

**May 7, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Our parish has been blessed with the recent visit and presentation of Tim Francis, a national speaker who passionately loves Christ and the Church. His love for the sacraments was so evident, especially the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. He considered the importance of being in the state of grace in order to receive the Eucharist worthily. This is key for the Eucharistic revival to take effect!

Likewise, last Wednesday our parish had the privilege of celebrating the 68<sup>th</sup> Priesthood anniversary of Monsignor Richard Zollinger. Monsignor is 94 years old and is a resident at The Waters nursing home Room 7 (in case you would like to send him a card). He shared a very beautiful testimony of his faith journey towards the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ. His family was in attendance during the 5 p.m. weekday Mass and was very appreciative for our sense of hospitality.

Thank you for all who attended and made this day very special for him and his loved ones.

This Sunday, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass, eight more children will receive the Holy Eucharist for the first of many times within their lifetimes. It is a great gift to receive our Lord. Many of them went received the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the retreat last week. One child was recently baptized after the retreat, although the child accompanied the rest of the class throughout the preparation.

In case you were wondering, our Diocese considers 8 years of age the cut-off before being considered a catechumen. In that case, an 8+ year old child would have to receive Confirmation and the Eucharist the same day he/she is baptized. However, did you know that a child who is not baptized should not go to Confession before baptism since baptism is the first sacrament that a Christian receives? An attempt to receive any other sacrament would actually be invalid, and inefficacious - a waste of time from a sacramental point of view. However, every baptized, including those receiving the Eucharist for the first time, will have the opportunity to go to sacramental Confession for the rest of their lives as long as they live a life-style that does not contradict a spirit of repentance, even if one grave sin is involved. This means that the moment in which a person intentionally does not repent from any sin, they cannot receive sacramental

absolution from *any* sin. For instance, if people want to go to Confession, they can only do so if they repent from *all* of their sins. If they do not repent from even one sin none of them are forgiven. If one is guilty of a grave sin, one cannot receive Holy Communion. Reconciliation and Communion are linked. The awesome reality is that once we **repent** and **confess all** sins committed since the previous confession, they are *all* forgiven and the possibility of receiving the Eucharist is granted once again!

**Collections for April 30, 2023**

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,044.00
Loose	\$ 576.52
Candles	\$ 12.00
Repair Fund	\$ 95.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Roof	\$ 2,774.00
Holy Land & Home Missions	\$ 70.00
Total in pew	<b>\$ 5,571.52</b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,633.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 151.00
Total Online:	<b>\$ 1,839.00</b>

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Mass Intentions**

May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Weekday/ Fifth Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Marge Hollenbaugh

5:00 p.m. † Harry Chalk

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters

10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

2:00 p.m. † Parroquiano

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)

Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

May 8th Easter Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Grady

May 9th Easter Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. Kay Sovine

May 10th Easter Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Betty Hilligoss

May 11th Easter Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of Ness Family

May 12th Easter Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Janet Sheet

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

## **Religious Education Announcement**

### **First Holy Communion**

Our second graders will be receiving the Eucharist for the 1st time during the 10:30 a.m. Holy Mass this weekend. Let us join together to pray that the excitement of receiving Jesus will never go away and that their hearts and souls will burn with the desire to receive Him as often as possible.

### **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. Students are asked to gather in the narthex no later than 10:15 a.m. that morning. 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!

### **Congratulations to This Year's**

#### **Confirmandeas**

The following students and adult were fully initiated into the Catholic faith on Tuesday, April 25th. Please join me in congratulating each of them and to lift them in prayer as they now go forward armed with all the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit to defend and live their Catholic faith.

Clare Alles	Madelyn Born
Owen Fletcher	Erin Fulk
Olivia Grogg	Dylan Moctezuma
Mallory Morgan	Thomas Schmitt
William Schmitt	Jacob Shidler
Graham Smith	Annalise Swonger
Andrea Werstler	Bryan Smethers

## **Catechists Urgently Needed**

There are several openings for the 2023-2024 Religious Education school year. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer your time and talents to assist in teaching the faith to our young people please contact Anita. We are looking for teachers and assistants for the following grades:

### **Grade Number of Volunteers needed**

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 adults	6th	1 adult
4 <sup>th</sup>	1 adult	7th	2 adults
5 <sup>th</sup>	2 adults		

Now more than ever we need you to discern God's call to help instruct our young people so they can learn more about this amazing faith that each of us has been blessed with! Remember - God does not call the equipped but rather equips the called.

### **St. Vincent DePaul Corner**

#### **May 1, 2023**

The food pantry served **18** families, **34** people, **0** new **0** gas cards.

We had six volunteers assisted our clients. An estimated value of \$360.00 of food and non-perishable items were donated this week.

Items we could use in particular are toilet paper, tooth paste, vegetable oil, and hand soap. 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.



### **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 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.



# CROSS-DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE



**100+ MILES**  
**8 PARISHES**  
**1 BODY IN CHRIST**



Pilgrims are invited to join in for as much or as little as they choose.  
Full Details and RSVP: [diocesefwsb.org/procession](http://diocesefwsb.org/procession)





## May Pilgrimage Site

– Blessed Sacrament -

**Albion** <https://www.stgasparrc.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 glassed 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](https://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).

## **CROSS-DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**

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 procession this summer, from June 4<sup>th</sup> through Corpus Christi Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>. For information on how you can participate and to register, go to [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](https://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist)



**Saint for May – St. Dominic Savio.** He was the second of eleven children born to a poor family in Italy in 1842. He attended the school founded by St. Don Bosco. He died at the age of 14, having achieved remarkable sanctity, with a special devotion to the Eucharist. He once said, “Ask Jesus to make you a saint. After all, only He can do that. Go to confession regularly and to Communion as often as you can. I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in heaven, Whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith. Jesus, Mary, always be my friends. I beg you, let me die rather than be so unfortunate as to commit a single sin.” St. Dominic Savio’s feast day is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Learn more about his Eucharistic devotion at [diocesefwsb.org/eucharist](https://diocesefwsb.org/eucharist).



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](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!



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.



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).



Did you know that we have a Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday, at 10 AM, in the Sofa Room? This is a

beautiful opportunity for you to pray the rosary with members of your parish. You don't have to be an expert in the rosary to attend! They will walk you through! The Rosary Group would love to have you join them.



*Thank  
you!*

THANK YOU to everyone who came and listened to Tim Francis'

presentation on Monday and Tuesday! The feedback was fantastic! If you want more information on Tim's ministry you can check out his website: <https://youshallbelieve.com/>. Stay tuned for information regarding the 7-week follow up.

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.

## **PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

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:

5/10

5/24

6/14

6/28

7/12

7/26

8/9

8/23

## **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.