

May 28, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

When I had the privilege of becoming your pastor and considered Parish Renewal, I needed the advice of many experts and I adopted a strategy to create teams to lead the ministries and apostolates here. The team concept allows us to bring people together with a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, and experiences to utilize the best everyone has to offer in order to create things that advance our parish mission and our cultural goals. You probably know that we, as a parish, have a Mission Statement. It's hanging in the Narthex. You might not know that we also have a Cultural Goal. That Cultural Goal includes the desire to "foster and develop a culture of joyful prayer, fellowship, teamwork, and alignment." Creating teams has aided in this goal.

The other obvious benefit of teams is that it lightens the burden of each individual. Many people are hesitant to sign up for ministry because they worry that the workload will be too great. Knowing that they are surrounded by a team that will distribute the responsibilities makes it easier for them to say "yes."

The team model has been very successful over the last year. Some examples of that success can be found in our Prayer Team, our RCIA Team, our Adult Religious Catechesis Team. All include members of various ages and unique faith journeys. All include members who have not previously served in a ministry at Saint Paul of the Cross. That is a beautiful thing! One of the first teams formed at Saint Paul of the Cross was the Moving Forward Team. These parishioners were very helpful early on as we began our ministry. In the near

future, you will meet members of some of our newer teams, such as our Eucharistic Revival Team. We have many wonderful events and programs planned for the coming year due to the willingness and dedication of the parishioners of Saint Paul of the Cross. These are just some of the examples of the teams that are currently at work to help renew our parish.

One of our greatest success stories is our St Vincent De Paul program. A team model was established in that apostolate, and now there are volunteers who help meet the needs of the less fortunate regularly in our community. The transformation has been so dramatic that the regional leadership for St Vincent De Paul is using our chapter as an example to inspire groups in other states.

Inspired by these successes, we are moving forward with our team model and have decided to re-envision our Youth Formation program at Saint Paul of the Cross. We are very grateful for the dedicated service that Anita Senesac and Stephanie Hamilton have provided to our parish for many years. However, the positions of Director of Religious Formation and Youth Minister have been combined into one new position. This position is titled Director of Youth Faith Formation and will oversee two teams; one that will lead PreK-8th grade formation and one that will lead High School Formation.

I am very excited to have a group of experts in the field of education (including administrators and teachers with many years of experience,) who will help us continue to creatively reimagine a program to serve the unique needs of the young people at Saint Paul of the Cross.

Collections for May 22, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,845.00
Loose	\$ 503.87
Candles	\$ 26.00
Repair Fund	\$ 82.00
Total in pew	\$ 2,456.87
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,900.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 101.00
Total Online:	\$ 2,056.00

Eighth Week in Ordinary Times

Mass Intentions

May 27th & 28th Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Murphy
 5:00 p.m. † Gary Wolf
 8:00 a.m. † Richard & Virginia Beery
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners
 2:00 p.m. Familias of Tellado Figueroa
 & Santiago Tellado

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
 each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
 Mass)

May 29th The Blessed Virgin Mary,
 (Monday) Mass will be at Greenhill
 cemetery at the altar in the catholic
 section

8:00 a.m. † Todd Wolford

May 30th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Van Holton

May 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
 Mary (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. Living & deceased members
 of the Ness family

June 1st Saint Justin (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Robert Senasac

June 2nd Weekday (First Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Ray & Rose Fearnow

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

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The food pantry served **33** families, **81**
 people, **6** new families and **3** gas card.
 Your donations are always appreciated. Thank
 you for your generosity. Needs: hand soap,
 kleenex and reusable cloth bags.

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.

**THANK YOU FROM STEPHANIE
 HAMILTON**

Thank you to all who participated in Youth
 Group, supported Youth Ministry by
 volunteering, prayers and/or financial
 support, and all who entrusted your teens to
 my care and formation during Youth Ministry
 events. I never ceased to feel overwhelmed
 by love and support from each of you. With
 the restructuring of the Youth Formation
 Programs, I have discerned that God is
 calling me to use the gifts and talents He has
 given me in other capacities. The privilege of
 getting to know and journey with each of you
 is something I am eternally grateful for! I am
 comforted knowing that our relationship will
 continue for a lifetime. I will continue with
 Graduation Mass and World Youth Day, then
 the Director of Youth Faith formation and a

team will lead the youth with innovation and vigor!

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.

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

Ministers of Hospitality

There will be a training for all current and future Ministers of Hospitality on Sunday, June 25th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is a mandatory training, 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

Reason To Believe

Follow-up

We will begin our follow-up to Tim Francis' presentation on Wednesday, June 7th. The meeting will take place in the sofa room at 6:00 PM. Please join us.

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!!

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