

September 10, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Sunday, we welcome Fr. Peter Dee De, parochial vicar of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne and a native of Myanmar. He has been assigned to our parish this year for the annual Mission Appeal. He will be here this weekend, and next, and I want to thank all of you for your hospitality towards him during these two weekends. Please consider contributing financially to the mission in Myanmar for the Catholics who are a minority. The work of evangelization there requires financial help. Also, his presence among us reminds us of the universal nature of our beloved Catholic Church.

This Sunday we will have our annual parish picnic and I am very grateful to Allison Elliot and the Parish Picnic Team who have worked hard to prepare for this parish-family gathering at Paige’s Crossing. These types of events help our parish come together and meet each other, especially new members. Some parishioners often attend only one particular Mass during the weekend and do not have the opportunity to run into other fellow Catholics that only go to another Mass time. God bless all of us and may we enjoy this time of fellowship!

I want to thank all who have recently contributed to different projects. One was the purchase and installation of the new AC units on the North side of the Church building. Some contributed with their time, talents, or treasures. We have a very fine group of staff and volunteers that collaborate in projects like this and for this I am very grateful! Another example is the landscaping project throughout

Church property which has gathered about 15-20 volunteers before and after Labor Day.

Thank you all!

As I mentioned last week, for safety purposes we need new concrete for both main church entrances. The priority is to tear out the upper sidewalk of the Line Street entrance, pour new concrete and make the sidewalk wider. We will improve the entrance on the east side in the near future since we need to wait until the first sidewalk cures. This is all possible thanks to the generosity of many of you. This project costs under \$10,000. Since this project is time sensitive, please make sure that you donate funds sooner rather than later for this purpose without neglecting to help our brothers and sisters in Myanmar.

Lastly, I am grateful for our staff and the Core Teams of the new Youth Faith Formation (Religious Education & Youth Group Teams) for their selflessness in preparing for this new year. God bless you! Let us pray for each other as I go to on my annual retreat in Medjugorje- an “unofficial” Marian Apparition site in the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina (east of Italy).

<u>Collections for September 3, 2023</u>	
<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,490.00
Loose	\$ 655.00
Candles	\$ 39.00
Repair Fund	\$ 80.00
CCD	\$ 26.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 3,290.00</u>
 <u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,382.00
Repair Fund	\$ 280.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 105.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 1,878.00</u>

The Twenty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

Sept. 9th St. Peter Claver (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss
5:00 p.m. † Marv & Jane Goble

September 10th Twenty-Third (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Helen Nix
10:30 a.m. † Corey Richards
2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Jennifer
Garcia

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

September 11th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. No Mass

September 12th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Sept. 13th St. John Chrysostom (Wed.)

5:00 p.m. No Mass

Sept. 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 a.m. No Mass (Thurs.)

Sept. 15th Our Lady of Sorrows (Fri)

8:00 a.m. No Mass

Sept. 16th St. Cornelius (Saturday)

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

Sept. 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

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

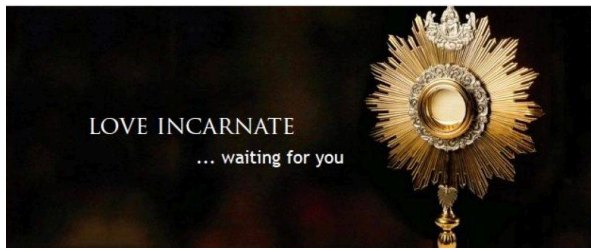
NEEDS: Single dozen egg cartons,
cereal, canned vegetables, soup, hamburger
helper and monetary
Thank you for the many generous donations!
All your donations are appreciated very much!

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.

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 is in
need of 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.

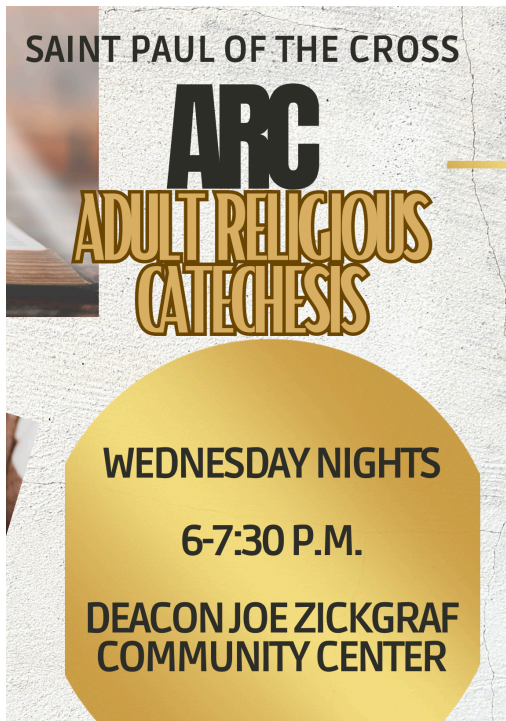
The Coats are purchased thru the Knights of
Columbus and the average cost is \$23.00
per coat. If you wish to donate, please drop
in the container on the stand as well.
Distribution of the Coats will be on
Saturday, October 7th beginning at 9 a.m.



We still have 2 hours of Adoration with no one signed up to cover them. 4:00-5:00 p.m. and 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please sign up to sit with Jesus for an hour a week. It is important that every hour is covered. You will never regret spending an hour of your week sitting with the Lord.



The next **HOLY HOUR OF POWER** will be Friday, September 15th from 6 PM- 7 PM. Father Tony Steinacker will be present to hear confessions. Please come and spend an hour praising Jesus in Adoration with Praise & Worship music! Bring a friend!



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!



Our new Religious Formation Program: BEHOLD begins Sunday, September 17th. If your children are registered you should have received a Flocknote. Remember there is a mandatory parent meeting in the Community Center at 9:15 a.m. that day.