

April 16, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we come to the end of the Easter Octave. However, we continue our Easter season until Pentecost. There are many reasons for rejoicing at our parish. We had four confirmed during Easter Vigil and another received the Sacraments of Initiation at the hospital due to danger of death. However, the Lord has been very gracious and has allowed this new parishioner (13 years old) to recover and return home to begin treatments for brain cancer.

Mercy is the unmerited gift wrapped in kindness given to a person whose heart is full of misery. God is merciful beyond all telling. The word for mercy in Hebrew is: *Hesed* and in Latin: *Misericordiae*. The Incarnation is fruit of God's mercy and what made possible the Paschal mystery, which consisted of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Eucharist, which reenacts the mystery of Christ's merciful sacrifice on the Cross, allows God's merciful presence to meet our miseries. When we realize that in the Eucharistic celebration we are in the presence of the merciful Lord, we should ask Jesus for the grace to make the next good step in our spiritual journey so that we can be in the state of grace. For some, this may mean to approach a priest for the first time and go to confession. For others, it could be to begin speaking to a priest about an annulment process or to get a current civil marriage validated by the Church. Several parishioners have benefited from these processes already, and many more should know that the Church is here to walk with you. However, mercy does not exclude justice, especially with regard to Divine revelation or other people's rights. God's mercy considers

the whole picture and is geared towards full communion with Him and the Church.

May Our Lady of Mercy intercede for us in times of tribulations and temptations so that we may reflect the mercy of her Son who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Collections for April 9, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,868.00
Loose	\$ 967.60
Candles	\$ 17.00
Repair Fund	\$ 65.00
Good Friday(holy land)	\$ 115.00
CCD Rel. Educ	\$ 45.00
Total in pew	<u>\$ 3,077.60</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3,261.00
Repair Fund	\$ 155.00
Second Collection	\$ 110.00
Other	\$ 50.00
Total Online:	<u>\$3,576.00</u>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mass Intentions

April 15th & 16th Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 p.m. † Jerome and Terri Wait

5:00 p.m. † Laurel Steill

8:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Corless Ball family

10:30 a.m. † Valerie Friend

2:00 p.m. Parroquiano

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

April 17th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Phil Blakely

April 18th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss

10:30 a.m. Funeral for Joseph Murphy

April 19th Easter Weekday

5:00 p.m. † Janet Sheet

April 20th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Terry Baker

April 21th Easter Weekday

8:00 a.m. † Roedean Dowell

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

Religious Education Announcements

8th Grade Students

All Saint essays are due by this Sunday, April 16th.

Confirmation practice will be held on **Sunday, April 23rd** here at St. Paul of the Cross at **5 p.m.**. We will be meeting in the Church. All Candidates, their sponsors, and at least one parent is expected to attend this very important practice.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place on **Tuesday, April 25th** here at St. Paul of the Cross at **7:00 p.m.**. A reception in the Community Center will follow the Holy Mass with the ability to have your picture taken with the Bishop.

2nd Grade

This year's **First Holy Communion Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, April 29th** from **9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**. There will be an opportunity for each family to donate the food items that will be used on that day. A sign-up Genius will be available beginning Sunday April 16th. We ask that each family be as generous as possible. Thank you!

First Holy Communion rehearsal will take place in the Church on **Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 am**. This should only last about an hour. Each student and at least one parent are expected to attend this practice.

The students will also be enrolled in the Scapular that morning.

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, May 7th during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All students are asked to be at church between 9:45-10:00 a.m.

May Crowning

All 2nd and 8th grade students are expected to participate in this very beautiful annual ceremony honoring our Blessed Mother. This will take place on **Sunday, May 14th** just before the **10:30 a.m.** Mass. If your child(ren) will not be present we ask that you either let the teacher or Anita Senesac know before Thursday, May 11th. Thank you!

Sign up TODAY for the next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross

blood drive held on **Sunday, May 7th from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.** in the Deacon Joe Center. Your donation gift can save the life of 3 individuals. The last 2 drives have come fully staffed and there has been very little wait times.

If it has been 8 weeks since your last donation, you are eligible to donate again. Please don't think that because you donated once before that's enough. The need for blood is constant. Critically ill patients **DEPEND** on people who regularly donate blood every eight weeks. Your 40 minutes of time can save 3 lives.

Blood donors can sign up online at redcross.org or with the Red Cross donor app. Get the free Blood Donor App by texting **BLOODAPP** to 90999. This will make signing up and filling out your rapid pass very simple. With this app you will always have your donor ID with you and can follow your blood donation journey.

If anyone needs help setting up this app please give John Herrmann a call at 260 229 5499. Information can also be found on a poster in the Narthex. Thank You in advance for your generous donation.

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, April 21st, from 6-7 PM.

Thank You

Big thanks to everyone who provided soup for Soup & Stations during Lent! We are so grateful for your generosity!

REDEEMER RADIO SHARATHON

The Saint Paul of the Cross Hour of the Spring Sharathon for Redeemer Radio will be Wednesday, April 19th at 10 AM. Please plan to tune-in to Redeemer Radio 106.3 or to listen online and lend your support during this hour.



We will have a training for Altar Servers on Sunday, April 23rd, following the 10:30 AM Mass. We are very much in need of more Altar Servers, especially for the 5:00 PM Mass. Please prayerfully consider serving the church in this way and encouraging your children to do the same. Anyone 3rd grade and above can participate in the Altar Server training, even adults! This training is for all current AND new altar servers.



LEGACY of LIFE

Right to Life of North Central Indiana Spring Banquet - Columbia City

*Keynote Speaker:
Myra Neyer*

Monday, April 24, 2023
Carver Center, Indian Springs MS
1692 South State Road 9
Columbia City, IN

6:30 – 8:45 pm
(Doors open at 6:00 p.m.)
Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$25.00

Send your check
(made payable to RTL of NC) to:
PO Box 1162, Warsaw, IN 46581

or purchase tickets from a Table Host.

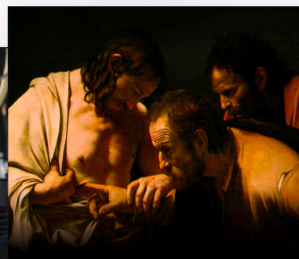
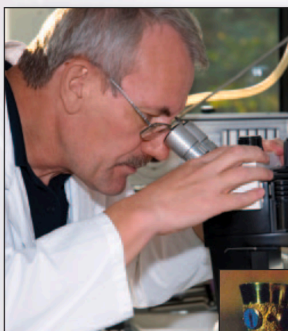
For more information or to order tickets,
go to prolifebanquet.com
or call 574-306-7406

*Emcee:
Pat Miller*

DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SUPERNATURAL?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

MAY 1 & 2
SCIENCE TESTS FAITH



Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? *What does science have to say?*
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? *What does science have to say?*
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? *What does science have to say?*

Saint Paul of the Cross is hosting an **EVENT** for everyone in the area.
If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!