

February 19, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Life is full of transitions and changes. This week we transition from the 7th week in Ordinary Time (which began after the Christmas season) to Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. We will resume Ordinary Time after the Easter season, which ends on Pentecost Sunday. These different liturgical transitions serve as reminders to the entire Church that we are to keep in mind, throughout the year, the different mysteries of the life of Christ in order to better see our lives in the light of the Word of God, especially the Gospel.

Everyone is capable of following God's ways and becoming holy, no matter our age or cultural background. The Catholic Church, which is universal, treasures the totality of Divine revelation. Revelation was transmitted by Christ to the original apostles orally (Sacred Tradition) and before and after the Incarnation of Christ in writing (Sacred Scripture- Old & New Testaments). These two forms of Divine Revelation have been interpreted for two thousand years by the Magisterium pope and bishops in Communion with the pope in order to safeguard the deposit of faith. As we know, the bishops are the successors of the original apostles and the pope is the successor of the apostle St. Peter.

During the Lenten Season, the Church offers us spiritual disciplines in order for us to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves (for the love of God). The spiritual disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Prayer unites us to God; fasting disciplines our selfishness; and almsgiving allows us to be charitable. We fast on Ash Wednesday and eat no meat on that day or on any Friday of Lent. The goal is to love more, not less. At the end of the Lenten Season, we ought to be in the right relationship with God and our neighbors. In doing so, we should also be at greater peace with ourselves.

This Lent, we will try something new, per the request of some parishioners. We will celebrate Mass *Ad Orientem* on Saturdays at 9 a.m. We will do the same during the Spanish Sunday Mass at 2 p.m. This means that the priest will also face the Crucifix during the liturgy, especially the liturgy of the Eucharist as a sign that he leads all the faithful in prayer to God. He is not despising the people by giving his back, but rather he is leading us towards God.

In general, Lent is a season of intentional penance which should allow us to enter into a deeper conversion. Let us avail ourselves of the many opportunities to deny ourselves in order to live for God and accomplish His most perfect will!

Collections for February 12, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,980.00
Loose	\$ 478.75
Candles	\$ 17.00
Repair Fund	\$ 75.00
Religious Ed	\$ 120.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 25.00
Total in pew	<u>\$2,695.75</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$2,870.00
Repair Fund	\$ 627.00
Second Collection	\$ 112.00
Other	\$ 110.00
Total Online:	<u>\$3,719.00</u>

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

February 18th and 19th Weekday and Seventh Sunday

9:00 a.m.	† Terry Baker
5:00 p.m.	† Andy Lowe
8:00 a.m.	† Carolyn Hinen
10:30 a.m.	Parishioners
2:00 p.m.	Prayers for the Santiago & Tellado Families

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

February 20th Monday: Weekday

8:00 a.m.	† Janet Sheet
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February 21th Tuesday: Weekday

8:00 a.m.	† For all the souls in Purgatory
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February 22th Wednesday: Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m.	† Corky Reed
7:00 p.m.	†

February 23th Thursday: Weekday

8:00 a.m.	† Joyce Pawlak
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February 24th Friday: Weekday

8:00 a.m.	† Larry Reynolds
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(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 2nd Thursday of each month in the 3rd grade classroom at 6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Week of February 13, 2023

The food pantry served **22** families, **53** people, **0** new **2** gas cards. Thank you to our parish family for the food donations. We appreciate the continued support of the parish. We can always use cleaning supplies. We have definite needs for some families going through some very hard times.

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 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You may drop off donations in the baskets in the church narthex

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!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPCOMING DATES

8th Grade Sponsor and Candidate Meeting

There will be a Confirmation sponsor and candidate meeting on Sunday, February 26th at 6:00 pm in the Church. Updated information about Confirmation will be shared with everyone during this meeting including the change of date and time for the practice and change of location for Confirmation this year. If the sponsor is not able to attend, then a parent is asked to attend instead. Thank you!

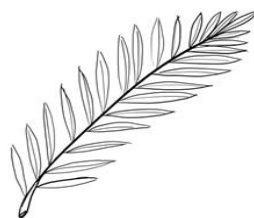
Please join us this Sunday, February, 19th at 7:00 pm for Adoration and to pray the Holy Rosary with the Middle School and Youth Group.



Mark your calendars! Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. We will have Masses at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. and an Ash Wednesday service at 12 p.m.



The first Soup & Stations of the Cross is this Friday, February 24th. Soup will start at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center. Stations of the Cross will begin at 7 p.m. This is a CHANGE from last year. Please plan to join us on Fridays during Lent for food, fellowship, and then beautiful prayer.




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

ADULT RELIGIOUS GROUPS

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Lenten Series will begin Sunday, February 26th at 9:15 a.m. in the Young Adult Room (located in the new basement). Each week we will use "Journey through Lent" to reflect on the readings for the weekend. All young adults of the parish (ages 19-39) are welcome to join us.

Keep in touch with us via email and text!



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Revive! As part of the Eucharistic Revival, there will be a Revive city-wide mission night on Wednesday, April 12th at Bishop Dwenger High School, led by Damascus Missionaries. It will be a night with praise and worship, an inspirational speaker, and Eucharistic Adoration. Renew your own faith and to also invite a friend to come with you to encounter our God who is living and active. To reserve your seat, register at:

diocesefwsb.org/revive

World Youth Day Fundraising

Our final payments for World Youth Day are due April 1st! Help us with our fundraising efforts!

1. Take envelopes from the window. Put in the amount of money that is listed on the outside of the envelope and return to the church office. No amount is too small (or too large) to help the 18 parishioners going to Portugal!
2. Buy pies for Easter and Mother's Day! Pie order forms are available on the "Parish News and Announcements" table. Orders are due by noon on Friday, March 3rd. Pies will be available for pick up Saturday, March 25th between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center.
3. Donate to our garage sale or reserve a spot to sell your own stuff! Registration forms are available on the "Parish News and Announcements" table. Donations can be dropped off during office hours in the new basement (All Saints Hall) in the storage room with "Garage Sale Donations" sign on the door. The Garage sale is March 10th and 11th. Everything donated will be sold for "Fill a bag for \$5" unless otherwise marked.
4. Pray for us! Your prayers as we prepare financially, physically and spiritually for this amazing pilgrimage mean the most to us.

FRIDAY ADORATION SIGN-UP

We have a new sign-up available for Friday Adoration for the months of March, April, and May. Our goal is to have 4 people signed up for each hour. Lent is the perfect time to add this hour of prayer to your week. You will never regret an hour spent in Adoration. Please sign up in the Narthex.