

February 12, 2023

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

**Dear Brothers & Sisters,**

Last Saturday, we had a very good turnout at the annual Trivia Night. We had many parishioners and guests who attended and competed in a very fun night. This year, the proceeds will go to help fund our youth. They will travel this summer to Portugal with more than 200 pilgrims from our Diocese, including our bishop, priests, deacons, seminarians, religious brothers & sisters, and many others from our local parishes. One of the exciting aspects of World Youth Day is its international character where so many youth and young adults receive catechesis from bishops and church leaders throughout the world. This includes awesome concerts and other live events which integrate faith and culture. Of course, one of the expected highlights for this trip will be the pilgrimage to Fatima, the Marian site where God sent the Blessed Virgin Mary to three shepherd children and revealed a heavenly message of prayer and conversion. As summer approaches, let us continue to pray for our youth and help them financially according to our means. World Youth Day is usually celebrated every three years but has a life lasting effect.

Speaking of prayer and conversion, we will celebrate the beginning of the Lenten season with Ash Wednesday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February. We will celebrate a Mass at 8 a.m. & 7 p.m. Also, at 12 noon we will have an Ash Wednesday service with the liturgical readings and distribution of Holy Communion. Per the request of some parishioners during this Lenten season, I would like to offer the Saturday 9 a.m. Mass in English but *ad orientem* which in Latin means: "to the east." In our church, it would be a "liturgical east" as opposed to literally facing the east. This is the traditional posture of the priest. When Mass is celebrated in different Catholic Churches, the priest faces the east as he leads the rest of the congregation in prayer. Since the time of the early Church, the eastward direction of Christian prayer has carried a strong significance, attested by the writings of the Church Fathers. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> century, Syrian Christians hung a Christian cross on the eastern wall of their homes to symbolize "their souls facing God, talking with Him, and sharing their spirituality with the Lord." Two centuries later, Saint Basil the Great declared that "facing the east to pray was among the oldest unwritten laws of the Church." Most Christian apologetic tracts of the 7<sup>th</sup> century in Syriac and Arabic explicated the reason that Christians prayed facing the east is because "the Garden of Eden was planted in the east (Genesis 2:8) and that at the end of time, at the second coming, the Messiah would approach Jerusalem from the east." In continuity with this

tradition, you are all *welcome* on Saturdays at 9 a.m. to participate in the Mass, with the priest facing the east, and leading all towards Christ!

Collections for February 5, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 3694.00
Loose	\$ 610.45
Candles	\$ 27.00
Repair Fund	\$ 345.00
Religious Ed	\$ 205.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 25.00
Total in pew	<b>\$ 4906.45</b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1900.00
Repair Fund	\$ 650.00
Rel. Ed	\$ 135.00
Other	\$ 107.00
Total Online:	<b>\$ 2792.00</b>

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**



February 11th and 12th Weekday and Sixth Sunday

9:00 a.m.	†	Jim Brady
5:00 p.m.	†	Laurel Steill
8:00 a.m.		Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	†	Living & deceased members of Ambrose & Edith
Miller family		
2:00 p.m.		Blessing to Roberto & David Quino and family

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)  
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

February 13th Monday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Jim Brock

February 14th Tuesday: Saint Cyril

8:00 a.m. † Jeff Dunlap

February 15th Wednesday: Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Carla Greulich

February 16th Thursday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Margaret Locke

February 17th Friday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. † For all the souls in purgatory

(Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. every  
Friday)

**Knights of Columbus**

Knights of Columbus will hold their monthly meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the each month in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom at 6:30 PM



On Saturday, February 18th at 6 PM Maria Curiel will be teaching a class on how to make rosaries. Maria has been generously donating the rosaries that are by the tv in the narthex. These rosaries have been used by parishioners and have even been given away at the St Vincent de Paul Society. We would love for more parishioners to learn this skill to help ensure we always have rosaries available. Please join us in the 3rd grade classroom on February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6PM.

### St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Week of February, 6 2023

The pantry served 20 families, 38 people, 3 new 1 gas card. Thank you to our parish family for the food donations. We appreciate the continued support of the parish. We can always use personal hygiene products-deodorant, shampoo, Tylenol, Ibuprofen. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry, or you may contact Sara St. Clair through the church office. Our pantry hours are Monday from 10am to 12PM. You may drop off donations in the baskets in the narthex of church.

### PARISH MISSION

On Sunday, March 19th, we will kick off our Lenten Parish Mission. Paul J. Kim will be our guest speaker for this wonderful event! There will be a second collection next weekend at all of the Masses. The money from this collection will be used to help cover the costs associated with our mission. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



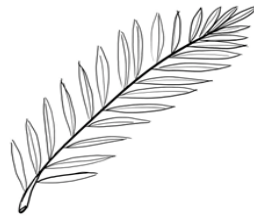
Mark your calendars! Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. We will have Masses at 8 AM and 7 PM and distribution of ashes at 12 PM



### Soup &

### Stations

This Lent we will have Soup & Stations of the Cross on Friday nights. Soup will start be served at 5:30 in the Community Center. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7PM this year! This is a CHANGE from last year. Please plan to join us on Fridays during Lent for food, fellowship, and beautiful prayer.



**Please bring in your blessed palms from last year so that we can burn them for ashes for Ash Wednesday.**

### Religious Education Upcoming Dates Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor meeting

There will be a VERY IMPORTANT Confirmation meeting for all candidates and sponsors on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Everyone will receive the newest information regarding Confirmation, including the change of where it will be celebrated this year. We will discuss what is appropriate to wear for the Confirmation Mass, we will engaging in a few activities that will help lead each candidate into a more complete understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anita.

### Lock-in

Due to the lock-in on Saturday evening, there will **not be any religious education classes for grades 6 through 8 on Sunday February 12**. All students in grades 6 through 8 are expected to participate in the lock-in and will need to have a permission slip turned in. Each person will need to provide \$10.00 per person prior to attending. Thank you!

**Attention all Lectors, Hospitality Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and Altar Servers:** The next scheduling period will be from March 1 through April 30. Please remember to use the Ministry Scheduler Pro app or website to block off of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period before **Wednesday, February 15**

### **Adult Religious Groups**

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE**

Register soon for REKINDLE THE FIRE. Tickets are on sale for the 2023 Rekindle the Fire Catholic Men's Conference. Click on the link below to join us on February 18th at the South Bend Century Center for a day to rekindle your fire. Join over 1,000 men and Chris Stefanick, Jason and Crystalina Evert, Paul J. Kim, and Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades for a great day. There are posters and pamphlets in the Narthex with information about how to register. You can also obtain information at [rekindlethefire.net](http://rekindlethefire.net).

### **YOUNG ADULTS**

We had a blast at Trivia Night!!! We are planning some great events for 2023! Don't want to miss out? Sign up for Flocknote and then join the group "Young Adults." You will get all the information about upcoming events! In February we will be going bowling after P&W Adoration on the 17th AND we will be starting our Lenten Series on Sunday mornings!

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### **HOLY HOUR OF POWER**


If you have not yet attended one of our Holy Hour of Power nights, February 17th is your chance! These nights of Adoration and Praise & Worship music are powerful and impactful. You will NOT regret spending this hour worshipping Jesus with members of your parish family. Mark your calendars and plan to attend Holy Hour of Power on Friday, February 17th from 6-7 PM.

### **Spiritual Gifts Assessment**

Don't forget to fill out our Spiritual Gifts Assessment. This assessment is not just about letting us know the "traditional" skills that you have (like graphic design or carpentry). This assessment helps us to see which of the spiritual gifts manifest themselves most strong to you. For example, some people have the gifts of leadership or teaching while

others have the gifts of service, exhortation, or mercy. All of this information helps us to know the best way to put your giftedness to use for our parish community! The assessment is now available online, or you can pick up a paper copy in the Narthex under the information board.



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### **Adult Religious Catechesis 3-Part Series - "The Mass - Heaven on Earth?"**

Is the weekly Mass just an obligation for Catholics, a box to be checked on your spiritual scorecard? Or is it more than that? And if it is more, (hint - it is!), what exactly is it? Why should I care? Did early Christians attend Mass? How did it develop to its present day form? The ARC team will be taking on this topic in its next series of weekly meetings in a 3-week series entitled "The Mass - Heaven on Earth?" beginning February 15th at 6:30 PM. Much of the series will be loosely based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book, "The Lamb's Supper." The first session will concentrate on what the Mass is and its Biblical roots in the Old Testament. Come join us in the Deacon Joe Community Center. Snacks and drinks provided.