

March 12, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last Sunday, Bishop Rhoades held a ceremony at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at which time he received adults from around our Diocese who participate in the RCIA programs of our respective parishes. RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Bishop Rhoades formally accepted the catechumens as potential Catholics at this ceremony.

These are the men and women who seek the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. From that ceremony onward, until they receive these sacraments at the Easter Vigil, they are referred to as “Elect.” For this reason, the catechumens and the Bishop sign the “Book of the Elect” By this rite, they officially request the sacraments from Bishop Rhoades. He then exhorts them to prepare more intentionally for the reception of these sacraments as they live their Lenten journey in communion with the rest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend

We have no catechumens for this Easter Season in our parish. However, we do have one “candidate.” A candidate is a baptized non-Catholic who has arrived at the age of reason and intentionally seeks full communion with the Catholic Church. Since this person has been baptized already, there is no need for another baptism (actually that is anti-Biblical). The candidates are to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) prior to any other sacrament. Afterwards, at the Easter Vigil or at another day (at the discretion of the pastor), the candidates make a public and solemn profession of faith. Additionally, they are confirmed by the pastor (not necessarily by the Bishop—since the delegation is automatic in this circumstance), and they receive the Eucharist for the first time that same Mass. In our RCIA program, we also have two adults who were baptized Catholics as children, but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. One of these adults has never received the Eucharist and will receive the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil. Unlike with the case of “Candidates,” the pastor does not ordinarily have the delegation from the Bishop to confirm. An attempt to do so without permission, would not only be illicit (meaning unlawful) but also invalid (meaning that you would have to do it again!). These two have the option to get

confirmed by the Bishop at the Cathedral with other adult Catholics or they could get confirmed with the youth of our parish. There are other RCIA members who hope to receive the Sacraments of Initiation after an annulment process. Let us pray intensely that we can receive them as full-fledged members of our Catholic Church as soon as possible. May Jesus Christ be praised now and forever!

Collections for March 5, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 3,720.00
Loose	\$ 1,201.51
Candles	\$ 21.00
Repair Fund	\$ 350.00
Second Collection	\$ 902.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 55.00
Religious Education	\$ 72.00
Catholic Relief/Black & Indian Missions	\$ 25.00
Total in pew	<u>\$6,346.51</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,038.00
Repair Fund	\$ 300.00
Second Collection	\$ 105.00
Other	\$ 35.00
Total Online:	<u>\$2,478.00</u>

Third Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

March 11th and 12th Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. No Mass
5:00 p.m. † Laurel Steill
8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
2:00 p.m. † Gregoria Zilla & Luis Gil
(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

March 13th Monday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass

March 14th Tuesday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass

March 15th Wednesday Weekday

5:00 p.m. No Mass

March 16th Thursday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass

March 17th Friday: Weekday

8:00 a.m. No Mass, Eucharistic Adoration all day.

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



St. Vincent de Paul Corner

Week of March 6, 2023

The food pantry served **56** families, **26** people, 3 new **1** gas cards Thank you to our generous parishioners for the donations of food and personal items. Your support allows us to continue to help those in our community that are in need. We are also given the opportunity to share God's love to others. We can use donations of fresh bread, low sugar cereal, marinara sauce and macaroni and cheese. 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.

Blood Drive

The next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross Blood drive will be next Sunday, March 12th at the Deacon Joe Center from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. along with coffee and donuts. This is also the weekend that daylight savings time starts and our clocks get turned ahead an hour. Please take into account this hour time change when planning and arriving for your appointment.

Donating blood is considered a corporal work of mercy, by helping the sick. Your donation can help save up to three lives. Please consider signing up now to get your preferred time slot. The Red Cross would like ALL donors to sign-up online. Please sign-up online @redcross.org or use the Blood Donor App.

Get the free Blood Donor App by texting BLOODAPP to 90999. This will make signing up and filling out your rapid pass the day of your donation very simple. Pick up an information card at the display in the Narthex.

If you have any question or need help, please feel free to call John Herrmann at 260-229-5499. Hope to see you on the 12th.

Soup & Stations

Please join us on Friday, March 17th for Soup & Stations of the Cross. Soup begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center and will be provided by members of our Rosary Group. Stations will begin at 7 p.m. in the church.

ADULT RELIGIOUS GROUPS

1 WEEK LEFT!



We are just ONE WEEK AWAY from our Parish Lenten Mission!

International speaker Paul J. Kim will be here on Sunday, March 19th and Monday, March 20th to speak. His topic for night one will be "From Lukewarm to on Fire Catholic". The topic the second night will be "God Wants to Transform Your Family & Marriage".

YOUNG ADULTS

Our Lenten Series continues this Sunday, March 12th at 9:15 a.m. in the Young Adult Room (located in the new basement). Each week we are using "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. It's okay if you cannot make it every weekend. Come when you can!

Did You Know



Did you know that we have a Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday, at 10 a.m., in the Sofa Room? This is a beautiful opportunity for you to pray the rosary with members of your parish. You don't have to be an expert in the rosary to

attend! They will walk you through! The Rosary Group would love to have you join them.



Good News! Night: Sharing Jesus. Sunday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw. Come hear about the Good News of Jesus Christ and why we should share Him with others. The event includes an explanation of what evangelization is, what it means to be a Eucharistic Missionary, and why all of us should want to bring Jesus to our friends and neighbors. Eucharistic adoration is included. Come to the main church. This event is sponsored by the Eucharistic Revival. For more information go to diocesefwsb.org/good-news or email info.revival@diocesefwsb.org

**“ One position needs filled” FRIDAY
ADORATION SIGN-UP**

We are need of at least one person to take the 10:00-11:00 a.m. time for Adoration on Fridays. This is one hour out of your week where you get to spend time with Jesus. What a wonderful gift! Please sign up on the signup sheet in the narthex. Thank you!

**Religious Education Announcements
2nd Grade Parents**

Mark your calendar for our next parent session on the Eucharist. This will take place at 9:20 in the sofa room on Sunday, March 19th. Even if you were not able to make the first session, you are encouraged to join us for this one.

The 2nd grade students will be receiving their Bible during the Presentation of the Gospel on Sunday, March 19th at the end of the 10:30 p.m. Holy Mass.

Middle School Living Stations of the Cross

All are invited to join the middle school students for the living Stations of the Cross on Sunday March 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m. This annual Lenten tradition is a rich and beautiful way of bringing each person into a deeper understanding of the Passion of Jesus. We hope you will come to support the hard work the students have put into this presentation.

Youth Group Garage Sale

Thank you to all those that contributed their items for the garage sale this weekend. This benefited our youth group by helping to go towards the cost of their trip to Portugal. The garage sale went very well and between the two days, they took in a total of \$1,196.00. Thank you for your support and to those that helped with running the garage sale also.