

August 6, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Sunday, August 6th is a historic day! For the first time in my life as a priest, I had the opportunity to concelebrate Mass with the Holy Father in Lisbon, Portugal. Now, I have seen the late Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis at other World Youth Days (Germany & Panama respectively) and both in New York as they visited St. Joseph Seminary and the United Nations. I am grateful to God for even allowing me to have had the opportunity to sing in Latin the Communion Antiphon (based on the Beatitudes) with the seminary choir at the Papal Mass at Madison Square Garden in Manhattan (NYC). Although these events that I mentioned were amazing experiences, none of them can compare with the awesome blessing of concelebrating Mass with the Pope, along with many concelebrating clergy from all over the globe. The very fact that the successor of St. Peter celebrates Mass in union with many bishops from all over the world at this international gathering of World Youth Day is a great sign of his paternal care for the universal Church, particularly our youth and young adults. We call the Pope in Italian and Spanish “Papa” precisely because he is the father figure of the universal Church as St. Peter was the head of the College of Apostles by the risen Christ’s appointment of.

As we continue our reflections on different liturgical items as part of our parish year of the nation-wide Eucharistic Revival, let us focus this time on the liturgical bells. First of all, the bells are rung by the altar servers at different times during the Mass as an indication of

something important that is about to happen or is happening. They are rung, (not just as a “wake up” call to be attentive to the most sacred moment of the Mass, namely, the consecration), but they are considered a joyful sound of praise and thanksgiving. During Lent, and especially during the Holy Triduum, we substitute the the joyful bells for the somber Clapper. During our weekday Masses, we generally hear the entrance bell rung, which serves as the indication that the Mass will immediately begin and that the entrance procession will likewise begin.

The bells are also rung at other times, such as at the epiclesis. This is the priest’s plea to the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon the gifts of bread and wine so that they become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Secondly, the bells are rung at the elevation of the consecrated host since it becomes the Body of Christ. Likewise, the bells are rung at the elevation of the chalice filled with the consecrated wine, transubstantiated into the Precious Blood of Christ. Lastly, the bells are rung a fourth time as the priest consumes the Precious Blood. This last bell indicates that the sacrifice of Christ in Calvary (mystically made present at each Mass) is consummated/completed.

Finally, last week our oldest parishioner, Genevieve Kasper (101 & 9 months) was buried. The evening before she died, she had the opportunity to receive the Eucharist as “food for the journey” and she was able to genuinely sing the hymn: “Oh Sacrament most holy, Oh Sacrament divine, all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.” We were blessed to have Genevieve as our parishioner. What a beautiful and peaceful death she experienced.

Collections for July 30, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1,811.00
Loose	\$ 588.00
Candles	\$ 14.00
Repair Fund	\$ 250.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 2,663.00</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,525.00
Repair Fund	\$ 50.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online:	<u>\$ 1,686.00</u>

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Mass Intentions

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. WYD Pilgrims
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 7th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. No Mass

August 8th Saint Dominic (Tuesday)

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

August 9th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. Mark & Matt Fleischauer

August 10th St. Lawrence (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. Durita Florencondia & Family

August 11th St. Claire (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Jeff Dunlap

August 12th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Genevieve Kasper
5:00 p.m. † Laurel Steill

August 13th Nineteenth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters
10:30 a.m. † Ron Moeller
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer Garcia

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

July 31, 2023:

Families **36** People **115** New **6** Gas cards **0**
Your contributions are especially appreciated.
Our client numbers have continued to increase.
Thank you so very much!

Needs: marinara sauce, canned fruit and toilet paper. Your monetary donations can go a long way with our partnership at Community Harvest Food Bank. We can purchase many pounds of food at \$.19 a pound.

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.

What do you know about St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry at St. Paul of the Cross?

If you are in need of food or know someone that is in need of food our pantry is open Mondays from 10:00AM – noon. We are now open the third Monday evening of each month from 5:30PM to 6:30PM to help meet the needs of families that work during the morning hours but are still struggling to make ends meet.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, SVDP, was founded in 1833 as a worldwide organization of lay Catholics with the intention to follow Christ's call to serve the poor, the suffering, and the deprived.

When our family moved to Columbia City in 1980 and became members of St. Paul of the Cross, I remember vividly Jerry and Margie Hollenbaugh leading St. Vincent De Paul Society Food Pantry in a little building on church grounds. They each made a great commitment for many, many years to serve others. Even after Margie's death Jerry faithfully continued until August of 2022. At that time Joe Cochran led SVDP as Interim President until his ordination as Deacon. The bylaws of the Society of SVDP have in place that officers must be lay Catholics. We are very thankful for the dedicated leadership of both Jerry and Joe to serve with SVDP. Since January of this year I have been honored to be President and to have Barb Bockleman as the experienced vice president to guide us. Jeanne Tagtmeyer is

treasurer and Carol Gruelich is secretary. Our membership is now at 45 active and wonderful volunteers of varying ages and backgrounds. Father Jose' is our chaplain as priests before him have also served.

We are located in the NW end of our Deacon Joe Zickgraf Community Hall next door.

SVDP is funded through your personal donations. The Knights of Columbus have generously given to SVDP as well. We are NOT under the umbrella of the Diocese or St. Paul of the Cross. St. Vincent De Paul Society is separate. As stated, it is a worldwide Society. St. Paul of the Cross generously provides the space we use for the food pantry.

In the months between January 1,2023 to June 30, we had 550 people walk through the doors in need of food. As we collect information on the number of people in each household, we know that 1300 people have received food because of your generosity. ALL people in need are welcome.

We also assist with other needs when we possible. Some examples are utilities, rent, gas cards for emergency needs, and vouchers for appliances and household needs through SVDP Thrift store in Fort Wayne. Most importantly we are here to share Christ's love, to be supportive, to pray for and with those in need.

Keep your eyes and ears open as we are starting a Junior SVDP intended for parents and their children. We must have more generations actively engaged in serving. I cannot express the joy I have experienced with these young families already.

PLEASE NOTE: In comparison between the first six months of the year to the

month of July alone, the number of individuals that have walked through the door in need of food has increased by 184% and the number of people being served in those families has increased by 410%.

Your generosity of money is obviously appreciated by MANY! Weekly we are able to purchase food through Community Harvest Food Bank at **.19 cents a pound or less.** That includes meats, produce and many other food items are available. Thus your monetary donations allow us to purchase a lot of food at a significant savings.

There are some items we cannot purchase through CHFB thus you will weekly see items listed in the bulletin that we can use if you prefer to shop yourself.

There are **PINK ENVELOPES in the narthex** if you choose to make a donation or any other envelope you choose to use and designate for St. Vincent De Paul.

May we always remember that there are so many people in need and most of the time they are in much greater need than each of us.

Thank You

Sara St. Clair

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!



Please continue to pray for Father José and all of our parishioners who are traveling home from World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.



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!

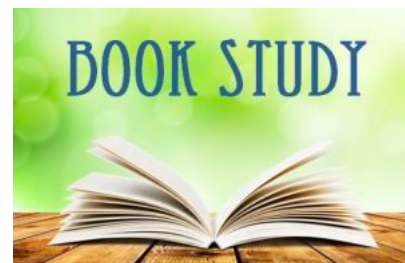


Tuesday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times will be 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM, and 7:00 PM.



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



Our first Catholic Book Study for the Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival was fantastic! We had 16 participants! Keep your eyes out for information on our next book study! You don't want to miss it!