

August 20, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

When I went to World Youth Day in Portugal with our youth and chaperones, we had the privilege of visiting the site where the Fatima children witnessed several apparitions of Our Lady, particularly in Cova Da Iria, (the civil parish of Fatima) within the District of Santarem District. Another great privilege that we had as pilgrims of the same Diocese was the celebration of the Holy Mass presided by our bishop in Santarem at the site of a Eucharistic miracle. As I have reflected on these extraordinary circumstances of the past, it is tempting to limit God's power to the past and forget how active the Lord is in the present moment. Six days after we visited Fatima, a young pilgrim from Madrid, Spain was cured from her blindness after receiving Holy Communion. She and her loved ones were praying a Novena to Our Lady of the Snows for the healing of her eyesight. After praying faithfully for nine days, she went to Mass in Fatima on the memorial of Our Lady of Snows, and she had not yet regained her vision. She entered Mass blind. She received Holy Communion blind. She knelt to make a prayer of thanksgiving for receiving the Eucharist and after she cried out of disappointment, miraculously she began to see. She could see the altar, the tabernacle, her family, and friends. She was able to read again, including the novena prayer they had all been praying all along. This was a reminder to me that God is real and that Our Lady is real and attentive to our needs as a loving mother. I also remembered that we placed at the feet of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima all the petitions that were placed in our prayer box

from our parishioners. One of the graces that I received was the opportunity to encounter once again Sr. Angela, the Vice Postulator for the Cause of Canonization of Venerable Lucia of Fatima and the Postulator for Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto. She sent a brief video to our 13-year-old parishioner who is battling cancer. Although an immediate physical miracle has not occurred, spiritual growth has been made and for this we are grateful.

As we approach the beginning of a new religious education year, we are blessed to have a team of volunteers and staff who have worked immensely to provide a very promising Youth Formation Program. We are praying for a Director of Youth Faith Formation who will be on the parish staff. He or she will direct the teams that will help coordinate the formation of our children from Pre-K to Confirmation on the one hand, and another team that will help coordinate the ongoing formation of the youth who have received their Confirmation. on the other hand. Thanks to all who have responded with generosity by committing to donate of your precious time, talents, and treasures for the glory of God and the service of God's Kingdom in a selfless manner!!!

ROSARY MAKING WITH MARIA

Rosary Making will take place on Saturday the 26th after 5:00 p.m. Mass. The workshop will take place in the 3rd grade classroom. These rosaries have been given away at the St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. The rosaries with special colors went with our Pilgrims to Portugal and were handed out at World Youth Day. We even passed them out at our booth at the Whitley County 4-H Fair in July. Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and rosary making.

Collections for August 13, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,591.00
Loose	\$ 674.25
Candles	\$ 41.00
Repair Fund	\$ 42.00
CCD Rel. Ed.	\$ 15.00
Catholic University	\$ 25.00
Total in pews:	\$ 3,388.25
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,867.00
Repair Fund	\$ 377.00
Second Collection	\$ 116.00
Other	\$ 30.00
Total Online	\$ 3,390.00

The Twenty-First Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

August 19th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Francis Alles
5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

August 20th Twentieth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Issac Elliott
2:00 p.m. † Joaquin Moncivais

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

August 21st St. Pius X (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

August 22nd Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Helen Nix

August 23rd Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Larry Reynolds

August 24th St. Bartholomew (Thurs.)

8:00 a.m. † Marge Hollenbaugh

August 25th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Carolyn Hinen

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

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

August 14, 2023:

Families **34** People **109** New **4** Gas cards **0**

Each of our volunteers are a blessing to
so many!

NEEDS: Single dozen egg cartons,
marinara/spaghetti sauce, canned fruit,
and corn,

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.

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.



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



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.



Did you know that we have a Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday, at 10 AM, in the Sofa Room? This is a beautiful opportunity for you to pray the rosary with members of your parish. You don't have to be an expert in the rosary to attend! They will walk you through! The Rosary Group would love to have you join them.



Thank you

Thanks to everyone's help I was able to experience something I never thought I would
-A.J.

IT WAS AMAZING TO SEE FATIMA. WE PUT A COPY OF YOUR PRAYER INTENTIONS IN THE BOX AT FATIMA FOR EVERYONE TO PRAY OVER.
-JANELLE

WYD was such an amazing experience! I really appreciate all of the financial support and prayers!
- Arianna

WYD was so much fun! My favorite part was staying the night in the park and having mass with the Pope. Thank you so much for your financial support and prayers!
-Naomi

I enjoyed seeing the church from hundreds of years ago. Seeing the Pope is something that I will never forget. I am thankful that I was able to attend WYD.
-Lukus

World Youth Day was truly amazing! It was so cool to see so many people gather to praise the Lord together! Thank you for your prayers and financial support !!
-Adelaide

Thank you to everyone who supported our World Youth Day Pilgrimage with your prayers and your donations. It was such a joy to meet people from all over the world who share our faith, to experience the richness of the universality of the Catholic Church and to get to know those from our diocese on a deeper level. The conversations I had will have a positive effect on my life for years to come.

-Stephanie

WYD WAS AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!! ONE THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET!! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED FINANCIALLY AND ALSO WITH THEIR PRAYERS TO GET ME THERE!
-SOPHIA

