

**April 23, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

During this Easter Season, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we approach to Confirmation next Tuesday and welcome Bishop Rhoades, I thought it would be appropriate to share why we use gold in Catholic Churches, especially in the liturgies. The pope and bishops wear garments adorned with gold in churches adorned with gold, because every Sunday we celebrate the liturgy, which is happening in Heaven, and in our local parishes. We are entering into that one Mass for all eternity that was foreshadowed in the Old Testament (see Exodus 25 and 1Kings 6). You will see in the Old Testament that the whole interior of the Temple in Jerusalem was overlaid with gold. This was a foreshadowing of what was to come in the New Covenant in the Book of Revelation. The liturgy we attend each Sunday incorporates many small details that we see in the Book of Revelation. Even the Early Church Fathers, the very first Christians (who lived from 100 A.D. to 787 A.D.) saw this. Though what we see in the Book of Revelation is not directly identifiable in the Mass we attend each Sunday, we do see those small details from various chapters, as well as images, statues, and pictures of our saintly brothers and sisters — and in faith, — we believe Mass is Heaven on earth. (CCC 1089, 1136)

It is a matter of faith, but as a Catholic we should point out to others that what is in Heaven is also in your Catholic parish:

*In Heaven*, God. In our local parish, God-Incarnate – Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

*In Heaven*, angels and saints. In our local parish, angels, though they are invisible, and pictures, images, and statues of the saints and angels.

*In Heaven*, incense representing the prayers of the faithful rising to Heaven. In our local parish, incense for the same reason.

*In Heaven*, The High Priest, Jesus, perpetually offering His one Sacrifice. In our local parish,

the priest-celebrant, standing in the place of Jesus, in the Person of Christ, the man.

*In Heaven*, songs of praise and worship. In our local parish, the Gloria, Holy, Holy, Holy, and more. Any non-Catholic Christian open to Catholic teaching will never understand the Book of Revelation and what it's all about because it is about something they don't have: the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. As Dr. Scott Hahn states in his book, the Lamb's Supper:

“Still, the Book of Revelation was up to something different, something more. Whereas Israel prayed in imitation of the angels, the Church of the Apocalypse worshipped together with the angels. (Revelation 19:10) Whereas only the priests were allowed in the holy place of Jerusalem's Temple, Revelation showed a nation of priests (See Revelation 5:10; 20:6) dwelling always in the presence of God. No longer would there be a heavenly archetype and an earthly imitation. Revelation now revealed one worship shared by men and angels!” (Pages 69-70, the Lamb's Supper).

May our Easter experience be a true encounter with Heaven on Earth.

Collections for April 16, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,109.00
Loose	\$ 542.26
Candles	\$ 24.00
Repair Fund	\$ 32.00
CCD Rel. Educ	\$ 50.00
Total in pew	<b><u>\$ 2,757.26</u></b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,070.00
Repair Fund	\$ 304.00
Second Collection	\$ 105.00
Other	\$ 12.00
Total Online:	<b><u>\$2,491.00</u></b>

**New Roof coming soon!!**

As you all know we have been saving up for a new roof. We are planning on the roofers starting the work in the middle of May. A new roof has been needed for a long time now. We have had some generous donors, but still have some expenses to cover. The cost of the new roof is totaling \$65,513.00. We would appreciate you taking some time to prayerful consider how you might be able to help. The positive side is we don't have to take out a loan from the diocese.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mass Intentions**

April 22nd & 23rd Easter Weekday/3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Shirley Palmer

5:00 p.m. † Jerry Zorger

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † Molly Kennard-Saucault

2:00 p.m. Familia Ochoa & Uranas

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

April 24th Easter Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Todd Wolford

April 25th St Mark , Evangelist (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Grady

April 26th Easter Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Keith & Roedean Dowell

April 27th Easter Weekday (Thursday)

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

April 28th Easter Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Trent Mowrey

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

**Religious Education Announcement**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

**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 are 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 a.m.** 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](http://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.

### **Knights of Columbus Fish Fry**

A very successful Fish Fry led to a donation to Mission 25 of almost \$3700. Shawn Ellis from Mission 25 is pictured below accepting a big check from our Knights!



Special thanks to Gary and Heather Parrett of Big G's Restaurant for their donation of the fish and breading, and to Fox Products for their donation of the coleslaw and beans.

B & J Rental for the sign. A special thanks to our parishioners who not only came to the

Fish Fry but also to those supplying cookies. We had almost 1000 cookies donated.

Until next year,

Knights of Columbus

### **A RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

Every vocation authentically lived is a “yes” to God and a “yes” to holiness. Come experience the joy of searching for holiness with other young women age 16-22 and discover God’s invitation for your life. Participants will hear life stories and wisdom from wives/mothers, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, and consecrated virgin, Jessica Hayes, O.V.

Saturday, April 29 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sacred Heart Parish Center

100 Sacred Heart Parish Ctr, Notre Dame, IN

\$15 | Lunch Provided | Financial Assistance Available [diocesefwsb.org/beloved](http://diocesefwsb.org/beloved)

# IT'S BACK

We had SUCH a tremendous response to our first Catholic Q&A and so many people have asked for another! The next Catholic Q&A will be on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30 PM in the Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Center! You can submit your questions in advance by placing them in the box in the Narthex or you can email them to Jessica [pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org). We can't wait to answer more of your burning

questions about the faith! Invite your friends and family and join us for a wonderful night of fellowship and learning!



Have you ever considered using your gifts of music to glorify the Lord at Mass?

We would LOVE to have you join our Music Ministry

team! We need singers and musicians to help make our liturgies prayerful and beautiful! If you'd be interested in being trained for this ministry please reach out to Jessica. [pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org](mailto:pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org)



Please continue to pray for all of those from our parish who are preparing to attend World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. This trip takes place in August of 2023 and is a beautiful, spiritual pilgrimage for Catholics from all over the world. We do still have parishioners

who are in need of financial assistance to raise the money necessary for the trip. If you are interested in donating please contact Kim. [secretary@saintpaulcc.org](mailto:secretary@saintpaulcc.org)



## [www.sciencetestsfaith.com/StPaul](http://www.sciencetestsfaith.com/StPaul)

Who have you invited to our parish event on May 1st and 2nd? Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear speaker Tim Francis talk about supernatural miracles that were tested by science! Tim will give the same talk each night so just choose which you would prefer to attend. This event is for those who say, "I'll believe it when I see it"! 6:30-9:00 PM

**I AM  
HERE**

Jesus in the Eucharist reminds us that we are never alone, that he is with us. In our brokenness, sorrows, and frustrations, he is with us. He never leaves us. Jesus wants to walk with us in our journey toward eternal life.

We hope the stories of men and women who have found in the Eucharist the strength and purpose for their lives inspires you to experience it for yourself. Visit your parish or find a chapel and sit in the presence of Jesus, opening yourself up to his voice. We hope you come to believe without a doubt that Jesus died for you, loves you, and extends his mercy to you.

**He is truly present here.**

**I AM HERE** is a campaign of the Archdiocese of Detroit and Hallow App in support of the National Eucharistic Revival.

<https://www.iamhere.org>

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Our new parish website is up and running! You can find information about church events, the weekly bulletin, contact info for staff members, link to online giving, and other things on our website! You can use this QR code to access the website or you can go to [saintpaulcc.org](http://saintpaulcc.org).

Big thanks to Lindsey Riesen and Forrest Walter who were very helpful in getting our new site going.

