

July 23, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last week, we had the wonderful experience of participating in an evangelization endeavor at the 4-H Fairgrounds along with St. Paul Street Evangelization. It gave us a beautiful opportunity to meet many people and run into people who would not have otherwise come to the church building. The Church exists to evangelize, and we have been asked by Pope Francis to go out to the peripheries of our social existence and bring the good news to the poor. However, poverty is not limited to the financially disadvantaged. It also includes the spiritually poor. People who are financially poor can still be suffering and starving spiritually. Some are never fed with the Word of God (Sacred Scripture or the Eucharist). We are very grateful for the opportunity to give such witness as disciples as we strive to make more disciples for the Kingdom of God. Some people decided to return to the faith within our parish community because of the sense of hospitality offered there by our evangelizers. During this Eucharistic Revival at our Parish, we are to challenge ourselves to enter a deeper relationship with the Lord, especially in relationship to the sacraments. The Eucharist and Reconciliation are sacraments that go together and are to be received frequently and reverently. Both are to be received at least once a year. The lines for Holy Communion are often longer than the lines for Reconciliation. This is not unique to our parish. This could mean that most Catholics sin, but their consciences cannot recognize the sins that they've committed in order to confess them sacramentally. Another possibility could be that we think that we

have reached a spiritual maturity in which we sin no more. In that case, we should be placed on the list of candidates to be canonized (as soon as we die) for lack of sins. The reality is that the canonized saints received both sacraments frequently. We who have been baptized most likely are not as virtuous as we should be, according to the state of life that God has called us to.

One of the ways in which we can renew our baptismal promises and receive the forgiveness of our venial sins (not mortal sins) is by being sprinkled with Holy Water. You may have seen a kettle in which a cleric has sprinkled Holy Water on you, whether at Mass or at a special blessing ceremony. However, you may have never heard what this liturgical item is called. The technical term is *aspersorium*. Additionally, the stick with a silver ball or hyssop branch that goes inside the *aspersorium* is called: *aspergillum*. The Biblical origin of the *aspergillum* is found in Leviticus "And the priest goes out of the camp and the priest looks and beholds that the sore of the leprosy of the leper is healed. And the priest commands, and takes, for the one healed, two unblemished live birds, cedar wood, Coccus scarlet, and hyssop. And the priest commands and slaughters the one bird in a pottery vessel upon living water. He takes the live bird and the cedar wood and the Coccus scarlet and the hyssop and dips them and the live bird in the blood of the bird slaughtered upon the living water. And sprinkle seven times upon him purified of leprosy, and he is purified, and sends the live bird upon the face of the field" (Leviticus 14:5-7).

Don't worry if you did not know these terms. Now you know. We are all still learning, including myself. God bless you and our parish family!

| Collections for July 17, 2023 | |
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| Adult Offering Envelopes | \$ 3082.00 |
| Loose | \$ 584.00 |
| Candles | \$ 14.00 |
| Repair Fund | \$ 75.00 |
| A/C units | \$ 1,715.00 |
| WYD | \$ 800.00 |
| Total in pew | \$ 6,270.00 |
| <u>Online Collections</u> | |
| Reg. Envelopes | \$ 1907.00 |
| Repair Fund | \$ 304.00 |
| Second Collection | \$ 111.00 |
| Total Online: | \$ 2,322.00 |

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

July 22nd St. Mary Magdalene (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Ted Alles

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

July 23rd Sixteenth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Joe Schmitt

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)

July 24th Weekday (Monday)

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

July 25th St. James (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak

July 26th St. Joachim & Anne Wednesday

5:00 p.m. † M.J. Halsey

July 27th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Abbie Little

July 28th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Abbie Little

July 29th St. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

(Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Jim Brady

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. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

July 17, 2023:

Families **29** People **70** New **3** Gas cards **1**

Evening hours Families **7** People **24** New **5**

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.

Prayer Intentions for WYD

Prayer intentions are being requested for the pilgrims that are making the trip to

Portugal. The slips for you to fill out are in the back of the church at the information

table. They will pray your intentions at the Holy Sites, including Fatima, St. Anthony of Padua church and more. You may be as general or as specific as you desire in your request.

World Youth Day Prayers

We are one week away from WYD travelers starting their trek. 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.

Rosary Making with Maria

Rosary Making will take place on Saturday the 29th after 5:00 p.m. Mass in the 3rd grade classroom. Food is included in this fun class. Come and enjoy yourself and meet some new people.



We had a **WONDERFUL** week at the Whitley County 4-H Fair in the Saint Paul Street Evangelization booth!

So many people engaged in conversations and had their questions about the Catholic faith answered. We even had several people express an interest in joining our church or returning to the faith after having left! Thanks to all of our parishioners who spent time in the booth during the course of the week. Special thanks to Stephanie Hamilton for donating the booth space and making it possible for us to be at the fair!



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for our parishioners who are about to leave for World Youth Day in Portugal!

HIGH SCHOOL ZOO TRIP!

All high school aged youth are invited to join us for an afternoon at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo on Sunday, July 23rd. We will meet at the zoo at 3 PM (transportation will NOT be provided) and stay until it closes at 6 PM. Please sign up in the Narthex if you plan to attend so we know who to expect! You **MUST** fill out a **PAPER** permission slip as well.



Did you know that we are hiring? Saint Paul of the Cross is looking for a **Director of Sacred Music** and a **Director of Youth Faith Formation**. If you know someone who might be interested in one of these positions please have them go to <https://diocesefwsb.org/hr/#careers> or reach out to Father José.

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 an old 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.



SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH THE CHURCH!!!

If you haven't yet filled out the parish Gifts Assessment, you still can! We want to put your gifts to use! Use this QR code or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/45db5z98>



Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

You may have noticed we have a beautiful new image in the church. This image of St Mother Theodore Guerin was painted by a young woman in our diocese named Sara Cole. Mother Theodore Guerin lived in St Mary of the Woods, Indiana but she spent time in Fort Wayne as well. Her Shrine is in St Mary of the Woods and you can visit her today and even lay hands on her casket and ask for her intercession. It's so special to have a canonized saint so near to us.

