

July 2, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We continue with our series on explaining different liturgical items. This week I want to focus on the ambo. In church lingo, people often talk about ambos and pulpits interchangeably. Historically, however, these two terms were used to identify different things, and each had its own specific purpose in the liturgy. The word “ambo” comes from a Greek word meaning “step” or “elevation.” Since the 4th century Christians were accustomed to using a raised platform during Mass to chant or read the Epistle (typically a reading from St. Paul’s letters) and the Gospel. Some historians believe it is connected to the platform used by Jewish rabbis to read the scriptures before the people. Spiritually it is derived from the action of Jesus when he “went up on the mountain, and ... opened his mouth and taught them” (Matthew 5:1,2). As the liturgy developed, two ambos were put in place to distinguish between the Epistle and the Gospel. The Epistle ambo was placed on the southern side of the sanctuary, while the Gospel ambo was located on the northern side. Ambos were designed in various ways, always with a place for the book to be read with several steps leading up to it. By the 14th century the use of ambos was in steady decline.

Immediately succeeding the ambo in liturgical function was the pulpit. The word stems from the Latin pulpitum, and was originally used to denote a theatrical stage. In medieval churches it became a platform primarily used for preaching. The pulpit was located in the center of the nave (the place where the people stood) and was highly elevated to allow the priest to adequately address his congregation.

In the Catholic Church both ambo and pulpit were no longer in general use by the 19th century, especially in newly constructed churches. Instead, there would often be a moveable lectern that was brought out for sermons and taken away for the remainder of Mass. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (#309) has the following instructions regarding the use of ambos in churches today: “It is appropriate that generally this place be a stationary ambo and not simply a movable lectern. The ambo must be located in keeping with the design of each church in such a way that the ordained ministers and readers may be clearly seen and heard by the faithful. The Responsorial Psalm and the Easter Proclamation (Exsultet) are the only readings to be proclaimed from the ambo. It may be used for giving the Homily and for announcing the intentions of the Universal Prayer. The dignity of the ambo requires that only a minister of the word should stand at it.” Although the option for reading the “Prayer of the Faithful” is in the regular ambo, I have chosen to have it read from the other ambo-looking stand along with any announcements. In this way the ambo is reserved for the Word of God and the homily, which are meant to be a reflection of the Word.

Collections for June 25, 2023	
<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,630.00
Loose	\$ 822.00
Candles	\$ 15.00
Repair Fund	\$ 1,590.00
CCD Rel. Ed.	\$ 50.00
Peters Pence	\$ 80.00
WYD	\$ 250.00
Cemetery plot	\$ 300.00
ABA over goal	\$ 401.09
Total in pew	\$ 5,138.09
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,322.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 101.00
Total Online:	\$ 1,478.00

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

July 1st Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † All the Souls in Purgatory

5:00 p.m. † Harry Chalk

July 2nd Thirteenth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Francis Alles

10:30 a.m. † David Lawrence

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

July 3rd St. Thomas (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Janet Sheet

July 4th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Corky Reed

July 5th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

July 6th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Deceased members of the
Lewis Brown family (Lewis, Ann &
Roger)

July 7th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Doug Alles

July 8th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Albert Andreas

5:00 p.m. † Tom & Gerry Childers

July 9th Fourteenth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

June 26, 2023

Families **18** People **50** New **1** Gas cards **0**

Thank you once again for your support and
generosity. Our volunteers are wonderful and
make our pantry flow very well! Thank you!

Our greatest needs are:

paper products

dish soap

hand soap

canned potatoes

canned peas

catsup

mustard

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. Evening hours are the
third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m.
to 6:30 p.m.

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.

Air Conditioning Unit

We just want to send out a friendly reminder of our air conditioning unit that needs repaired. We would be very appreciative of any donations that you can contribute to the church. Thank you so very much.

World Youth Day Prayers

We have just entered the month of July, the month of WYD traveling begins. This is a wonderful time to start praying for all the people in our parish that will be traveling to Lisbon, Portugal along with our own Fr. José Arroyo.

Office Hours for the Holidays(July 4th)

The church office will be closed on Monday the 3rd of July and Tuesday the 4th of July. Mass will still be taking place at the normal times of 8:00 a.m. on both days.



If you have ever participated in our RCIA program in the past or if you have ever considered participating in the future, you are invited to a COOKOUT on Friday, July 21st at the pavilion. We will start by praising Jesus at the Holy Hour of Power and then we will share food and fellowship. This is great opportunity to reconnect with people who have been through RCIA as well as getting any questions answered that you may have about the program! Holy Hour of Power starts at 6 PM. Our cookout will go from 7-9PM. Sign UP in the Narthex

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 PM. The workshop will be lead 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!

DON'T MISS IT

Holy Hour of
POWER

**Friday, July 21st
6-7 PM
Adoration, Praise
& Worship,
Confession,
Benediction**



SAINT PAUL
STREET EVANGELIZATION

Whitley County 4-H Fair

St. Paul Street Evangelization (SPSE) is a grassroots, non-profit organization, dedicated to responding to the mandate of Jesus to preach the Gospel to all nations by taking the Catholic Faith to the streets. Christ's call to evangelize was made to every Catholic Christian, and the Second Vatican Council reiterated this need, urging each of the baptized to bring the Gospel, found fully in the Catholic Church, to a culture that has largely reverted to paganism. As an on-the-street Catholic evangelization organization, St. Paul Street Evangelization provides an avenue for people to share the Person of Jesus Christ and the truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith with a hungry culture.

The SPSE group from Fort Wayne will be manning a table at the Whitley County 4-H and they are looking for volunteers to help!

The team will be at the booth on Friday, July 14th from 12PM-3PM, and Saturday, July 15th from 5PM-8PM. They are hoping to find volunteers for fill hours during the rest of the week. Anyone interested in helping out with the booth can show up during those hours and learn the ropes. You will not have to participate in the evangelization until you feel ready.

This is a GREAT opportunity to see what this amazing organization does to provide the tools and resources for Catholics to engage the culture in a simple, non-confrontational method of evangelization.

**If you would like to help out please contact Jessica Smith
pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org
Or via text 260-414-8127**

*Working with God for the Conversion of the World
to Jesus Christ and His Church*