

April 30, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We were delighted to welcome Bishop Rhoades last week as he celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation for so many of our youth (and one young adult) from two other parishes, namely St. John Bosco in Churubusco and Immaculate Conception in Ege. The newly confirmed learned recently that when they turn 16 years of age, they are eligible to become God-parents and Confirmation sponsors themselves (at least in theory).

So, what are the basic requirements that God-parents or sponsors have when they are selected? The Code of Canon Law (874) explains the following:

- Sponsors must be at least 16 years old.
- Sponsors must have received the sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist.
- Sponsors must not be a parent of the one to be baptized/confirmed.
- Sponsors must lead “a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on.” [In other words, God-parents and Confirmation sponsors must be practicing Catholics in good standing.]

Some find it hard to explain to family or friends, who do not fulfill these requirements, the reasons why the Church requires them for the God-parents or sponsors. The short answer is that they are to serve as role models of the faith for the catechumens (non-baptized persons) or candidates (baptized but not confirmed). If they themselves have not received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist), then they themselves need a God-parent or sponsor as they too need to complete their “initiation” as full-fledged Catholics. As the saying goes: “No one can give what he does not have.” That does not mean that they are considered by the Church to be “bad people,”

simply a fully initiated Catholic is ideal. Although people can be “good,” that is not enough when assuming the responsibility of becoming a Catholic God-parent or sponsor. For instance, if a person desires their children to learn a musical instrument, he will look for an instructor that knows about that specific musical instrument for the musical benefit of their children.

We pray for all the Confirmed and encourage them and their sponsors to persevere in the faith so that they may continue to be soldiers of Christ in the Church and in our world which desperately needs genuine heralds of the Gospel. Easter blessings!

Collections for April 23, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,675.00
Loose	\$ 564.85
Candles	\$ 22.80
Repair Fund	\$ 110.00
CCD Rel. Educ	\$ 20.00
Holy Land & Home Missions	\$ 26.00
Total in pew	<u>\$ 3,418.40</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,485.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 105.00
Total Online:	<u>\$2,491.00</u>

New Roof (2nd Collection weekend)

As Fr. José had announced last weekend, we are going to have a second collection this weekend. We know that there are going to be some extra expenses for the roof and it is still unknown what sort of damage has been done with the leaking that we have had already. The current costs are at \$65,513.00, not including any of the unknown damage. We appreciate any help that you can give the church for this project. We are so thankful for all our parishioners.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

April 29th & 30th Easter Weekday/ 4th Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

5:00 p.m. † Laurel Steill

8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

10:30 a.m. Living & deceased family
members of Greg McLaughlin

2:00 p.m. † Joaquin Fuentes

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

<u>May 1st</u>	<u>Easter Weekday (Monday)</u>
8:00 a.m.	† Marlin & Dee Densel
<u>May 2nd</u>	<u>St. Athanasius, Bishop (Tuesday)</u>
8:00 a.m.	Healing & wellbeing of Fr. Roberto Orellano
<u>May 3rd</u>	<u>St. Philip & James (Wednesday)</u>
5:00 p.m.	† Andy Lowe
<u>May 4th</u>	<u>Easter Weekday (Thursday)</u>
8:00 a.m.	† Francis Alles
<u>May 5th</u>	<u>Easter Weekday (Friday)</u>
8:00 a.m.	† Janet Hinen
(Eucharistic Adoration: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. every Friday)	

Religious Education Announcement

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!

To all Eligible Blood donors:

If you have not yet signed up for next Sunday's blood drive on May 7th PLEASE consider doing so now. It will be in the Deacon Joe center from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

During the late spring and summer months with people doing more outside activities and traveling, donations fall way down, however the need for blood remains constant. Please consider taking forty minutes of your time to save the lives of three individuals who desperately need your help. The last 2 drives have come fully staffed and the wait times have been very little. 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.

If you have any question or need help, please feel free to call John Herrmann @ 260 229 5499.

Thank you in advance for your donation and hope to see you on the 7th.

St. Vincent DePaul Corner **Month of April 2023**

The food pantry served **79** families, **187** people, **5** new **2** gas cards.

If you know of someone struggling and needing food, please tell them St.Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open for them **EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** If Monday falls directly on a Holiday, we will not be open.

We are very thankful for our **31** volunteers that offer to serve in varying ways which works with their schedules. Some work at the pantry, others will be picking up food from Community Harvest Food Bank, or shopping for other pantry needs locally. Some help with maintenance or special projects. By summer we will be opening for

one hour on one or two Monday evenings a month. There is a need for this. Families that work and still find it difficult to meet basic needs are not able to come to the food pantry during the day. There are NO food pantries in the area with evening's hours. This would be a great opportunity for younger adults to serve those in need one time a month for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours at a time. We have subs available and welcome more as conflicts of schedules arise. Prayerfully consider how you might be of service to others with St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Rosary Making Class

On Saturday, April 29th at 6 p.m. Maria Curiel will be teaching a class on how to make rosaries. Maria has been generously donating the rosaries that are by the tv in the narthex. These rosaries have been used by parishioners and have even been given away at the St Vincent De Paul Society. We would love for more parishioners to learn this skill to help ensure we always have rosaries available. Please join us in the 3rd grade classroom on April 29th at 6 p.m.



Right to Life Carnations

We will be having carnations in the narthex again this year for the Northeastern Indiana Right to Life. It will be on Mother's Day weekend which is Sunday the May 14th. They are requesting a goodwill donation for the flowers that are taken. Thank you!

Graduation Mass Announcement

We will honor our high school, college and post-graduate graduates during the 8:00 a.m. Mass on June 4. We are offering a breakfast for all graduates and their families following the Graduation Mass. Please sign up in the narthex by May 28th.



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 at 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!



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



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

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.



Saturday, May 6th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Vincent Parish in Ft. Wayne. As part of the Eucharistic Revival, become equipped as a Eucharistic missionary to confidently and peacefully share your Catholic faith in the Eucharistic Lord with anyone by attending one-day evangelization training offered by the St. Paul Evangelization Institute. The program includes a light breakfast and lunch. For more information and to register, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

May Pilgrimage Site – Blessed Sacrament - Albion <https://www.stgasparroc.org/> is a most fitting pilgrimage site for the Eucharistic Revival. In addition to its name, it is a beautiful new church with many Eucharistic aspects, including stunning stained glass windows, a traditional front

and high altar, and saint shrines, including St. Catherine of Siena, renowned for her great devotion to the Eucharist. For information and how to join the monthly pilgrimage and receive a free Catholic gift, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.



On Wednesday, May 3rd Monsignor Richard Zollinger will be celebrating his 68th anniversary as a priest. He was ordained on May 3, 1955. Msgr. Zollinger has recently been relocated to a nursing home in Columbia City and Father José and Deacon Joe have been visiting him regularly. Monsignor will be present at the 5 PM Mass on May 3rd and will be able to concelebrate the Mass with Father José in honor of this amazing milestone. Please join us for the Mass that evening and help to show Msgr. Zollinger love and gratitude for his life of service in the priesthood.