



**From the Desk of
Fr. Leo F. Arnone**

**Cresson Catholic
Community Festival
A One-Day Event
Sunday, Sept. 13
9:00am to 8:00pm**

We are scaling back our festival to a one-day event this year. The big change is that we will not host our usual Vendors. Rather, all festival events for this year will be managed by our own members and so you can expect to see the Basket Fair, Baked Goods, Rummage Sale, Fancy Booth, Games of Chance, etc. The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters will offer their usual festival foods, our own homemade Doughnuts will be on hand and we hope to secure the funnel cake maker as well.

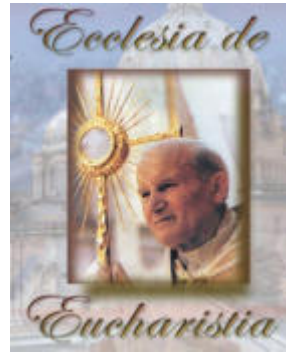
This year's festival will feature a **\$2,500 Grand Prize Raffle**. Tickets are \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00, 12 for \$10.00. A letter was sent to all registered families from both parishes with a request to buy or sale a packet of 12 tickets. Perhaps you can help sale additional ticket which are available at the offices.

Please consider donating items for the following festival events: gift baskets, rummage sale and fancy booth items, gift baskets, items that can be chanced or auctioned off, gift baskets, barrel of cheer items, flower and sugar and oil for the doughnuts, baked goods when we get closer to Sept. 13th, oh, and did I mention GIFT BASKETS! We can still make this scaled back festival a success with all of your support! Thanks for remaining involved in the life of your parishes!



2020 Confirmations: The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated for SA Candidates on Wed, July 15 at 6:30pm and for FX Candidates on Wed, July 22 at 6:30pm at your respective churches. To prepare, Candidates are encouraged to get to Confession *before* their Confirmation.

Let us pray: Almighty and merciful God, source of all life, health and healing, look with compassion on our world, brought low by disease; protect us in the midst of the grave challenges that assail us and in your Fatherly providence grant recovery to the stricken, strength to those who care for them, and success to those working to eradicate this scourge. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**



ECCLESIA DE EUCHARISTIA
Letter on the Eucharist
POPE JOHN PAUL II (2003)

**Ch. 6 At the School of Mary,
“Woman of the Eucharist”**

53. If we wish to rediscover in all its richness the profound relationship between the Church and the Eucharist, we cannot neglect Mary, Mother and model of the Church. In my Apostolic

Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, I pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as our teacher in contemplating Christ's face, and among the mysteries of light I included *the institution of the Eucharist*. Mary can guide us towards this most holy sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it.

At first glance, the Gospel is silent on this subject. The account of the institution of the Eucharist on the night of Holy Thursday makes no mention of Mary. Yet we know that she was present among the Apostles who prayed “with one accord” (Acts 1:14) *in the first community which gathered after the Ascension in expectation of Pentecost*. Certainly, Mary must have been present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the first generation of Christians, who were devoted to “the breaking of bread” (Acts 2:42).



But in addition to her sharing in the Eucharistic banquet, an indirect picture of Mary's relationship with the Eucharist can be had, beginning with her interior disposition. *Mary is a “woman of the Eucharist” in her whole life*. The Church, which looks to Mary as a model, is also called to imitate her in her relationship with this most holy mystery.

54. If the Eucharist is a mystery of faith which so greatly transcends our understanding as to call for sheer abandonment to the word of God, then there can be no one like Mary to act as our support and guide in acquiring this disposition. In repeating what Christ did at the Last Supper in obedience to his command: “Do this in memory of me!”, we also accept Mary's invitation to obey him without hesitation: “Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). With the same maternal concern which she showed at the wedding feast of Cana, Mary seems to say to us: “Do not waver; trust in the words of my Son. If he was able to change water into wine, he can also turn bread and wine into his body and blood, and through this mystery bestow on believers the living memorial of his Passover, thus becoming the ‘bread of life’”.

Reflection: Before making Himself present in the Eucharist, Jesus was made present in His Incarnation within the womb of Mary and for nine month she was a “living tabernacle” of the Lord! The first lesson we can learn from the School of Mary is for us to strive to imitate her Immaculate condition in body, mind and spirit. While that may seem a tall order to fill, it's not out of reach. As with our Baptism, so also with every Reconciliation, we have the opportunity to be made immaculate through Christ's sacrificed Body and Blood – the same Body and Blood presented to us in Holy Communion which then makes of us living tabernacles in turn.