

May 21, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last Thursday marked 40 days after Easter Sunday, traditionally called “Ascension Thursday.” Due to the liturgical significance of this Holy Day of Obligation, some Dioceses throughout the world (including ours) have transferred it to this Sunday.

When we speak about the Ascension, we refer to the Ascension of the Lord described in Acts 1:1-11. This event in the life of Jesus is actually part of the Paschal Mystery which includes His passion, death, and resurrection. After the resurrection, we are told in Acts 1:3 that Jesus appeared to the disciples “during forty days” before ascending into Heaven before them.

This solemnity emphasizes our hope. Since Jesus Christ has gone before us, He has prepared us a place to follow Him. We are called to kindle in our hearts a longing for the heavenly homeland. We pray that God may cause us to press forward in life, following the Savior’s footsteps. In reality, the Ascension of Christ is indeed a joyful celebration because it is our exaltation as disciples of Jesus. We believe that where Christ (the Head) has gone before in glory, we (His mystical body) will follow in hope.

The Ascension of the Lord teaches us that it is important not to separate bodily existence from spiritual existence. The former is not secular and therefore evil; likewise the latter is not worldly and therefore better. The reality is that our faith teaches us that God has chosen to unite His saving initiative to physical bodily existence in the Incarnation and has further chosen to make parts of the physical world the means of his grace. We can see this in the matter used in the sacraments. Some examples are: the waters of baptism, the laying on of

hands for Confirmation and Holy Orders, the bread and wine for the Eucharist. All confer grace through physical elements.

The great mystery of the Ascension is that Jesus’ glorified body is forever united to the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity in Heaven. May we appreciate the world that God sanctified by His Incarnation and encounter Him in the sacraments. May we also appreciate the church building as a sacred place which facilitates concretely this encounter. I am grateful to all the generous benefactors who contributed to the Church roof. May God bless you now and forever.

Collections for May 14, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,592.00
Loose	\$ 790.00
Candles	\$ 22.00
Repair Fund	\$ 45.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 332.00
Pentecost collection	\$ 45.00
CCD (Religious Ed.)	\$ 15.00
Total in pew	\$ 3,841.00
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,020.00
Repair Fund	\$ 324.00
Second Collection	\$ 101.00
Other	\$ 77.00
Total Online:	\$ 2,522.00

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mass Intentions

May 20th & 21st Easter Weekday/Seventh Sunday “The Ascension of the Lord”

9:00 a.m. † Jo Hinen
5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe
8:00 a.m. † Helen Nix
10:30 a.m. † Leanne Kevern
2:00 p.m. † Parroquianos
(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)
Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

May 22nd Easter Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Ted Alles

May 23rd Easter Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Frances Alles

May 24th Easter Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. Scott Nisbet

May 25th Easter Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † MJ Halsey

May 26th Easter Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Jeff Dunlap

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

May 15, 2023

The food pantry served 20 families, 42 people, 4 new families and 7 gas card.

Thank you for the kind donations of paper products and food items this week. If you have a Matthew Kelly book or book on our faith that is an easy reading, we will make it available for our clients to take if they choose.

Many take prayer books, rosaries and books we have for them. Thank you. 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.

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.

Thank you!

We would like to thank all those who donated money for the flowers for First Communion. They were lovely. God bless each and every one of you.

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 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. It will be held again this year at Blessed Sacrament in Albion during the week of June 12 - 16. The daily program goes from 9 a.m. - 2:40 p.m. for all students going into grades 1-6 and from 9 a.m. Middle school and high school student's evening program runs from 6:45 - 8:30 p.m. and begins on June 11 and runs through the 15th. The price for each is \$15.00 or \$30.00 per family. Registrations will take place after all Masses next weekend.

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.



Rosary Making Class

Have you ever had the desire to learn how to make rosaries? Here is your chance. Saturday the 27th of May at 6:00 p.m. in the 3rd grade classroom will be a class being taught by Maria Curiel. 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!

Extraordinary Minister Training

There will be a training for all current and future Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Sunday, June 4th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is a mandatory training that is required by the Diocese so if you would like to stay on the schedule for this ministry please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend for any reason please email Jessica at pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org

Previous Money Counters

We would like to thank the parishioners that volunteered for the ministry of counting the weekly collections. We know that some of you did it for a long time and we appreciate it. Thank you!

Thank You

To everyone who attended our Catholic Q&A last week! We had a fantastic turnout and we all learned something about our Catholic faith! Thanks, too, to our fantastic panel for being willing to share you knowledge and love of the Church!

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 and we will contact you regarding the dates and times

Money Counters



We asked and you responded! We now have 3 teams of Money Counters to share the responsibility of handling the money donated each week in the collection! THANK YOU for your willingness to serve the parish in this way!



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.



Please join us this summer for continuing RCIA classes! We will meet the second and fourth

Wednesday of the month from

May until August. We will be discussing prayer, scripture and growing in holiness through the lens of great theologians and saints. All are welcome! We will also try to provide childcare.

Mark you calendars for the following meeting dates:
**5/24, 6/14, 6/28, 7/12,
7/26, 8/9, 8/23**



We've had a great response to Adoration sign ups. We still have plenty of room on the sheet, though, for you to commit to a specific hour.

Dozen of people replied to TIm Francis' survey and said they want to spend more time in Adoration. This is your chance! The reality is that you are more likely to spend that time with Jesus if you are obligated to an hour a week. The other reality is that you will

NEVER regret that time! So please add your name to the Adoration sign up in the Narthex!

CROSS-DIOCESAN
**EUCHARISTIC
PILGRIMAGE**

JUNE 4-11

Participate for as much or little as you choose.
diocesefwsb.org/pilgrimage

As the National Eucharistic Revival prepares for a cross-country Eucharistic pilgrimage in the summer of 2024, our diocese is serving as a pilot by hosting our own cross-diocesan Eucharistic pilgrimage this summer, from June 4th through Corpus Christi Sunday June 11th. For information on how you can participate and to register, go to diocesefwsb.org/eucharist."



Parishioners ages 55 and older are invited to join us on June 8th for our next Young at Heart! We will start with Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a short program on the Holy Spirit, and we will end with a picnic at the pavilion! Sign up in the Narthex!