

September 17, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

While the Vatican prepares for its official decision on the authenticity of the Marian Apparitions in Medjugorje in Bosnia & Hersegovina, I want to share with you only a few messages that supposedly have been given on a daily basis since 1981. These messages have been given very likely by the Blessed Virgin Mary especially to children who are now adults and have been recorded for future reference:

January 1, 1987 "...! Today I wish to call on all of you that in the New Year you live the messages which I am giving you. Dear children, you know that for your sake I have remained a long time so I might teach you how to make progress on the way of holiness. Therefore, dear children, pray without ceasing and live the messages which I am giving you for I am doing it with great love toward God and toward you. ..."

January 8, 1987 "...! I desire to thank you for every response to the messages. Especially, dear children, thank you for all the sacrifices and prayers which you have presented to me. Dear children, I desire to keep on giving you still further messages, only not every Thursday, dear children, but on each 25th in the month. The time has come when what my Lord desired has been fulfilled. Now I will give you less messages, but I am still with you. Therefore, dear children, I beseech you, listen to my messages and live them, so I can guide you. Dear children, ..."

January 25, 1987 "...! Behold, also today I want to call you to start living a new life as of today. Dear children, I want you to

comprehend that God has chosen each one of you, in order to use you in His great plan for the salvation of mankind. You are not able to comprehend how great your role is in God's design. Therefore, dear children, pray so that in prayer you may be able to comprehend what God's plan is in your regard. I am with you in order that you may be able to bring it about in all its fullness. ..."

April 25, 1987 "...! Today also I am calling you to prayer. You know, dear children, that God grants special graces in prayer. Therefore, seek and pray in order that you may be able to comprehend all that I am giving here. I call you, dear children, to prayer with the heart. You know that without prayer you cannot comprehend all that God is planning through each one of you. Therefore, pray! I desire that through each one of you God's plan may be fulfilled, that all which God has planted in your heart may keep on growing. So pray that God's blessing may protect each one of you from all the evil that is threatening you. I bless you, dear children. ..."

November 25, 1987 "...! Today also I call each one of you to decide to surrender again everything completely to me. Only that way will I be able to present each of you to God. Dear children, you know that I love you immeasurably and that I desire each of you for myself, but God has given to all a freedom which I lovingly respect and humbly submit to. I desire, dear children, that you help so that everything God has planned in this parish shall be realized. If you do not pray, you shall not be able to recognize my love and the plans which God has for this parish and for each individual. Pray that Satan does not entice you with his pride and deceptive strength. I am with you and I want you to believe me, that I love you. ..."

Collections for September 10, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,104.00
Loose	\$ 480.77
Candles	\$ 37.00
Repair Fund	\$ 165.00
CCD	\$ 140.00
Community Ctr. Rent	\$ 100.00
Bulletin Ad	\$ 250.00
Bishops appeal over goal	\$ 502.00
Catholic communication	\$ 727.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 4,505.77</u>

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 3,482.00
Repair Fund	\$ 135.00
Second Collection	\$ 116.00
Other	\$ 30.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 3,763.00</u>

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sept. 16th St. Cornelius (Saturday)
5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

September 17th Twenty-Fourth (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters
10:30 a.m. † Jim Schmitt
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Emily
Álvarez
(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

September 18th Weekday (Monday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

September 19th Weekday (Tuesday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Sept. 20th St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon
5:00 p.m. No Mass (Wed.)

Sept. 21th St. Matthew (Thursday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Sept. 22nd Weekday (Friday)
8:00 a.m. No Mass

Sept. 23rd St. Pius of Pietreicina (Sat.)
9:00 a.m.
5:00 p.m. †

Sept. 24th Twenty - Fifth (Sunday)
8:00 a.m. †
10:30 a.m. †
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer
Garcia

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on September 11, 2023

Families **44** People **126** New **3**
Gas cards **1**

NEEDS: Single dozen egg cartons,
cereal, canned vegetables, soup, hamburger
helper and monetary
Thank you to all of you for your generous
donations. God bless you all.

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.

The Knights of Columbus announce that we will be participating in the National Coats for Kids campaign again this year. We are currently taking preorders and donations for the program. We have partnered this year with the Salvation Army of Whitley County. Currently there is a need for about 400 winter coats for children and teens of our community. If you have a child or teen or know of a child or teen that needs a Winter Coat, please fill out one of our order forms located at the Knights of Columbus stand in the Narthex. If you have not already filled out a form with the Salvation Army, please fill one out so we can get enough coats to fill the needs.

The Coats are purchased thru the Knights of Columbus and the average cost is \$23.00 per coat. If you wish to donate, please drop in the container on the stand as well. Distribution of the Coats will be on Saturday, October 7th beginning at 9 a.m.

Temporary Modified Office Hours

We will have some temporary modified office hours starting Thursday, September 14th through Wednesday, September 20th. So please call the office before stopping by. Thank you!

Annual Life Chain for Whitley County

Right to Life of North Central Indiana is sponsoring the annual Life Chain on Sunday afternoon, October 1, from 1:45 to 3:00 pm (rain or shine). Participants will stand along Main Street in downtown Columbia City holding non-graphic signs provided at no cost. Those who cannot stand are welcome to bring a chair. Signs can be picked up on the east side of the Whitley County courthouse beginning at 1:30 pm on October 1. For more information, go to: www.nci4life.org.

Parish Picnic

Good food + great friends + fun activities = the perfect parish picnic! We had a great turnout for our 2023 Parish Picnic at Paige's Crossing! Thank you to everyone who came and made this evening possible. The Parish Picnic Committee would especially like to thank the below individuals. For anyone we have forgotten, please know we appreciate you!

David Silva	Dick Buchanan
Melody Lawrynowicz	Jean Buchanan
Robert Vranas	Kim Sedor
Ana Ochoa	Mike Sedor
Gary Wheeler	Glen LaRue
Rosa Wheeler	Ruthie LaRue
Riza Crump	

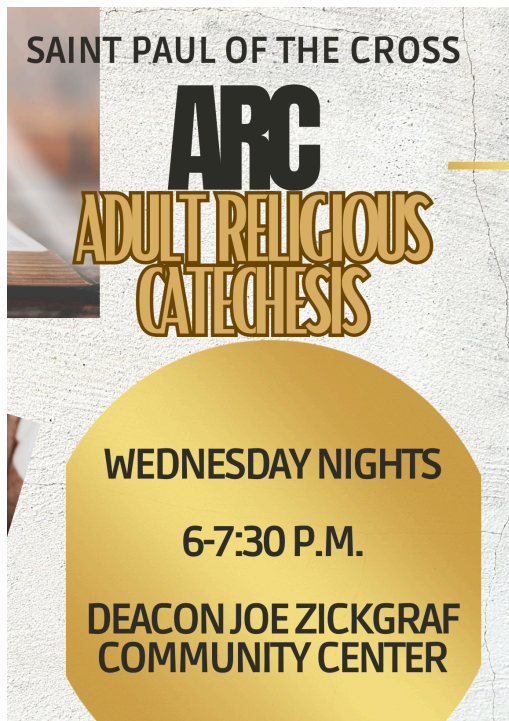
THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many thanks go to everyone who helped make the Knights of Columbus/Red Cross blood drive & breakfast last week a success. A special thank you goes to the 30 individuals who came in and rolled up their sleeve to make a blood donation. A total of 25 pints of blood were collected saving 75 lives.

Thanks to all who came in and supported the breakfast for the boomerang backpacks program. Approximately 350 dollars was raised that will be donated to the backpack program.

A big thank you goes to the many members of the Knights that volunteered a good share of their Sunday to work both the blood drive and breakfast.

If you missed this one, do not worry, our next blood drive is coming up on November 5th. You can sign up now @ redcross.org



ARC is coming back!!! Join us Wednesday, September 20th. The first topic will be Catholic Q&A! Bring a friend and share fellowship while growing in your knowledge and understanding of the Catholic Faith!



The next Young at Heart will be Thursday, September 28th. We will begin with Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a short faith-based discussion. We will end our time together with food and fellowship!

Don't forget about the Youth Group Kick-Off Party **THIS SUNDAY!**



Details are on the information board in the Narthex!!!

Thank You!

We have a wonderful group of Catechists who have volunteered to help educate our young people this year! We are so grateful for their "yes"!

Preschool: Rita Werstler

Kindergarten/First Grade:

Jenna Addison and Kendra Downing

Second Grade:

Danielle Smethers and Mercedes Ransbottom

Third/Fourth Grade:

Jo Blackburn, Jean Buchanan, and Alison Elliot

Fifth/Sixth Grade:

Larry Alles and Justin Alles

Seventh/Eighth Grade:

Kristin Rentschler and Kristen Swonger

We also have at least one high school student helping in each classroom!