

MONITORS NEEDED

Our new religious formations program would like to be able to put monitors/TVs in each classroom in order to allow teachers access to the FORMED app. The FORMED app is filled with great Catholic content for all ages and would be helpful for both teachers and students this fall. We need five monitors/TVs and we already have 2. If anyone has a monitor/TV they are willing to donate for this cause, please contact the office. We would like them to be at least 42 inches, if possible. Thanks in advance.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION NEWS!!!

"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5

Sign ups for our new CCD program are coming soon. Stay tuned for sneak peaks for this fun, faith-filled adventure for our children!!!



Please sign up in the Narthex to participate in our annual Parish Picnic!



On Monday, July 31st, the "Friends of Columbia City" group will be hosting a FREE viewing of the movie "Sound of Freedom" at Bones Theater in Columbia City.



**Please pray for Father José
and all of our parishioners
who are traveling to Lisbon,
Portugal to participate in
World Youth Day!**



Our next Holy Hour of Power
will be held on Friday, August
18th at 6 PM. Plan to attend
and invite your friends and
family to pray with you!



Tuesday, August 15th is the
Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Virgin Mary. It is a Holy
Day of Obligation. Mass times
will be 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,
and 7:00 PM.



Fall is approaching and things
at the parish are going to start
getting busy again! If you
have not already signed up for
Flocknote, now would be a
GREAT time! This way you
won't miss out on important
parish information. This will
especially be helpful if you
have a child in religious
education! So please sign up
for Flocknote. It's super
simple and you will not get
bombarded with text
messages!

To sign up TEXT: STPAULCC
to the following number: 84576

July 30, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As you may know, this church was built in 1986. In that same year, St. John Paul II, had the brilliant idea of beginning World Youth Day, a gathering of Catholic young people from all over the world. It consists of a world-wide gathering of young people convoked by the Pope who desires to confirm the clergy, religious, and laity to live the Gospel in our challenging times. At the different World Youth Days, there are different catechetical sessions led by different bishops in different languages which unite so many people from diverse cultural backgrounds. The purpose is to encourage the youth to courageously live their faith with a deep relationship with Jesus Christ within the universality of the Catholic Church. St. John Paul II had seen the terrible atheistic influence that communists had on the youth in Europe (including in his native Poland.) In response, he created World Youth Day.

There are over 1,300 (comprised of more than 28,600) individuals from all over the U.S who are participating of this year's World Youth Day held in Lisbon, Portugal. Our Diocese has more than 230 pilgrims, including our Bishop, many clergy, religious, and young lay people. We are very excited to have 18 members of St. Paul of the Cross Church participating in this international event which has the potential to transform their lives. We hope that this very Catholic event may help our young people encounter the Lord and the Church universal in a powerful way that impels them to live their God-given vocations with a new vigor and determination in a chaotic and changing world. The Church needs our young people to

live their Catholic faith with coherence, even when they have little or no support from their peers, co-workers, or even their families. By virtue of our common Baptism, we have all been called by the same Lord to be saints. Regarding Baptism, St. Paul says: "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

Regarding the topic of Baptism, during this parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are reviewing some liturgical items as part of our ongoing formation. This week let us look at the Baptismal Font, (also called a "Baptistry") which is a vessel that holds holy water used for baptisms. The fonts are often located near the entrance of the church, mostly near the main door to signify entrance to the Church. Nicodemus, a frightened follower of the Lord said to Jesus, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely, he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?" Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit (John 3:4-6).

The ancient saints referred to the Baptismal Font as "womb". Just as a person is born biologically after their mother's water breaks, so is a Christian after they are Baptized with water in the womb of the Church. During the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the Bishop or priest who presides in the Eucharistic celebration introduces the Easter candle within the Baptismal Font as a nuptial sign of the fecundity of Holy Mother Church. From withing the Baptismal Font, God's children are born who are simultaneously children of the Church. Once we are born, we continue to be physically nourished. Analogously, wants we are born we need to be eventually fed spiritually by the Eucharist. If we lose our state of grace, we have the responsibility to repent to a life

When we avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (which renews our Baptismal promises), an authentic Eucharistic Revival will take place within us. May Our Lady of Fatima protect you all and our pilgrims at World Youth Day!

Collections for July 24, 2023	
<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,397.00
Loose	\$ 661.21
Candles	\$ 29.00
Repair Fund	\$ 76.00
A/C units	\$ 1,550.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 700.00
CCD Rel. Ed.	\$ 30.00
Total in pew	<u>\$ 5,443.21</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,415.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online:	<u>\$ 1,581.00</u>

Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

July 29th St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
(Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † No Mass
5:00 p.m. † Valerie Friend

July 30th Seventeenth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski
10:30 a.m. Living & deceased of Bill Daywalt family
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer Garcia
(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

July 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola (Monday)

8:00 a.m. No Mass

August 1st St. Alphonsus Liguori
8:00 a.m. No Mass (Tuesday)

August 2nd Weekday (Wednesday)
5:00 p.m. No Mass

August 3rd Weekday (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

August 4th St. John Vianney (Friday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

August 5th Weekday (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. No Mass
5:00 p.m. † Harry Chalk

August 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord
(Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Brady
10:30 a.m. Pilgrims attending WYD
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer Garcia

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

July 24, 2023:

Families **35** People **102** New **10** Gas cards **1**
Thank you for your donations! Your continued support is appreciated.

We could also use paper products, cereal, fresh vegetables and money donations

There will be NO monthly meeting in the month of July for St. Vincent DePaul.

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.

