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Annual Corpus Christi Procession at Cathedral Basilica on Sunday

Feast of Corpus Christi Commemorates the Body of Christ in the Eucharist

ST. LOUIS – The premier Corpus Christi procession in St. Louis will immediately follow the 5 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis on Sunday, May 29. The procession will travel throughout the neighborhood surrounding the Cathedral.

The term “Corpus Christi” is Latin for “the Body of Christ” and the celebration of this great feast dates back to the 13th century. The solemn celebration commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist, which is the Body and Blood of Christ under the appearance of bread and wine.

The main feature of the celebration of Corpus Christi is the solemn procession with a monstrance containing the Holy Eucharist in the form of a consecrated host. The annual procession is one of the Catholic Church’s most dramatic public displays of the faith. In addition to the Cathedral, parishes across the Archdiocese of St. Louis will hold their own celebration of Corpus Christi.

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