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Mobile Sacristy Mission

— Upcoming Events —

August 27

Fiesta Mexicana Mass, MKE

September 11

Pro Life Mass, Hartford

September 12

St. Patrick Mass, Erin

September 12

Men of Christ Procession,
Holy Hill

September 27-30

Diocese of Madison, Priest
Assembly, Lake Geneva

— Family Events, 2026 —

September 19

Men's Group Grill-Out Party
for Family & Friends

October 22

Feast Day of JP2, Slinger

— Men's Group Meetings —

July 20, August 17,
November 16

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A Nation Under God

By Michael Tennes, Founder and Executive Director
MCG — Home of the Mobile Sacristy



Checked amidst the Catholic imagery that hung on the walls of my childhood bedroom was my collection of American flags, images of Bald Eagles, U.S. Documents and historic sites. Over the years, I have also found this to be a regular practice amongst the faithful. After all, Patriotism is a moral virtue --- Love of God, Love of Country, Love of Neighbor. It truly pains my heart to see so many of our citizens besmirch our nation's identity. To them I share this reminder: ***We are one nation under God and in Him we trust.***

For 250 years, much blood and ink has been spilt to secure the blessings of liberty we enjoy. Liberty rooted on the premise that all men are created equal and have inalienable rights given to them by God, not by any government. While the cost of freedom has already been immense for our nation, each of us continues to hold the responsibility to defend and maintain it. Unfortunately, this freedom also leads many to grow lukewarm in both faith and civic responsibilities. In a sense, each American faces a battle over their own willpower, rather than force by outside coercion. As JP2 reminds us: ***Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.*** In this sentiment, I believe God has blessed America and handed to each of her citizens the opportunity to be saints in far less hostile conditions, compared to our ancestors.

I don't know about you, but I am proud to be an American. Why? As a Christian, I (like you) have the freedom to speak the gospel, attend Mass, remind others of our nation's roots, use speech to defend injustices like abortion ... and the list goes on. This is a land of opportunity to evangelize, work for the common good, and uphold the dignity of all mankind.

Finally, the preservation of our historical monuments, documents, and natural wonders are unmatched to anybody's politics and serve as a reminder of how blessed we are as a nation. We should all take advantage of encountering these reminders. As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our founding, let each of us reflect on how fortunate we are and recommit to defending our nation's founding values, utilize the rights and freedoms we hold dear, and grow in our hearts the virtue of ***patriotism.***



God Bless America!

A Testimony from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Priest Assembly



Every May, all of the priests of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, and all those who serve within the Archdiocese, gather for a few days of fraternity and continuing formation at the Spring Assembly of Priests. We

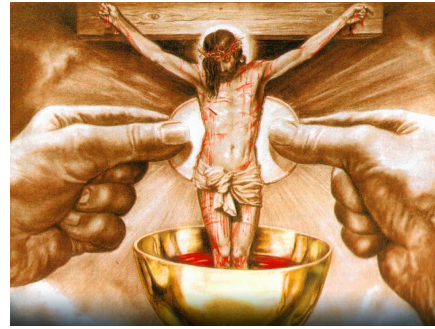
priests look forward to praying with one another and offering mutual encouragement and support in our work. If the speaker is excellent, that's a bonus! For the past 10 years, I have been one of the priests entrusted with planning and preparing all of the liturgies for the Assembly, and we tried many things. We've had Mass at nearby parishes, we've had Mass in a ballroom at the resort where we're meeting, and we've also celebrated the liturgy of the hours together.

This year, Fr. Matthew Kirk, who has lately been working with me to plan the liturgies at these events, had the brilliant idea of asking *Millennial Catholic Gentlemen* if they could assist us with their mobile sacristy. Not only did Michael and his crew assume responsibility for transporting and preparing all of the various materials needed for the celebration of Mass, the mobile sacristy allowed us to create a really beautiful atmosphere at the resort, allowing us priests to celebrate beautiful liturgies without having to travel to a nearby parish. They even offered us a seventh altar candle which we used to honor Archbishop Grob as he presided over Mass for all of us!

As priests, the source of our fraternity and the foundation of all of our work is Jesus Christ. He gave us himself in the Eucharist, and in that very same action, established the priesthood. Our identity as priests is so intimately united to Jesus in the Eucharist that we can say of priests even more than the rest of the church, *the Eucharist is everything to us*. For this reason, I am especially grateful To MCG for the great service you provided us during the spring assembly! *Thank you! God bless you. — Fr. Andrew Linn*

We Are Catholic Because of the Most Holy Eucharist

By Ronald Gamache - MCG Treasurer



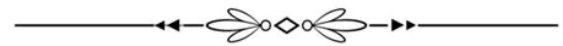
The Holy Eucharist is why we exist as Catholics, and makes us unique, when compared to every other religious denomination on the planet.

Jesus has kept His Promise, that He would never leave us. God gives us scientific proof, that He has kept His Word. Jesus is physically alive, and is with us today, the same as when He walked this earth 2,000 years ago.

God has purposely given us, His irrefutable scientific proof — that a Consecrated Host IS the living, suffering, post-resurrection *Sacred Heart of Our Lord, Jesus Christ*. God has also proven to us that the Blessed Virgin Mary is present in a consecrated Host, in the form of Her mitochondrial DNA which biologically provided the life-giving energy to every cell of Her Divine Son's Sacred Heart.

I discuss this profound scientific reality in my document, *The Scientific Proof You Have Been Searching For*. I would be honored to send you a copy of this document, by contacting me at:

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From Matthew Schmitz - Operations Director

Being Mobile and Stationary

By Fr. Chris Klusman - MCG Chaplain



Mr. Michael Tennes said it true recently: *Our Mobile Sacristy and JP2 Traveling Monstrance programs give the up-front appearance we are always in motion.* What a nice continuation from the Bible to this present day. Whenever we open the Bible or hear the Readings proclaimed at Mass, we notice more how many passages deal with mobility. Bible passages and passages among various areas. It is not that we (and they in the Bible) are always to be mobile physically, but when we (and they) settle down, our stationary's bodies' hearts continue its mobility towards and into God's Sacred Heart.

Thinking of an example amongst many mobile objects from the Bible: The Ark of the Covenant in the Pentateuch. How the mobile Ark traveled, leading the way with a daytime pillar of cloud and a nighttime pillar of fire. And how they settled down and had the Ark with God's indwelling as the focal of their life and worship, reminding them that God is with them.

Thinking of course the New Testament about Jesus and the 12 Apostles on how mobile they were. Many verses were like, "They walked..." "They sailed..." "They went up..." and finally "they sat" or "they prayed." Even in the Old Testament of Abraham who lived a mobile life since God informed Abraham to go to a land promised to him and his descendants. So the life of Abraham was full of being mobile and settling in various places.

Rounding back to Mr. Michael Tennes' quote, the motion of holy objects (and the JP2 Monstrance) in the Mobile Sacristy for Mass, Adorations, and on... as well as the wonderful men (the Millennial Catholic Gentlemen) who dedicate their lives to being mobile (as well as settling in to pray for all) so that the opportunities to have God at the center (especially during Adoration), with reverence, awe, and prayer nourished. How awesome that the Mobile Sacristy and JP2 Traveling Monstrance enable us to experience God emboldening us to follow in His footsteps and of His Holy Flock, as well as inspiring others to move forward together as the Body of Christ for future generations!



◀ Archbishop Grob took the time to bless our new traveling Mass Kit and consecrate its chalice, paten, and ciborium with chrism.

This Mass Kit will be offered to Catholic events to use if the mobile sacristy is being used elsewhere at that time. It is a way for us to be in two places at once, and fill the need when we are asked to help.



The Mobile Sacristy can provide for all of your needs for a Catholic Mass or event: www.mobilesacristy.org



Join Us as We Celebrate our 100th Mens Group Gathering — A Family and Friends Grill-Out

Date: September 19, 2026 ✧ Time: 4:00pm ✧ Bring a Dish to Pass ✧

RSVP to: (262) 235-3532 ✧ Location: 2300 S Mayfield Rd, Richfield, WI 53076



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for making the Mobile
Sacristy possible!*

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— Recipes With Ryan —
Ryan Tennies - MCG's Expert Chef
Cacio e Pepe



- 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/2 pound spaghetti
- Kosher salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 ounces Pecorino Romano cheese, very finely grated

Heat 3 tablespoons olive oil and about a teaspoon of black pepper in a medium skillet over medium-low heat until ingredients are fragrant and pepper is barely starting to sizzle, about 1 minute. Set aside.

Place spaghetti in a large skillet and cover with water. Season with a small pinch of salt, then bring to a boil over high heat, prodding spaghetti occasionally with a fork or wooden spoon to prevent it from clumping. Cook until spaghetti is al dente (typically, about 1 minute less than the package recommends). Transfer 2 to 3 tablespoons of pasta cooking water to the skillet with the olive oil/pepper mixture. Stir in butter. Using tongs, lift spaghetti and transfer it to the oil/butter mixture.

Add cheese and remaining tablespoon olive oil to the skillet and stir with a fork until cheese is completely melted. Add a few more tablespoons of pasta water to the skillet to adjust consistency, reheating as necessary until the sauce is creamy and coats each strand of spaghetti. Season to taste with salt and more black pepper.

Nourishing the Mission

By Ryan Tennies, Director of Hospitality

When we think about the life of a "gentleman," we often think of chivalry, integrity, and a commitment to service. In my role as director of hospitality for Millennial Catholic Gentlemen, I have the unique privilege of bringing those values to life through the simple, act of preparing a meal.

Food acts as the connective tissue of our brotherhood, turning a simple gathering into a true family. My goal is always to create an environment where brothers can sit down, break bread, and find the nourishment they need to continue their work in the world. I believe that a well made meal serves as the foundation for the deep conversations and fellowship that define our mission.

I enjoy helping this mission because it allows me to use my hands to serve others in a very tangible way. Every dish served is a chance to practice hospitality and to show our members that they are valued.

To me, preparing meals isn't just about the recipes, it's about supporting a brotherhood that is striving for holiness. I am honored to contribute my talents to Millennial Catholic Gentlemen by making sure that while our spirits are fed by the Word of God, our community is strengthened by the table.

