's Point of View

I listen and wait

This time I spend in the alb being a sign of my faith

My body moves on automatic

Not hearing the profound gramatics

While surrounded by an ever growing holy refrain

"Hallelujah,hallelujah, Praise to Your name"

I listen and wait

Looking for a clue that it is my time to help prepare for You

We bring You our gold and dress the altar in white

Just as You had on that faithful night

We kneel at Your bounty

While the shine of Your tabernacle blinds me

Its decoration while ornate

Can not compare to the living bread

Presented on a golden plate

The bread of life wafer thin

Guiding me away from sin

'Holy Holy' it radiates

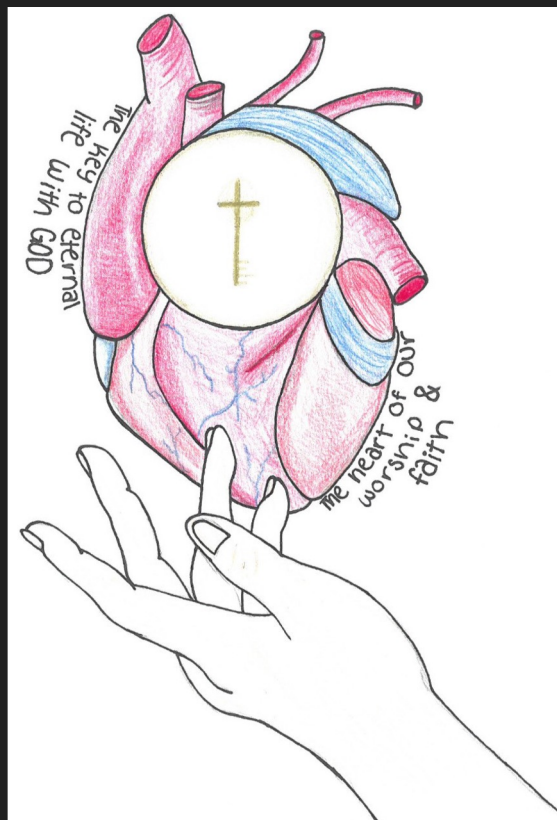
Giving me Your body to

Celebrate

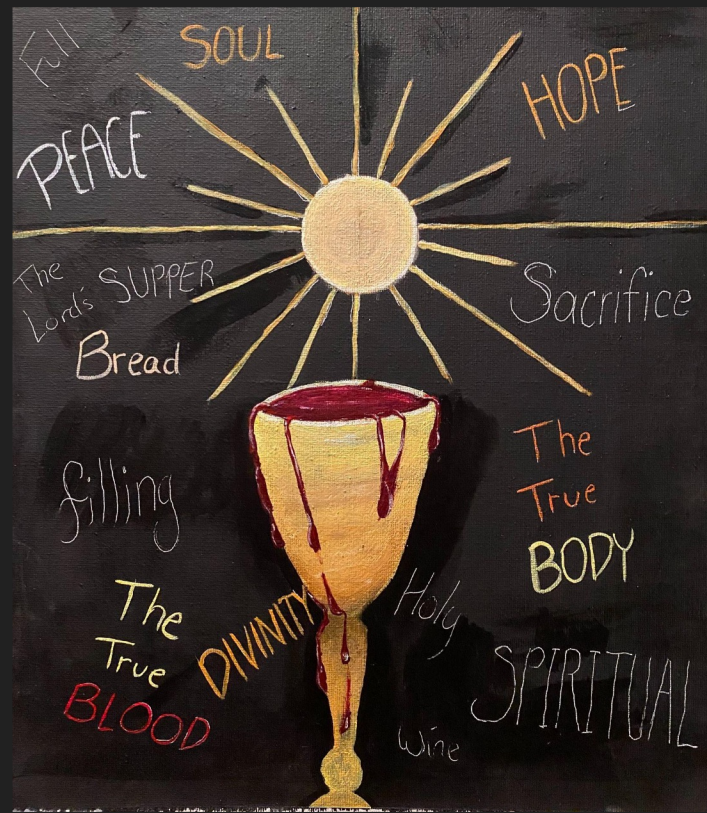
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Charli
Grade 8, St. Mary, Edgerton



Multimedia, Middle School, 2nd Place
Grade 6 Class
St. Charles Borromeo, Lima



Multimedia, Middle School, 1st Place
Aliyah
Grade 8, St. Aloysius, Bowling Green



Multimedia, High School, 3rd Place
Aniyah

Grade 10, St. John the Evangelist, Defiance

Visio Eucharistica
Scott Bartlett

"Let us Pray"...

Father begins mass

The moment where Heaven and Earth meet

A time outside of time

Where millions pray together

Jesus moves, body, heart, and mind

As the apostles in the upper room

We can continue tradition as the Church,
Bridegroom

Where Jesus, Body, Blood, Soul and divinity is
present

Yet I still stand in indifference?

Why?

We were all taught?

Taught that mass is important, he is here.

Yet we stand in detachment, no fear.

I don't know what to do

Yes, this is all I ponder at the first words of mass

Encased in my own inner reflection as I stare at the
Spectacular, Spiritual, Stained, Glistening Glass

The Liturgy Continues

I drift in and out

I doze through the first, second, and third readings

While I know I should be in awe, Kneeling

Through the homily I pay but a bit attention

Listening only to what I like he mentions

As we recite the creed I do feel a sense of pride

Our saints died, martyred, so we could pronounce
our creed and not hide

Finally come the eucharist

The climax, the epitome of our faith

I see father praying over the host

In persona christi he stands

Holding his body, our lord, Yeshua in his hands

Engrossed in the power of the apostles he will
make our lord present

Reenacting why our God was sent

Subtle doubts run aimlessly through my head

"How can it be, it still looks and feels like bread?"

Father lifts towards the congregation

"Ring, Ring, Ring"

I look at him and am instantly put into a state of
elation

In a trance I know none of

But I think, no, I see the one above

On the altar In all his glory

"I'm not worthy" I say "I'm a sinner I don't deserve
to see you"

He looks at me, the second of the trinity

The lamb, the king of kings, the Messiah

The good shepherd

I'm the one he's left to find

Me a sinner, he came just for me, he left the ninety
nine

I now understand

He is always present

Even if we don't understand

He is still a hand

Yet I realize I am the only one whom this has been
revealed

I am urged to shout how I feel

Though I must not as this is a solemn service

But now I know my purpose

I must teach what I've been taught

This is not bread and wine

But our lord's body and blood divine

This new new devotion must be shared

This lukewarmness must not continue

We must all help this revival come into fruition

Preaching Faith, Truth, Hope, and Love, yes

Yes this is our mission

Multimedia, High School, 2nd Place
Scott
Grade 11, Resurrection Parish, Lexington



Multimedia, High School, 1st Place
Madi

Grade 12, Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, Fremont

As a catholic the Eucharist is a very important sacrament.

It is an important sacrament because it is the body of Christ.

Jesus gave His disciples His body at the end of the last supper. He gave His disciples His body because He knew that He was going to have to die on the cross. When I receive the Eucharist I am doing what the disciples did during the Last Supper.

Almost every catholic goes to church at least once a week. Those who believe in the transubstantiation except the church's teachings, but those who don't believe in the transubstantiation don't except the church's teachings. I go to church once a week, and I do believe in the transubstantiation. This is another reason the Eucharist is important to me.

AS I said the Eucharist is a very important sacrament. It also is

Essay, Intermediate, 3rd Place Devon Grade 4, Divine Mercy, Paulding

Ivy Shultz

Calvert Catholic Schools

Grade 3

Some people think the Eucharist is just a piece of bread, but it is something far greater than that. The Eucharist is an amazing gift that God has given us. When we receive the Eucharist, we are not only getting to have Jesus in our heart, we have Jesus there to guide the way in our lives.

My perspective of the Eucharist is that it is something very special. It impacts my life by knowing that I have Jesus in my heart and that I can talk to him and give him praise by praying to him. When I think of Jesus, I am amazed by what astonishing miracles he has performed.

When I receive the Eucharist, I suddenly feel God coming to my heart to help me through the hard times. The Eucharist helps me in my everyday life, including little things like school work, or my spiritual life.

Sometimes, I feel as though I don't deserve something so great like the Eucharist. God is so generous that to him it doesn't matter whether we are perfect or not. He wants us to be as close as possible to him, that's why he gave us the chance to have Jesus in our hearts by receiving the Eucharist.

Essay, Intermediate, 2nd Place
Ivy
Grade 3, Calvert Catholic Schools

What the Eucharist Means to Me

By: Ryder Crisp age 8

The first thing I think about when I think of Holy Communion is Jesus because Jesus is in the priest when they celebrate the Mass. It's called in persona Christi. The priests are really cool because they can do lots of things in Jesus. They do the Benediction in Jesus, they do Confession in Jesus, and the best thing they can do is give us Communion in Jesus.

The second thing I think about when I think of Holy Communion is my family and friends because they have Jesus in them when they receive Communion. That makes me happy to know that they have Jesus in them. Most of all it makes me happy knowing that we can receive Communion without risking our lives like the Saints did.

The third thing I think of with Holy Communion is Jesus dying on the cross for us. If he did not die on the cross for us we would not have Holy Communion or Heaven. Mass is Heaven on Earth. That is what I think. If Jesus did not die on the cross we would not be here because there is too much sin in the world.

Essay, Intermediate, 1st Place
Ryder
Grade 3, St. Mary, Van Wert

What does the Eucharist mean to ME

The Eucharist is very special to many people. One of those people is me. The Eucharist means lots of things to me. It means that God loves us so much that he sacrificed his only son for our salvation. The sacrament of communion is a way of us showing that we need God in our lives and we need him to live. We need him in everything we do. The Eucharist shows God's love for us. It means so many special things to me. It means that God loves me and wants me to become the best person that I can be. The Eucharist shows God will do anything to help us get to heaven. If I continue to take the Eucharist it shows I want to be with God and get to heaven with him. I like to think of the Eucharist as a gift from God to us. It reminds me of how Jesus sacrificed his life to save us from our sins. The Eucharist means so much to me because it is very sacred. It is so amazing to think about how the bread and wine is turned into Jesus' body and blood. It is way beyond the human minds to understand how the transubstantiation works. It is such a gift from God that the only thing that is a better gift than the Eucharist is heaven. Why the Eucharist is so important is that it is a really special way of God reminding us that Jesus sacrificed his life for us. It also reminds us of the first, last supper. It was when Jesus somewhat said "good-bye" to his disciples and told them that one was to betray him and turn him over to the roman soldiers. He willingly gave his life to save our sins and get us an even better chance of getting to heaven. The Eucharist is a blessed sacrament that resolves you of any venial sins you have but it still leaves some wounds. It puts you in a state of sanctifying grace because of its power and beauty.

Essay, Middle School, 3rd Place
Evelyn
Grade 6, Sandusky Central
Catholic School

What the Eucharist Means to Me

The priest lifts the host and announces, "Behold! The lamb of God! Behold! Him who takes away the sins of the world!" On a personal level for me, not only is it a saving light, but it is also a path to a life in Christ.

For me, it all started when I was going to receive my First Communion. At that time, my grandma was in the hospital with cancer, and it was confirmed that she was to die. One thing she wanted to do before that happened was see me receive my First Communion. Therefore, it was set into motion that one day after school, I would go to her hospital and she would give the Eucharist to me. We had a whole Mass in that hospital room, and afterwards, she asked if I'd be an altar server at her funeral.

The other altar servers (thankfully) gave me a job where an inexperienced server could succeed, but that gave me a partial behind-the-scenes experience so when the time came, I chose to take up altar serving. I've learned more and more about it over the years I've done it. I learned how to serve funeral Masses and even

Essay, Middle School, 2nd Place
Simon
Grade 6, Divine Mercy, Paulding

What does the Eucharist mean to me?

Name: Ella Switlick

Date: November 11, 2022

The Eucharist is one of the most important parts of our faith. The Eucharist is Jesus' body, blood, soul, and divinity. Not everyone believes that the Eucharist is Jesus' body. Some religions think that it is just a symbol, but as a Catholic I believe that it truly is Jesus' body. There is a miracle that proves this. There was a priest that was doubting Jesus' presence. As he consecrated the body and blood, the host began to bleed. It turned into real flesh and blood. A scientist examined it and confirmed that it was a part of the heart and the blood was human. I think this is amazing and it just proves that Jesus is truly present in this sacrament. At every Mass, we receive his body and blood in this sacrament.

The Eucharist means thanksgiving. To me, receiving the Eucharist is giving thanks to God. I thank him for dying for me and giving me his body

Essay, Middle School, 1st Place
Ella
Grade 7, St. Joseph, Maumee

What Does The Eucharist Mean To Me?

The definition of the Eucharist, which is found on britannica.com is "Eucharist, also called Holy Communion or Lord's Supper, in Christianity, ritual commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.". People who don't continue in the Christian religion will look at the word and definition as any other word in the world. But for Catholics, this word is our world! We celebrate mass multiple times a week to experience the word Eucharist and its meaning. It's one of the reasons we live for. What the Eucharist means to me is God's compassion and sacrifice, Jesus's love, And the fulfillment of the Holy Spirit.

Some may look at the thin circle as bread and the dark liquid in the cup as wine. But it's so much more than this. The Eucharist tells its own story and is presented in many ways than one. One story example is going all the way back to the first Adam and Eve. We all know the story of creation and original sin. God had so much compassion that he created man to share it with. With Adam and Eve original sin holds us back from loving fully and experiencing the life that God wanted us to do. Then God gave us a second chance with Jesus. This is where God's compassion and sacrifice comes in. Jesus is the New Adam that comes to save us from our original sin and the sins that we will continue to make by handing himself over on the cross. That is God's sacrifice! By loving us so much he allows his only son to die for us. Imagine losing a child for another one.

Jesus's love is shown by the last supper. He knew what his people were going to do to him and even some of his apostles would betray him but he was willing to give everything to them because his love is so passionate and strong. So he gives one last thing: The last supper. During mass the priest will hold up the bread saying "Take this, all of you, and eat it. "This is My Body which will be given up for you." The Priest holds up the consecrated bread which is now the Body of Christ. How can such a small circle hold so much power? How does Jesus present himself in this host? This is our reparations for Adam and Eve. Those words are powerful in themselves. "Take this all of you and eat it" ... We consume Jesus on earth and he becomes part of our physical bodies and our spirit. This gives us an idea about what true unity in heaven with Christ will be like. It's kind of like a preparation for heaven. "This is my body" His body! We

Essay, High School, 3rd Place
Emma
Grade 10, Lima Central Catholic

How do I even begin to describe what the Eucharist is to me? There is so much there that I feel it is impossible to put it into words and still do the Eucharist justice. The Eucharist, the very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, is the foundation of our Catholic faith. It is the lifeline that God throws us when we are drowning in the world. It shines like a beacon of God's light, reminding us that He is truly present with us. And it is through this amazing gift that we, as Christ's disciples, become closer to God.

The Eucharist is the foundation of our Catholic faith. Jesus says in John 6:54-57, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them." After this, many of Jesus's disciples left Him. He asked the Apostles if they also wanted to leave, but they asked Jesus, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life." This very sermon from Jesus is what separated so many of His followers from His truth, and it still does in the world we live in today.

The Eucharist is God's lifeline to us. As Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, the Eucharist has tremendous healing power. It forgives our venial sins and strengthens the bond between us and Christ. God wants us to become closer to Him, so He offers us this beautiful gift of His life. In my personal experience, receiving the Eucharist always gives me a burst of uncontainable joy and peace because I can feel the Holy Spirit working within me. I have the blessing of receiving the Eucharist twice a week, once for school Mass and once for Sunday

Essay, High School, 2nd Place Megan Grade 11, Sandusky Central Catholic School

Zac Campbell

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Eucharist

The Eucharist is a sacred ritual in the Catholic Church, in which bread and wine are consecrated and consumed by the faithful. Jesus first celebrated this holy event at the Last Supper. He broke bread and shared wine which he miraculously turned into his own body and blood. The Eucharist is a deeply meaningful and sacred ritual for me. It is a source of spiritual nourishment, a means of participating in the life of the Church, and a reminder of the sacrifice of Christ. For me, the Eucharist represents the ultimate expression of God's love for humanity. The feeling of receiving this gift is surely a gift in itself. I appreciate communion every time I'm able to receive it and it is a unique and special experience every time.

As Catholics, we believe that during the Eucharist, the bread and wine are transformed into the body and blood of Christ. The priest celebrating the Eucharist acts as an agent of God's power. They are able to transform the bread and wine while God is in their presence. This transformation, known as transubstantiation, is a miraculous event that shows the power and presence of God in our lives. When we participate in the Eucharist, we are not simply consuming bread and wine, but rather we are participating in a sacred mystery that brings us closer to God. I have felt this closeness in my own life. I felt that feeling most strongly after my first communion. I can remember going back to my seat and closing my eyes. I remember simply being happy. I was genuinely grateful that I was able to consume the body and blood of Christ. I think this feeling is one of the most important aspects of the Eucharist.

For me, the Eucharist is a source of spiritual nourishment and sustenance. Just as we need food and drink to sustain our physical bodies, we need spiritual nourishment to sustain our souls. The Eucharist provides this nourishment, filling us with the grace and love of God and helping us to grow in holiness. In my own life, I have been taught from a young age that going to mass is an important part of my Catholic life. I could never truly understand this until I was able to appreciate the Eucharist. I learned what it meant at a young age from my school's elementary priest. He used puppets and jokes to make points and help us understand. That priest helped me understand what God is offering us in the Eucharist. He offers us an opportunity to receive him at each and every mass. This is so important because as Catholics we believe that the Eucharist is the most essential part of the liturgy.

Essay, High School, 1st Place
Zac
Grade 12, Lima Central Catholic

Youth Contest Grand Prize Winner:
Madi
Grade 12, Bishop Hoffman Catholic School, Fremont

