

October 14, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

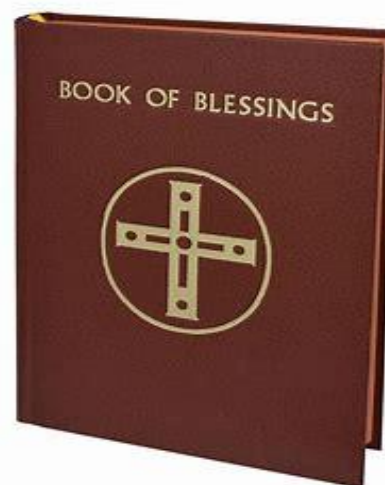
We are very excited that our patronal Feast Day is coming-up (October 20th). We have the opportunity to celebrate it this year in the context of the “Parish Year” of the Eucharistic Revival. St. Paul of the Cross had a great devotion to the Passion of Christ, In it, he contemplated the awesome love of God. St. Paul of the Cross knew that the Father sent His Son into this world with a vulnerable nature. He did not run away from His cross. Of course, the Eucharistic sacrifice is the *re*-presentation of the sacrifice of the cross.

Our patron saint, while reflecting on the importance of Eucharistic devotion, said the following: “Do not pass a single day without visiting the God of the tabernacle; in His presence grieve for the irreverence’s that He receives from bad Christians, who repay His love with sacrileges and basest ingratitude. In reparation for so many outrages, the loving soul ought to offer herself as a victim, consume herself in the fire of divine love, offer her praises to Jesus on the altar, visit Him for those unhappy souls who fail to do so, visit Him especially at hours when nobody else pays Him homage” (*Flowers of the Passion St. Paul of the Cross*, page 28).

I am delighted to announce that Fr. Stephen Hayes, a Dominican priest, will be preaching at our historic 40 Hours Devotion beginning at 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 22 nd. Fr. Stephen Hayes will preach at 7 p.m. each night and throughout the day (6 a.m.-12 midnight). All our families will have the opportunity to pray before Jesus exposed in the monstrance. We have never had this beautiful experience and

we look forward to seeing each family and other members of the different ministries, apostolates, “Behold”-Religious Education Program, Youth Group, staff, Parish Council, Finance Council, Building Maintenance Committee, RCIA, ARC, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, and all volunteers in general. We are very blessed to host such an event and I strongly encourage all of you to invite family and friends, including people who are not regular attendees.

You may recall that a couple of months ago, I began to share some information on different religious items as part of our ongoing liturgical formation. This is part of an effort to learn more about our liturgical environment. Sometimes we know the terms but not the purpose or vice versa. That being said, the more we learn, the more we can appreciate the different religious items, especially those that are used in the liturgical settings. Today, I would like to highlight the “Book of Blessings.” The Book of Blessings contains the blessings of the Roman Ritual for the Universal Church as well as additional proper blessings for use in the United States. This liturgical book includes blessings pertaining to persons, objects, and various occasions, as well as blessings and services connected with official parish events. May the Eucharistic Revival continue!



Collections for October 9, 2023

Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 2,425.00
Loose	\$ 526.26
Candles	\$ 24.00
Repair Fund	\$ 1,112.00
CCD	\$ 35.00
Rental for Community Hall	\$ 100.00
Total in pews:	\$ 3,087.00

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,442.00
Repair Fund	\$ 235.00
Second Collection	\$ 116.00
Other	\$ 30.00
Total Online	\$ 2,271.00

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

October 14th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Marlin & Dee Densel
5:00 p.m. † Ron Moeller

October 15th Twenty-Eighth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
2:00 p.m. † Tom Franklin, David Fores
& Juaquin Fuentes

(Eucharistic Adoration one hour before
each Mass)
(Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each
Mass)

October 16th Weekend (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † All Souls in Purgatory

Oct. 17th St. Ignatius of Antioch (Tues.)

8:00 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss

October 18th St. Luke (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

Oct. 19th St. John de Brebeuf (Thurs.)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Pingpank

October 20th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased members
of the McCullough family

October 21st Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak
5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

October 22nd Twenty - Ninth (Sunday)

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

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on October 9, 2023

Families **33** People **99** New **1**

Gas cards **2**

NEEDS: canned fruit, cereal, canned sweet
potatoes, canned cranberries, and salt and
pepper.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Presently
Community Harvest Food Bank has less food
and meat available for purchasing. So, your
monetary or food donations are making a big
difference in helping and caring for others as
Christ cares for each of us.

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, the pantry is not open.
Evening hours are the third Monday of the
month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bishop's Appeal 2023-2024

Our annual Bishop's Appeal is under way. Our parish has generously supported those in need. Some of you might be unaware of the fact that once we reach our goal, the extra funds will be returned to our parish over the next year. Another fact which I am sure most of you do not know, is we are responsible for reaching our goal no matter what. We still must contribute the amount set for our parish.

Please keep those pledges, along with your pledge cards coming in. We will keep all of you up to date on where we stand in achieving our parish goal.

Volunteers are needed for sewing.

Once again, we are sewing pajama pants for the Gallup, New Mexico homeless shelter for men. This mission is run by the Missionaries of Charity Sisters.

Will meet for two days: Tuesday, October 17th and Thursday, October 19th from 9-12 and 6-8. If you can do either of those, please come for laughter, fellowship and to help those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Pine at 260-229-8005

Knights of Columbus - Diaper Drive!

Please join the Knights of Columbus in a Diaper Drive to support BABE of Whitley County! Purchase and drop off diapers and/or baby wipes in the crib set up in the Narthex. All diapers collected will be donated to BABE of Whitley County located in Columbia City. BABE then distributes all donated items to women and families throughout Whitley County free of charge using its innovative BABE coupon system. Help us to support BABE while also supporting families in our community! The diaper drive will run from October 14 - October 29.

Items needed:

Diapers (especially sizes 3/4/5/6)

Wipes (unscented)

Pull-ups (especially sizes 4T/5T)

Not Your Grandma's Family Planning

During this engaging presentation, Stephanie presents contemporary options for avoiding and achieving pregnancy. Even if you are beyond family planning years or not yet thinking about family planning, you can help someone you know with the information learned at this session- everybody knows somebody struggling with fertility. Presented at several parishes throughout the dioceses, Not Your Grandma's Family Planning is often requested as a repeat session with the hosts sharing they learn something new each year. Not Your Grandma's Family Planning will be coming to ARC this Wednesday, October 18, 6-7:30 pm. All adults are welcome! Childcare and food provided.

