

August 27, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The summer is coming to a close soon and most of our children have begun school. We will soon begin our new Youth Faith Formation Year under the new title of “Behold” with fresh and exciting goals that will draw our children and youth closer to their faith with hopefully the cooperation of their parents. They will have intentional faith-based encounters as part of the program. The parents are indeed the primary educators of their children. We at St. Paul of the Cross Church are committed to helping them transmit the faith to the new generation. We are yet to hire a Director of Youth Faith Formation, but we have been blessed to have a core team made up of parishioners who have much experience and expertise in the realm of education and/or faith formation with children and youth. Thank you to all, especially our staff, parents, and other volunteer parishioners who have been working intensely during this summer to make this new program a reality. By the way, it has been a great blessing to see that more people are starting to offer their gifts and talents at the service of God and our parish community overall and in the new ministerial initiatives. We must continue to strive to see the many good things that the Lord is accomplishing in our midst and not be afraid of becoming ambassadors of God’s goodness. Actually, the word “Gospel” means: “Good News.” As the religious education year begins to unfold, we ask to be attentive to the details that will be communicated to all at the appropriate time. Thank you so much for your patience and cooperation. Know that all will be well!

As part of our ongoing liturgical formation, during this parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, I would like to present another liturgical item: “bells.” Within the liturgy, bells are a joyful sound of our praise and thanksgiving to God. They are rung several times during the celebration of the Mass:

1. They are first rung prior to the consecration at the *epiclesis* when the priest prays to the Holy Spirit to change the gifts of bread and wine into the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.
2. The bells are rung a second time as the priest elevates and presents the Body of Christ.
3. The bells are rung a third time as the celebrant elevates and presents the chalice filled with Precious Blood.
4. The bells are rung a fourth time as the priest-celebrant consumes the Precious Blood, as a sign that the Eucharistic sacrifice is consummated.

Lastly, as we do during the weekday Masses, a bell may be rung before the entrance procession to let the people know that Mass is going to begin. May we live our lives always praising and thanking the Lord!



Collections for August 21, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,845.00
Loose	\$ 998.73
Candles	\$ 24.00
Repair Fund	\$ 50.00
Total in pews:	\$ 2,917.73
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,427.00
Repair Fund	\$ 262.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 122.00
Total Online	\$ 2,922.00

The Twenty-First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

August 26th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Doug Alles
5:00 p.m. † M.J. Halsey

August 27th Twenty-First (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer Garcia

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass)

August 28th St. Augustine (Monday)

8:00 a.m. For Jim Schmitt's health

August 29th Passion of St. John the Baptist (Tues.)

8:00 a.m. † Richard & Virginia Beery

August 30th Weekday (Wednesday)
5:00 p.m. † Jim Brady

August 31st Weekday (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. All souls in purgatory

September 1st Weekday (First Friday)
8:00 a.m. Prayers for the Nation & people of Haiti

September 2nd Weekday (Saturday)
9:00 a.m. † Jim Brock
5:00 p.m. † Jerry Zorger

September 3rd Twenty-Second (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Melvin Kevern
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Emily Álvarez

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

August 21, 2023:

Families **39** People **122** New **5** Gas cards **3**

Evening: **7** People **19** New **2** Gas cards **0**

Each of our volunteers are a blessing to so many!

NEEDS: Single dozen egg cartons,

Paper towels, toilet paper and monetary

Thank you for the many generous donations!

All your donations are appreciated very much!

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.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

It's Back to School time! How about getting back in the habit of regularly donating blood? Did you know that only 3% of the population routinely donates blood? There are a lot of donors we have not seen for a while. Consider getting back in the habit that help save lives. The last 4 of 5 drives came fully staffed and the wait times were very short.

Sign up TODAY for the next Knights of Columbus/Red Cross blood drive held on Sunday, September 10th from 8:00AM to 1:00PM in the Deacon Joe Center.

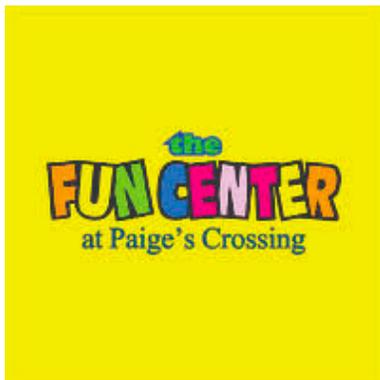
Blood donors can sign up online at redcross.org or with the Red Cross donor app. Get the free Blood Donor App by texting BLOODAPP to 90999. This will make signing up and filling out your rapid pass very simple. With this app you will always have your donor ID with you and can follow your blood donation 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.



It is time to sign up for an hour of Adoration on Fridays from September 1st through December 29th. We would love to have at least 2 people signed up for every hour of Adoration on Fridays. We are so blessed to have this opportunity at our parish. If, for some reason, you can not make it to your weekly hour there will be a list of subs available (you can also sig up to be a sub). Please sign up for your spot in the Narthex.



OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC
Will take place at Paige's Crossing on Sunday, September 10th!!!! Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex



It's time to sign your children up for Saint Paul of the Cross Religious Formation. There is information regarding our new program, BEHOLD, in the Narthex. You can sign up using the QR code or you can use the sheets in the Narthex. Classes begin September 17th.



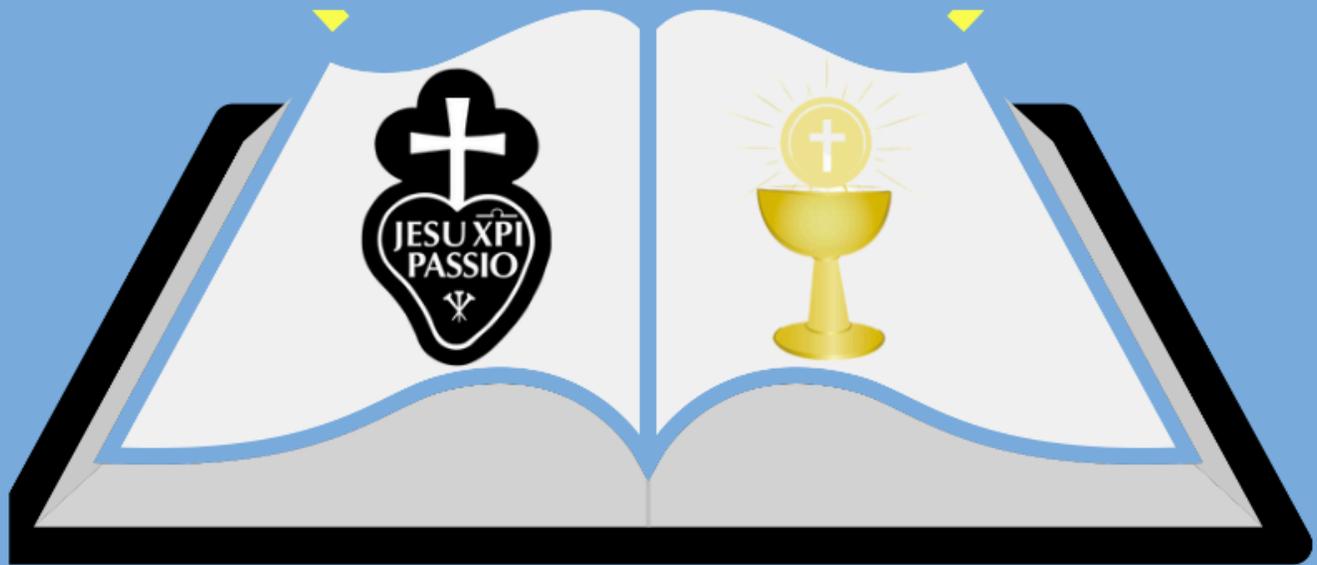
RCIA

RCIA will begin Sept 6th at 6:30 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend, particularly those interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic faith.

The Saint Paul of the Cross

BIBLE STUDY

team presents:



A PASSION...FOR THE EUCHARIST

A Bible study for parishioners of
St Paul of the Cross

Starting the week of September 18, 2023

Please sign up for the session that best fits
your schedule!

The vision of Sister Faustina

7 Sorrows of the Eucharistic Jesus

In 1931, Sister Faustina Kowalska saw a vision of Jesus with rays of light streaming from the area of His Heart. He told her to have an image painted to represent this vision and to sign it, "Jesus I trust in You!"

Christ told Sister Faustina, a young Polish nun, about the following seven sorrows that deeply troubled His Heart.

Christ told her to write a diary so others would come to know and trust in Him.

In a series of revelations He taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners.

Christ wanted us to meditate on these sorrows as a way of deepening our love for Him.

The Seven Sorrows of Jesus

The First Sorrow. Jesus is being forgotten and abandoned by the vast majority of humanity, including Christians. Jesus said to Sister Faustina,

"My heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners. For them I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy. I desire to bestow My graces upon

souls, but they do not want to accept them. My Heart drinks only of the ingratitude and of the forgetfulness of souls living in the world. They have time for everything, but they have no time to come to Me for graces.

"See I have left My heavenly throne to become united with you souls.

"In return for My blessings, I get ingratitude. In return for My love, I get forgetfulness and indifference. My Heart cannot bear this."

The Second Sorrow. Jesus in the Eucharist is being received in a great hurry and with indifference. The Lord says:

"But I want to tell you that eternal life must begin already here on earth through Holy Communion. Each Holy Communion makes you more capable of communing with God throughout eternity.

"It pains Me very much when religious souls receive the Sacrament of Love merely out of habit. I find neither faith nor love in their hearts. I go to such souls with such reluctance. It would be better if they did not receive Me."

The Third Sorrow. Those in the religious life who receive Jesus in the Eucharist in sin.

"The infidelity of a soul chosen by Me wounds My heart most painfully. Such infidelities are swords, which pierce My Heart. The great sins of the world are superficial wounds on My Heart, but the sins of a chosen soul pierce My Heart through and through. My daughter, I want

to rest in your heart, because many souls have thrown Me out of their hearts. I experienced sorrow unto death.”

The Fourth Sorrow. Both Christians and non-Christians are explaining away the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Jesus moaned:

“Oh how painful it is to Me that souls seldom unite themselves to Me in Holy Communion. I wait for souls and they are indifferent toward Me. I love them tenderly and sincerely and they distrust Me. I want to lavish My blessings on them and they do not want to accept them. They treat Me as a dead object, whereas My Heart is full of love and mercy.”

The Fifth Sorrow. Jesus is abused by people in the religious life by their ingratitude. Jesus told Sister Faustina:

“Ingratitude in return for so many blessings is My Heart’s constant food. Their love is lukewarm and My Heart cannot bear it; these souls force Me to reject them. This distrust of My goodness hurts Me very much. They use My graces to offend Me.”

The Sixth Sorrow. Jesus is received without true love and devotion by chosen souls.

“Souls without love and without devotion, souls full of egoism and self love, souls full of pride and arrogance, souls full of deceit and hypocrisy. There is neither penance nor atonement. O heart, which received in the morning, and at noon, is all-ablaze with hatred against Me, hatred of all sorts. O heart chosen by Me, were

you chosen for this, to give Me more pain?”

The Seventh Sorrow. Jesus sees priceless souls perishing.

“There are souls who despise My blessings as well as all My proofs of My love. They do not wish to hear My call, but proceed into the abyss of hell. The loss of these souls plunges Me into deadly sorrow. God though I am, I cannot help such a soul because it scorns Me. Having a free will, it can spurn Me or love Me. The prayer most pleasing to Me is prayer for the conversion of sinners.”

The Divine Mercy Prayer

Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world. Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Pope John Paul II
canonized Sister Faustina
in recognition of her holy
life on April 30, 2000

Transformed by the Cross: Saint Teresa Benedicta

Edith Stein was born in 1891, the youngest of 11 children, to devout Jewish parents in Breslau, Germany. Her father died when she was just 2 years old. At age 14, Edith stopped praying, rejected her family's Jewish faith, and became an atheist.

A brilliant student, she searched for truth in academics, receiving her doctorate in philosophy *summa cum laude* in 1916. Though society would not allow her to follow her dream of becoming a professor on account of her gender, she worked as an assistant at the University of Freiburg for Edmund Husserl, a renowned philosopher who established the philosophical school of phenomenology. Through her writing on philosophy, Stein quickly became one of the university's top minds.

On a summer evening in 1921, Stein stayed awake all night reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila. The following morning, she said to herself, "This is the truth."

She was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic faith in 1922. She wanted to immediately enter St. Teresa's order, the Discalced Carmelites, but her spiritual advisor would not allow it just yet. Instead, she taught at a Dominican school for girls living within the world but devoting her life to prayer and study. Over the years, she authored several works on philosophy marrying the school of phenomenology with her Catholic faith.

In 1933, the Nazis' Aryan Law barred Jews from teaching in Germany. After spending over a decade in academia, Stein was forced to resign. She said, "I had become a stranger in the world. ... It dawned on me that God had laid His hand heavily on His people, and that the destiny of these [Jewish] people would also be mine."

She wanted to die with her people and offered her certain death as a sacrifice for the salvation of others. She said, "I ask the Lord to accept my life and my death ... so that the Lord will be accepted by His people and that His Kingdom may come in glory, for the salvation of Germany, and the peace of the world."

Pope St. John Paul II canonized Edith Stein, or St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, a patron saint of Europe, on Oct. 11, 1998, saying, "The mystery of the cross gradually enveloped her whole life, spurring her to the point of making the supreme sacrifice ... The true message of suffering is a lesson of love. Love makes suffering fruitful, and suffering deepens love."

Edith Stein did not let hate have the final say. Through her acceptance of the Cross, she offered her suffering to God for the salvation of others, transforming her senseless death into a message of love and redemption over death and despair.