

October 29, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last week we had a very good turnout at the half-hour slots of Eucharistic Adoration. Our parish community came together to worship the Lord present in the Eucharist. What a beautiful opportunity to pray for our own families, society, the Church and the whole world. This past Friday, October 27th, our Holy Father Pope Francis requested a special day of prayer and fasting for peace in Israel and Gaza. Pope Francis requested Eucharistic Adoration particularly as one of the means to pray. What a blessing to have so many families here praying throughout the day on Friday.

This week we will celebrate two important liturgical celebrations that unite us to Heaven and Purgatory. The solemnity of “All Saints” is celebrated November 1st and the Commemoration of “All Souls Day” on November 2nd. The Solemnity of All Saints is a Holy Day of Obligation, and we will begin celebrating it on Tuesday, October 31st with a Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. Following the Vigil Mass, we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration in reparation for all the sins committed against the Eucharist, especially during Halloween (<https://www.catholic.com/magazine/online-edition/hostile-witnesses-at-halloween>). On Wednesday, November 1st we will have Masses at 8 a.m., 12 noon, and 7 p.m. As a reminder, all Catholics are *obligated* to participate in a Mass either during the Vigil or the actual day with the same *obligation* as a Sunday Mass. It is grave matter to keep the Lord’s Day holy (3rd Commandment), which is extended to include Holy Days of Obligation. If it is physically impossible for you to attend due to sickness or if you are taking care of someone sick (for instance) you

are excused. If you do not have a morally justifiable reason and miss Mass because of poor planning (you were working at extracurricular activities, etc.), you are to go to Sacramental Confession before receiving Holy Communion in a future Mass, otherwise that would be a sacrilege (which I will explain below). Please organize your very busy schedules to attend any of the *four* Masses offered here or at another Catholic Church

Sins against the Eucharist are grave sacrileges since they are direct offenses against God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Sacrilege consists in profaning or treating unworthily the sacraments and other liturgical actions, as well as persons, things, or places consecrated to God. Sacrilege is a grave sin especially when committed against the Eucharist, for in this sacrament the true Body of Christ is made substantially present for us.” (CCC #2120). Just as it would be terrible if people would burn a flag in hatred for a given country, and even worse if they did violence against a president of a nation in an innocent or unprovoked context, we should similarly be appalled that the Eucharist is the object of hatred when a tabernacle is vandalized with the sacred hosts present or when a person receives the Eucharist with the intention of taking it to a satanic worship service. Technically, when a person receives the Eucharist in the state of mortal sin, that too is a sacrilege about which St. Paul says: “Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord unworthily will have to answer for the body and blood of the Lord. A person should examine himself, and so eat the bread and drink the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself” (1 Cor 11:29).

Jesus exhorted His apostles to keep prayerful watch in the Garden of Gethsemani by asking them: “So you could not keep watch with me

for one hour?" He also asks, "Can we spend one hour with Him?" Since many parishioners were able to stay praying before the Lord during the 40 Hours Devotion, I want to invite all families on Halloween to come and pray in reparation for sins against the Eucharist. We are in the "Parish Year" of the National Eucharistic Revival, and we know that we have experienced throughout the century's demonic attacks against God, Jesus Christ, religion in general, and our Catholic Church.

On All Souls' Day, we will have Mass at 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the Catholic section of Greenhill Cemetery. Just as we did on Memorial Day, we will have a Eucharist Holy Hour one hour prior to Mass (4 p.m.) at the cemetery altar and we will pray for all the faithful departed buried at the cemetery. What a great way to pray for our beloved deceased loved ones who depend on our prayers as they are being purified by the power of God's love. After all, nothing impure can enter Heaven and we entrust them to the mercy of God which is infinite.

Once again, I would like to invite all families to bring this year a small picture of a loved one who has passed away. During the month of November, we will have an "altar of the dead" in which we, as a parish family, will pray in a particular way for all those whose pictures will be displayed. At the end of November, you are welcome to take back your pictures.

May God, who created the Heavens and the Earth, be praised now and forever!

Collections for October 23, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 3,390.00
Loose	\$ 553.50
Candles	\$ 17.00
Repair Fund	\$ 70.00
World Mission	\$ 226.00
All Soul's Day	\$ 30.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 4,236.50</u>

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,317.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 1,483.00</u>

The Thirtieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

October 28th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

5:00 p.m. † Gary Wolf

October 29th Thirtieth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

2:00 p.m. Por la salud de Emily
Álvarez

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

October 30th Weekend (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Genevieve Kasper

October 31st Weekend (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Doug Alles

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

November 1st All Saints (Wednesday)

8:00 p.m. † Jim Van Holten

12:00 p.m. † Kathleen Fry

7:00 p.m. † Ron Moeller

November 2nd All Soul's Day (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Schmitt

5:00 p.m. † All the souls in purgatory

November 3rd Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Phyllis Senasac

November 4th St Charles Borromeo (Sat)

9:00 a.m. † Janet Sheet

5:00 p.m. † Al & Ginney Andreas

November 5th Thirtieth (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters

10:30 a.m. † Marv & Jane Goble

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on October 16, 2023

Families **44** People **141** New **6**

Gas cards **2**

We continue to see new families. We are grateful for your help in placing food on their table. Whether you choose to give financially or personally bringing food, we will work to use each wisely. Thank you!

NEEDS: As we look ahead to Thanksgiving, please consider helping with the canned sweet potatoes, boxed potatoes, or fresh potatoes, corn and toilet paper. Thank you for your help!

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

Please make sure to look at our Bishop's Appeal thermometer in the Narthex of the church. Currently we are a little over half of our parish goal. This is because we have generous parishioners. We need to make sure that everyone participates in our goal. We know things are tough right now. If you can give \$5.00, then do. \$20.00, that's great also. Just know we appreciate your participation.

At the rate we are going, we are sure to have funds coming back to the church. We just had to buy parts for the boiler that produces the heat for us. This is an unexpected expense that the extra money could go towards.

We appreciate every one of you in our parish and know we can count on you.

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)

Thank you for the help and hard work!

I'd like to thank all the parishioners and their friends who helped with the pajama pant sewing project last week. These will certainly help keep the men warm at the homeless shelter in Gallup, NM on cold winter nights. Thank you for your time and efforts with this ongoing ministry. I am happy to report we had 40 pairs sewn when we walked out the door Thursday evening! Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

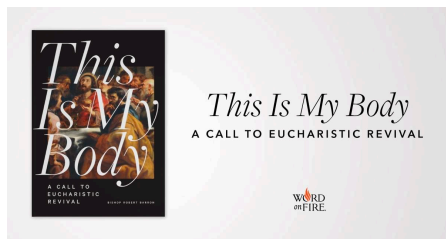
Julie Pine

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Did you miss donating blood during our last couple of drives, because of illness, travels or just plain too busy? The RedCross/Knights of Columbus is presenting you with another opportunity to donate on Sunday, Nov 5th at the Deacon Joe Center from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. If you did donate at our last drive in September, you are eligible to donate again. If you have never donated, please consider donating for the first time. Individuals sixteen years of age and older are eligible to donate. Your forty minutes of time could save the lives of three people. Daylight Savings time ends this weekend so make sure to turn your clocks back an hour. What better way to use that extra hour to donate blood and save 3 lives!

The Red Cross would like ALL donors to sign-up online. Please sign-up online @redcross.org or use the Blood Donor App. Get the free Blood Donor App by texting BLOODAPP to 90999.

If you have any questions or need help, please feel free to call John Herrmann @ 260 229 5499.



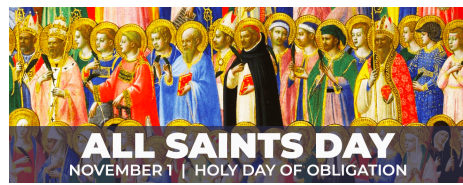
CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB IS BACK! WE WILL BE OFFERING THIS UNIQUE AND LIVELY BOOK CLUB AS ONE EVENT OF OUR PARISH'S EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL. THE BOOK FOR THIS SESSION WILL BE "THIS IS MY BODY" BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON. IT WILL DIVE DEEPER INTO THE EUCHARIST, BUT IT IS STILL A SHORT, ENGAGING READ. THE MAIN GOAL OF OUR BOOK CLUB IS TO INSPIRE YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH, INSTILL A LOVE OF THE EUCHARIST, AND BUILD COMMUNITY WITHIN OUR PARISH. BOOK CLUB IS OPEN TO ANYONE--REGARDLESS OF IF YOU ATTENDED THE FIRST SESSION. IT WILL ONLY BE TWO NIGHTS TOTAL--SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AND 19TH 6-8PM. PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TODAY AND GRAB YOUR FREE BOOK AT THE SAME TIME!



The Mass for All Souls Day (Thursday, November 2nd) will take place at the Catholic altar in Greenhill Cemetery at 5pm. We will have Adoration beginning at 4 pm. Please bring a lawn chair. (We will still have 8 am Mass at the Church that day)

Thank You!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our 40 Hours Devotion. It was a beautiful time of prayer for our parish!



All Saints Day, November 1st, is a holy day of obligation. Masses on Wednesday, November 1st will be 8 am, 12 Noon, and 7 pm. This year we will also have a Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31st at 7 PM. Following the Vigil Mass we will have an hour of Eucharistic Adoration to pray for reparation for sacrilege committed against the Eucharist on Halloween.



Our next Young at Heart will be on Thursday, November 9th. We will begin with Mass at 10:30 am. Following Mass we will have a guest speaker. We will conclude our event with a Thanksgiving Meal. Please plan to join us and sign up in the Narthex.

“Pride is the sin we commit on the way to every other sin.”
-Father Stephen Hayes



DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Are you looking to work in a vibrant, faith-filled environment? Are you looking to have a great & positive impact on the next generation of our parish? Saint Paul of the Cross Parish in Columbia City is looking for the next member of our team to serve as a Director of Youth Faith Formation!

The Director of Youth Faith Formation would facilitate the faith development of young parishioners. Responsibilities include providing pastoral care to young parishioners, promoting their faith life through evangelization, collaborating with team coordinators to ensure proper faith transmission, recruiting and training youth faith formators, integrating faith into extracurricular activities, organizing Formation Days, and adhering to sacramental preparation requirements. Candidates should be practicing Catholics with strong communication and leadership skills and professionalism. The role is part time.

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