

**May 14, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

What an amazing turnout we had at our second Q & A at the Community Center! Our parish continues to demonstrate that it is alive and that there are many people who are thirsting for goodness, truth, and beauty regarding our faith. There is always room for more people from the different apostolates and ministries within the parish to participate in events like this. They help us grow in our faith. We even had some non-Catholics that came, thanks to personal invitations that they received. Keep up the good work of evangelization!

As we continue to journey along our Easter Season, we beg the Lord to keep sending the Holy Spirit to guide us as we strive to discern God's holy will for our beloved parish community. We were so blessed recently to have witnessed many of our young people receive some of the Sacraments of Initiation. Now the challenge begins. Will they remain integrated and connected to our parish community in order to flourish as authentic missionary-disciples? Will we intentionally help them see the value of remaining faithful Catholics as they discover their God-given talents within our parish family? Let us not grow tired in inviting more people to experience the amazing gift of being holistic Catholic Christians, who are "on fire" with the love of Christ and for His Church, especially for His Word and sacraments.

On another note, as we celebrate Mother's Day, we can't help but be grateful for the gift of Our Blessed Mother, Mary. God, in the person of Jesus who is true God and true man, values motherhood so much that he wanted to have one Himself. We are so blessed to have a beautiful devotion to Mary as we pray the daily Rosary.

She accompanies us as she accompanied Christ and the nascent Church. Where would we be if our Blessed Mother would have not responded "Yes" to the archangel Gabriel? What better gift would the Beloved Disciple have received at the foot of the Cross if not Mary as his mother (Jn 19)? Lastly, what a great maternal presence of the Blessed Mother at Pentecost! Mary is not only mother of Jesus Christ but mother of the Church, including of all those who call themselves Christians and those who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church. What a mystery and how profound this filial relationship is with Mary. Jesus taught us to call God "Our Father" and to call His mother our mother as he told the Beloved Disciple "Behold your mother." May we be obedient to the will of God as Mary was. May we accept Mary as our mother. As the Polish martyr—St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, said: "Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did."

**Collections for May 7, 2023**

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 3,072.00
Loose	\$ 592.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Repair Fund	\$ 240.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Roof	\$ 1,000.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 60.00
Pentecost collection	\$ 120.00
CCD (Religious Ed.)	\$ 77.00
Total in pew	<b>\$ 5,183.00</b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,700.00
Repair Fund	\$ 360.00
Second Collection	\$ 106.00
Other	\$ 50.00
Total Online:	<b>\$ 3,216.00</b>



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mass Intentions**

May 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday/Sixth Sunday

Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 a.m. † Joan & Carl Baermann

5:00 p.m. † Marilee Teusch

8:00 a.m. † Laurell Steill

10:30 a.m. † James & Lori Ray

2:00 p.m. † Parroquianos

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)

Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

May 15th Easter Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass

May 16th Easter Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass

May 17th Easter Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. No Daily Mass

May 18th Easter Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass

May 19th Easter Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. No Daily Mass, No Adoration

6:00 p.m. Holy Hour of Power

**St. Vincent DePaul Corner**

May 8, 2023

The food pantry served **18** families, **49** people, **3** new families and **1** gas card.

An estimated value of \$200.00 of food and non - perishable items were donated this week. Items we could use in particular are cereal, tea bags and \* clean- reusable shopping bags. If you would like to help with St Vincent DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for Barb Bockelman or Sara St. Clair.

Thank you so very much for your ongoing support! Please keep in mind that St.Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is open EVERY Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If Monday falls directly on a Holiday, we will not be open.

**New Roof Fundraising**

I would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions toward the new roof. We want to let you all know that we met our financial goal for the new roof. Because of all of you, our beautiful church will be staying beautiful! Thank you again!

**Religious Education Announcement**

**Catechists Positions Available**

We are looking for faith filled, energetic people who love the Catholic faith to be catechists (teachers) for our Religious Education Program. Training, formation, and support will be provided. If you feel a tug on your heart for this ministry, please contact Anita Senesac.

**May Crowning**

May has been set aside as the month dedicated to honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Tradition tells us that this special month was chosen because that is typically the month for which nature begins to show signs of life. Therefore it is the ideal month to pay special tribute to Our Lady who gave life to our Savior, Jesus Christ. In order to show love and devotion to Mary, we will be having a special May Crowning this Sunday before the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass with our 2nd and 8th grade students. We would also like to invite anyone wishing to place a flower or two in the vase at the foot of the statue of Mary to do so. Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Pray for us!

**Congratulations to Our Second Grade Students**

Please join me in congratulating our second grade students, whose names appear below. They received the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ for the first time

this past weekend. May the excitement of receiving Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time continue to burn within them and draw them ever closer to Our Lord and Savior.

Ryka Addison  
Grace Born  
Matthew Elliott  
Leonard Riesen  
Benedict Smith

Henry Alles  
Paul Deckena  
Lindsey Kelley  
Henry Schmitt

### **Corpus Christi Procession**

All second grade students are asked to be a part of this year's Corpus Christi Procession that will take place after the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass on June 11th. This special procession coincides beautifully with the Eucharist Revival that has been going on this year and for which will continue for the next two years. We ask that all our second grade students, who just received their first Eucharist, wear their First Holy Communion attire and help, lead the procession. Everyone in the parish is encouraged to celebrate this very special day set aside to honor the Body of Christ by processing to the cemetery where we will spend some time adoring Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist.

### **Totus Tuus**

Totus Tuus, which means totally yours, is an authentic Catholic summer program that is offered for one week to all students who are entering 1st grade through high school. It is an amazing program that replaces the typical VBS curriculum. More details will be given out very soon. In the meantime please be sure to mark your calendar for June 12 - 16.



### **Right to Life Carnations**

We will be having carnations in the narthex again this year for the Northeastern Indiana Right to Life. Mother's Day is this Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>. 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.

# Thank You

Big thanks to the students from the CCHS Freshman Academy who came on Friday, May 5th and helped with projects around the church!

and we will contact you regarding the dates and times



## **REASON TO BELIEVE** **FOLLOW-UP**

If you were able to attend the presentation by Tim Francis then you heard him refer to a 7-week follow up workshop involving the book "Reason to Believe". The purpose of this workshop is to deepen your appreciation and understanding of the concepts and learning of the book "Reason to Believe" on which much of Tim's presentation was based. The workshop will also strengthen and enhance your own individual faith journey. We will meet once a week for 7 weeks. If you would be interested in participating in this follow-up please sign up in the Narthex

## **Money Counters Needed**

We recently were informed by the Diocese that the people who count the money collected at the weekend Masses should not hold that position for more than 5 consecutive years. We have wonderful volunteers who have served in this role for many, many years and it's time to give them a well deserved break! We are in need of people who are willing to help us with this important task. You will be trained and worked on a team. We will have teams that count on both Sunday afternoon and Monday morning so you can choose which time works best for your schedule. If you are willing to help with this please email Kim at [secretary@saintpaulcc.org](mailto:secretary@saintpaulcc.org).



Parishioners  
ages 55 and  
older are invited  
to:

## ***“Start the Summer with the Holy Spirit”***

Join us on Thursday, June 8th for  
Mass, a program and a picnic in  
pavillion. Mass will begin at 10:30 AM.  
Save the date and watch for a sign up  
in the Narthex.



## **HOLY HOUR OF POWER**

The next Holy Hour of Power  
will be on Friday, May 19th at 6  
PM. This Holy Hour will  
happen in conjunction with a  
formation meeting for the  
pilgrims preparing for World  
Youth Day. Please come and  
pray with and for these  
pilgrims as they spiritually  
prepare for their journey.

Adoration  
of the  
Blessed Sacrament



It is time to sign up for an  
hour of Adoration on Fridays  
from June 2nd through August  
25th. Many of you listened to  
Tim Francis' talk about the  
power of the Eucharist and  
Eucharistic Adoration. This is  
the perfect time to take  
advantage of all of the gifts  
and graces that come from  
spending time with Jesus in  
the Eucharist. We would love  
to have several people signed  
up for every hour of Adoration  
on Fridays. We are so blessed  
to have this opportunity at our  
parish. If, for some reason,  
you cannot make your weekly  
hour there will be a list of subs  
available. (You can also sign  
up to be a sub.). Please sign  
up for you spot in the Narthex.



On Monday, May 29th, Mass will be  
celebrated at the altar in the Catholic  
section of Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia  
City. Please join us at 8 AM and bring a  
lawn chair to sit on.