The Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated in the Catholic Church on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or, in some places, it is transferred to the Sunday. The feast was instituted to honour the Lord’s presence in the Blessed Sacrament. There were 2 separate miracles that lead to the institution of the feast in the Catholic Church: A Vision to St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon; The Miracle at Bolsena.

The Vision of St. Juliana of Cornillon
St Juliana had a great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament from her youth and longed for a special feast to celebrate devotion to Our Lord’s Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. The saint had a vision of the Church under the appearance of a full moon which had one dark spot. During the vision, she heard a mysterious, heavenly voice explain that the moon represented the Church at that time, and the dark spot symbolised the fact that a great feast in honour of the Blessed Sacrament was missing from the liturgical calendar. St Juliana confessed the vision to Bishop Robert de Thorete, then Bishop of Liège, and Jacques Pantaléon, who later became Pope Urban IV. Bishop Robert was favourably impressed, and called a synod in 1246 which authorised the celebration of a feast dedicated to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament – Corpus Christi – to be held in the diocese in the following year.

Eucharistic Miracle at Bolsena
Fr Pietro da Praga had grown lukewarm in his love of the Eucharist and had doubts as to whether the Eucharist was the real Body and Blood of Our Lord. In 1263, whilst celebrating Holy Mass in the Church Santa Cristina in Bolsena, at the breaking of the Bread, the precious Blood of Our Lord flowed from the Host, covering the altar cloth, corporal and the floor. Pope Urban IV, who was residing at Orvieto at the time, ordered that the precious cloth, covered with the precious blood, was to be brought to the Church of St Mary in Orvieto where it is still venerated even today.

Proclamation of the Feast of Corpus Christi.
On the 11 August 1264, Pope Urban IV published the Bull “Transiturus de hoc mundo”, which, after having extolled the love of Our Saviour as expressed in the Holy Eucharist, he ordered the annual celebration of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, in the universal Church. The bull also granted many indulgences to the faithful for the attendance at Mass and at the Office (Liturgy of the Hours).

General Announcements:
The Grainfield American Legion will be having their ANNUAL FATHERS DAY DINNER Sunday June 21st from 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. in the Grainfield American Legion building in Grainfield. MENU: Roast Beef, Chicken & Noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, salads, tea & water. Desserts provided by American Legion Auxiliaries. All of this for $15.00 and Carry Outs and Curbside Delivery Available---call 785-673-5520. We welcome everyone!!!!

St. Joseph News:
Bible Study: Lectio® Eucharist - Discovering the Mass in the Bible: Tuesday, June 16, at 1:00 in the church basement.