

January 29, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We are blessed to welcome to our parish a successor of the Apostles, Bishop Kevin Carl Rhoades, who is bishop of our Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend! He has generously accepted the invitation to celebrate Mass at 10:30a.m. and spend some time of fellowship with all the parishioners at the Community Center. We will have coffee, donuts, and other delicacies, that includes tamales.

On Oct. 17, the Roman Catholic Church remembers the early Church Father, bishop, and martyr Saint Ignatius of Antioch, whose writings attest to the sacramental and hierarchical nature of the Church from its earliest days. Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate his memory on Dec. 20.

In a 2007 general audience on St. Ignatius of Antioch, the late Pope Benedict XVI observed that “no Church Father has expressed the longing for union with Christ and for life in him with the intensity of Ignatius.” In his letters, the Pope said, “one feels the freshness of the faith of the generation which had still known the Apostles. In these letters, the ardent love of a saint can also be felt.”

St. Ignatius was born in Syria in the middle of the first century A.D. Ignatius is said to have been personally instructed – along with another future martyr, Saint Polycarp – by the Apostle Saint John. It is quite an honor to be instructed by an original apostle. When Ignatius became the Bishop of Antioch around the year 70, he assumed leadership of a local church that was, according to tradition, first led by Saint Peter before his move to Rome.

Although St. Peter transmitted his Papal primacy to the bishops of Rome rather than Antioch, the city played an important role in the life of the early Church. Located in present-day Turkey, it was a chief city of the Roman Empire, and was also the location where the believers in Jesus’ teachings and his resurrection were first called “Christians” (see Acts 11:26). And St. Ignatius of Antioch is the first church father to use of the term “Catholic Church” (literally meaning “universal church”) in his Letter to the Smyrnaeans (c. 110 AD).

St. Ignatius makes references to the three-fold structure of the Church: bishop, priest/presbyter, and deacon. He gives instructions to obey the bishop, and a recognition that each city had only one bishop. As we welcome our own bishop, we thank God for the opportunity of his pastoral visit to our parish. I am honored to be your priest at St. Paul of the Cross, and to have a newly ordained deacon to assist me. May our love for the Eucharist continue to intensify in communion with our Catholic Church!

Collections for January 22, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1305.00
Loose	\$ 825.76
Candles	\$ 15.00
Repair Fund	\$ 112.00
Total in pew	\$ 2257.76
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1537.00
Repair Fund	\$ 554.00
Second Collection	\$ 107.00
Other	\$ 30.00
Total Online:	\$ 3602.00

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



January 21st and 22nd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m.	† Terry Baker
5:00 p.m.	† Jerry Zorger
8:00 a.m.	Parishioners
10:30 a.m.	† Justin Hinen
2:00 p.m.	† Luis Perez

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

January 23rd Monday: Weekday

8:00 a.m.	† Francis Alles
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January 24th Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

8:00 a.m.	† Roedean Dowell
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January 25th Wednesday: The Conversion of St Paul

5:00 p.m.	† Maggie Miller
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January 26th Thursday: St. Timothy & St. Titus

8:00 a.m.	† Carolyn Hinen
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January 27th Friday: Weekday

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

St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Week of January 16, 2023

Pantry served 21 families, 56 people, New 3 gas cards 3

Thank you for food donation from parish and cash donations of \$120.00.

We can still use shelf stable milk, cake mixes, brownie mixes, frosting and basic cooking spices.

We would appreciate donations of potatoes and onions also. We are seeing an increase in multiple families living in one home. So we would appreciate any help that you can give.

Thank you all so very much! Donations can be dropped off at the pantry or contact Sara St. Clair through the church office. Our pantry hours are Monday from 10am to noon or you may drop off donations in the baskets in the narthex of church.

Mark your calendars

Our Parish Lenten Mission will take place Sunday, March 19th-Tuesday, March 21st 2023. We have an amazing speaker coming and we are so excited about what we have in store! Please mark your calendars so that you can join us for our Lenten Mission this year! We know that schedules fill up fast and we want to make sure that the entire parish can participate in the wonderful event!



Catholic Q&A Night

Submit your questions for the Catholic Q & A Night! We've already got questions in the box, which can be found in the Narthex. This event will happen on Wednesday, February 8th, at 6:30 PM and is the perfect opportunity to get all of your questions about the Catholic faith answered! Bring a friend!



We are still looking for musicians to help with our liturgies! Do you sing? Play the piano, organ, or guitar? We need your help!!! Please contact Jessica (pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org) so she can chat you about what it means to be a "church musician".

Knights of Columbus-New Meeting Day

It has been decided by the Knights that they will be meeting on the 2nd Thursday of the month. It will take place in the 3rd grade classroom at the same time as before.



Battle Of The Bands

Have you registered for the Trivia Night yet? This event is SO MUCH FUN! This year it will help to fund World Youth Day for the youth and young adults of our parish! Have you participated before? Spread the word about how much fun you had! You can fill out a sheet in the Narthex to register or you can go to this website to **register online**: <https://spygcc.weebly.com/trivia.html>

Attention Homeschoolers!!! NEW DATE!!!

Due to scheduling conflicts our January gathering was postponed! Our NEW DATE is Friday, February 3rd. We will gather for 8 AM Mass on Friday, January 20th. After Mass we will spend 30 minutes in Adoration and then we will head over to the Community Center for fellowship! Please plan to join us!

Religious Education Upcoming Dates

8th Grade Students

There will not be any 8th grade class this Sunday, January 22 due to the Confirmation retreat that was attended on Saturday. 7th grade students will still have class as normal.

Digital Safety Program

Cathie Bledsoe, the Director of Education, North Region, for the Indiana Center for the Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide(ICPYAS) will be giving a Child Lures and Cyber Safety program to all Religious Education students on Sunday, January 29th. Her extremely informative presentation will be in the morning from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. and again in the evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **ALL PARISHIONERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO** The information that she will be giving is useful for everyone regardless of your age. Her presentations will take place in the Community.

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 go to rekindlethefire.net.

Adoration Sub List

We need to update our list of subs for Friday Adoration. If you are willing to be a sub (in case someone cannot make it to their scheduled Friday time) please sign your name and contact information on the sheet in the Narthex. **THANK YOU!**



Young at Heart will meet on Thursday, February 2nd. We will start with Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a Faith-based program and then we will have a lunch provided. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend.

Knights of Columbus

Thank You - Thank You - Thank You; Words are not enough to thank all that came in to support our blood drive and youth this past Sunday. Thirty units of blood were collected saving ninety lives. What better gift can you give than the gift to help save the lives of others in need. Several Knight members kicked in out of their own pockets to make a total of one thousand dollars collected to help support the youth in the parish. The generosity shown by some of our parish members was amazing. Many thanks to all that donated blood and/or money to support the needs of others.

Our next drive will be held on March 12, 2023. Donors who gave at our last drive will be eligible to donate again. If you missed this drive due to travel or illness you have another opportunity to donate and save lives. Appointment times have been filling up just before our drives so sign up now using the Red Cross donor app or at redcross.org.

2023 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

We have St. Paul of the Cross calendars available for the taking in the Narthex on several tables. Please help yourself.