

**September 3, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

As the Youth Faith Formation Year approaches, I want to thank our staff and volunteers (especially the members of the BEHOLD Catechetical Core Team and the Youth Core Team) for their incredible selflessness to take care the necessary details for the upcoming Youth Faith Formation program. I want to thank all the parishioners who have signed up for the new “Passion For” Bible Study. Since the Biblical topic of study will be regarding the Eucharist, the complimentary book that will help us discover the Scriptural richness of the Eucharist (with Bible in hand) is written by Fr. Mitch Pacwa, SJ from EWTN. I believe that Fr. Pacwa is a great scripture scholar who will look at the Biblical passages regarding the Eucharist (both from the Old and New Testaments) with a fascinating lens. The option of the Bible Study Team to be available to meet on Wednesday mornings and / or Thursday evenings is a great service to the parish, especially during the Parish Year of the National Eucharistic Revival. The team perspective will permit the classes to continue with greater ease, regardless if only one team member is absent. The team members that lead will do so with a guided book, and of course, with the Bible.

There have been many volunteers working throughout our parish recently and it seems to continue to grow. I am very grateful to those who make it into some pictures and to those who prefer to work “behind the scenes.” All are important and deserve our gratitude.

Some of the recent hard work includes painting the Church property and landscaping. Some of the parishioners that attend either the English or Spanish speaking Masses have contributed from their time, talents, and treasures. In a special way, I am very proud of the youth who have taken ownership of their youth space by taking the initiative to begin a renovation in their space. They are being painted and soon will be decorated. Thank you to all!

One of the special projects that was discussed in my meetings with our staff, finance council, and parish council was the need to renovate the sidewalks of the east entrance and west entrance for security purposes. Recently, one of the funeral homes in town refused to make use of Line Street entrance/exit during a funeral Mass because of the serious tripping hazards. We need to upgrade the sidewalk on the west side and make it approximately a foot wider. Also, the ramp on the east entrance/exit will be expanded making it more accessible to larger wheelchairs. The quote provided is under \$10,000. I want to thank all who are willing to financially contribute to this project so that our entrance will be safer for parishioners and guests. Our hope is to have at least two of the entrances worked on in the middle of September. I am very hopeful that we will reach our goal for this project since you have demonstrated your generosity in the past many times. This is our spiritual home, and all should feel safe to visit.

Let us continue to make prayer, evangelization, and service important pillars of our parish family. God bless you and enjoy your Labor Day

## Collections for August 28, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,239.94
Loose	\$ 840.92
Candles	\$ 23.00
Repair Fund	\$ 260.00
CCD	\$ 220.00
Catholic Universities	\$ 42.00
Communications	\$ 20.00
Donation to funeral dinners	\$ 600.00
A/C Unit	\$ 100.00
Bulletin Ads	\$ 1,050.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 5,395.86</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,320.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 11.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 1,486.00</u>

## The Twenty-Second Sunday in

### Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

#### 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

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before  
each Mass)

(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each  
Mass)

#### September 4th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Richard & Virginia Beery

#### September 5<sup>th</sup> Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Marlin & Dee Densel

#### September 6th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

#### September 7th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Jeff Dunlap

#### Sept. 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary (Fri)

8:00 a.m. † Ray & Rose Fearnow

#### Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> 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

### St. Vincent DePaul Corner

August 28, 2023:

Families **45** People **160** New **4** Gas cards **1**

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.

### **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 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Deacon Joe Center.

Blood donors can sign up online at [redcross.org](http://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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m.

Another event hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be our "World Famous" Sunday morning Breakfast at the Blood Mobile! Sunday September 10th we will be again hosting the Red Cross for a Blood Drive. Each pint of blood collected can save up to 3 lives. Before you give blood, the Knights will be preparing a delicious array of Breakfast items for your pleasure. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and more!

A free will donation will be accepted with ALL Proceeds going to Boomerang Backpacks. This is a program that benefits children in elementary schools. Volunteers pack backpacks with Shelf Stable food and send it home with participants to eliminate

any food insecurities during the weekends when the children are not in school. The Knights thank you very much for your support.

### **Labor Day Hours for Church Office**

The office will be closed on Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of September in honor of Labor Day. **We will be having 8:00 a.m. Mass.**  
Enjoy your holiday weekend!

### **Visiting Priests**

We are expecting a couple of visiting priests to be here during the time that Fr. Jose will be gone for his retreat. Fr. Peter Dee De is a missionary priest from Myanmar and is going to be making an appeal for the Catholic Church in Myanmar, formerly known as Burma. Our parish has been so generous previously for other missionary needs and for that we are very grateful. Fr. Dee De is currently serving as Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne.

The other priest that we will be visiting us for the Spanish Masses is Fr. David Langford. Fr David is a newly ordained priest that is serving as Parochial Vicar at Sacred Heart in Warsaw. Please welcome both of our priests to St. Paul of the Cross!



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!!!! We ask that each family bring a dish to share (families of 5 or more please bring 2 dishes). We are still in need of volunteers to help with set up and cleanup. Signup sheets are in the Narthex by the information board.

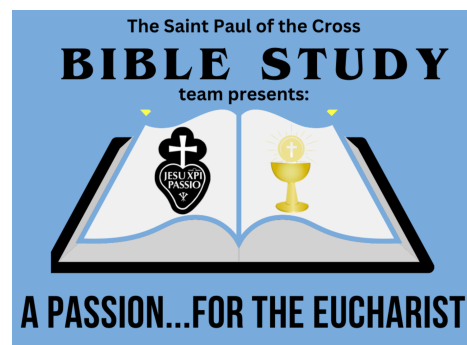


**Don't forget to sign your children up for Saint Paul of the Cross Religious Formation. You can sign up using the QR code or you can use the sheets in the Narthex. Classes begin September 17th.**



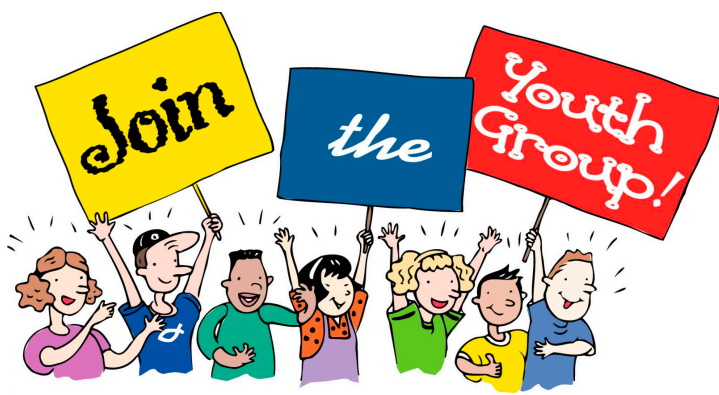
RCIA

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.



Our NEW Bible Study program will kick off the week of Sept 18th! Sign up in the Narthex for the time that best fits your schedule!





**Attention High School aged teens!!!**  
 The Youth Ministry CORE Team is working hard to plan events for the year! We are excited to introduce you to the new team (soon) and to get you involved in Youth Ministry here at Saint Paul of the Cross! Please make sure to sign up for Flocknote and add yourself to the Youth Ministry group so that you get all of the information on upcoming events!!!!

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!

**We are always looking for willing and eager volunteers to help with the many activities at Saint Paul of the Cross! If you would like to dedicate your time and talent in the service of the Church please contact the office and let us know!**

**Also, remember that our parish would not have these activities if it were not for people who generously give of their time and talent. Please make sure to take the time to thank these people.**



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**FACT #288**

**What is Monstrance?**

Monstrance, also called ostensorium, in the Roman Catholic church and some other churches, a vessel in which the eucharistic host is carried in processions and is exposed during certain devotional ceremonies. Both names are derived from Latin words (monstrare and ostendere) that mean "to show." First used in France and Germany in the 14th century, when popular devotion to the Blessed Sacrament developed, monstrances were modeled after pyxes or reliquaries, sacred vessels for transporting the host or relics. The host was shown in a glass cylinder mounted on a base and surmounted by some sort of metal crown. In the 16th century the monstrance took its present shape: a circular pane of glass set in a cross or surrounded with metal rays. The host is placed in a holder called a lunette, which fits into an opening behind the glass.



