

June 25, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As I mentioned last week, I will be describing many liturgical items that you may not have heard of during your initial catechetical formation as a means of providing ongoing formation during this parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival. This week I would like to speak about the altar. The altar is the table on which the sacrifice of Christ is re-presented (made present once again) in an unbloody manner. The altar is traditionally consecrated by the bishop with chrism oil, setting it apart for worship. The altar represents Christ and therefore we bow to it within and outside of the Mass as a sign of reverence to Jesus. Because of the sacredness of what occurs on the altar, nothing is to be placed on it except the essential items that are used for the sacrifice of the Mass. For instance, it would not be appropriate for anyone to casually place their personal items on the altar. In the Old Testament, good and healthy animals were the usual objects of sacrifice as a means to worship the Lord. The word “altar” is first used in Genesis 8:20 when Noah built an altar to the Lord after leaving the ark. However, the idea was present as early as Genesis 4:3–4 when Cain and Abel brought their sacrifices to the Lord. They most likely presented their offerings on some type of altar, even though the word “altar” is not used in that passage. The earliest New Testament Scripture reference to the altar is found in St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians 10:21. St. Paul the Apostle contrasts the “table of the Lord” (trapeza Kyriou) on which the Eucharist is offered, with the “table of devils,” or pagan altars. The Epistle to the Hebrews (13:10) refers to the Christian altar as thysiasterion,

the word by which the Septuagint alludes to Noah’s altar.

Usually, that which was placed on the altar had to be killed or burned since it was separated for God alone. The altar is to be clean, beautiful, and worthy of the Eucharistic celebration. No flowers are to be placed on top of the altar or be higher than the altar since that would block its view inappropriately. According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, it is desirable that in every church there be a fixed altar, since this more clearly and permanently signifies Christ Jesus, the Living Stone (1 Pt 2:4; cf. Eph 2:20). A fixed altar refers to the fact that the altar is attached to the sanctuary floor and not removable. When it is fixed it should be dedicated; if it is movable then it could simply be blessed by the bishop.

In keeping with the Church’s traditional practice and with what the altar signifies, the table of a fixed altar should be of stone and indeed of natural stone. In the Dioceses of the United States of America, wood which is dignified, solid, and well-crafted may be used, provided that the altar is structurally immobile. The supports or base for supporting the table may be made of any material, provided they are dignified and solid (GIRM 301).

As we continue to learn about the liturgical items, may we grow in our relationship with the Lord present on the altar. May we also offer ourselves as St. Paul exhorted the Romans (12:1): “I urge you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship.”

Eucharistic Adoration Devotion

SS Peter and Paul in Huntington will be having their Eucharistic Adoration starting at 8 p.m. on June 27th running through June 29th at 7 p.m. If you’re able to spend an hour in Adoration with the Lord, please call their

parish office at 260-356-4798 and sign up.
Thank you!

Collections for June 18, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,103.00
Loose	\$ 562.00
Candles	\$ 18.00
Repair Fund	\$ 37.00
Total in pew	<u>\$ 2,720.00</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,197.00
Repair Fund	\$ 304.00
Second Collection	\$ 101.00
Total Online:	<u>\$ 2,602.00</u>

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

June 24th Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Saturday

9:00 a.m. † Corky Reed
5:00 p.m. † Jerry Zorger
8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

June 25th Sunday

10:30 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss
2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

June 26th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Stanley Miller

June 27th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † M.J. Halsey

June 28th St. Irenaeus (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Marv & Jane Goble

June 29th St. Peter & St. Paul (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. † For all souls in purgatory

June 30th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Helen Nix

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

June 19, 2023

Families **29** People **74** New **2** Gas cards **1**

First evening hours

Families **4** People **15** New **3** Gas cards **0**

Thank you once again for your generous
support of St. Vincent DePaul pantry. Our first
evening pantry went smoothly. Four clients
were present and all very appreciative. Please

help us to get the word out that the **THIRD**
Monday of each month from 5:30 p.m.- 6:30

p.m. we are open for families that can not
attend the morning hours due to their work
schedule. Our greatest needs are:

peanut butter

paper products

boxed potatoes (ex.) instant or scalloped

rice-small bags or boxes

We are in need of egg cartons.

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.



Children's Choir Workshop

All kids ages 6-18 and their families are welcome to join us for a Children's Choir Workshop on Sunday, July 9th, at 3:15 p.m. The workshop will be led by Ronaldo Muñoz, a talented young musician who has worked with young choirs in several parishes in our diocese. This workshop is a wonderful opportunity and may lead to the development of a Children's Choir at Saint Paul of the Cross. If you are interested in having your child participate in a Children's Choir but are unable to attend the workshop please let Jessica Smith know. If you would like to attend the workshop please sign up in the Narthex.

The Knights of Columbus/Red Cross will be hosting a summer blood drive on July 16th from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. in the Deacon Joe Center.

Normally we have taken a break from blood drives during the summer, however the red Cross reminded us that the need for blood never takes a break. Actually, blood donations and drives are down during the summer months and the need for blood goes up during the summer with outdoor activities.

If it has been 8 weeks since your last donation, you are eligible to donate again. Those that donated at our drive in May are eligible to donate again. The Red Cross depends on regular donors to help fill their needs. If you can't make this drive our next one will be September 10th. Please mark your calendar. The last 3 Red Cross blood drives have come fully staffed with 5 nurses and the wait times have been very little. We even took in a number of walk-ins. Please consider signing up now.

Blood donors can sign up online at 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.