

October 8, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This month our “saint of the month” is our very own, St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ, also known as the Passionists. Hopefully, we come to appreciate his role in our spiritual lives and participate in different opportunities within our parish community surrounding his patronal feast day on October 20th.

The most important event that we will have surrounding our patronal feast day is the 40 Hours Devotion requested by Bishop Rhoades. This is a Eucharistic-centered event in which all from our parish community will come to our beloved Church building throughout the 40 Hours, with the intention of worshipping Jesus, sacramentally present in the Eucharist from Sunday until Tuesday. The Devotion will end with a solemn Mass.

Traditionally, 40 Hours Devotion includes consecutive Eucharistic adoration which would be non-stop throughout the day and night. At our parish, like other neighboring parishes, we will have a sign-up sheet for different slots for you and your family to come and pray, although the slots will not include times after Midnight and before 6 a.m.

The 40 Hours Devotion is a parish-based event. Therefore, I expect all members of the families that make-up our beloved parish, including the different apostolates and ministries that meet and identify themselves as members of St. Paul of the Cross, to participate according to your busy schedules. There will be plenty of opportunities to come and pray for our families, church, country, and world during the morning, day, and night. If a person works 1st, 2nd, or 3rd shift there are time slots for you! If a person has to go to school and has

extracurricular activities such as sports, there will be time slots for you! Please make this a priority in your schedule. Sometimes we spend more time in front of a

computer, t.v., phone, tablet, or at a gym rather than what is being proposed for this time (at least 30 minutes). We will provide different types of prayers and silence throughout the hours and days including the Liturgy of the Hours and Chaplet of Divine Mercy. We will also have the privilege of flying in a preacher at different evenings, recommended by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Stay tuned for more details!!!

Since the Catholic Church believes that Jesus is present in body, blood, soul, and divinity in the Eucharistic species of both the bread and the wine, we worship the consecrated Host, even after the Mass, since His divine presence remains under the appearance of the bread. We usually reserve the extra consecrated Hosts in the tabernacle. The Catholic teaching is that we believe that the bread is transformed into the Body of Christ. For this reason, it is quite miraculous that the appearance of bread (which our senses can observe), remains intact, when the *substance* of bread and wine are *transformed*. In theology, this is what is called *transubstantiation*. The beautiful reality is that in the Eucharist, Jesus fulfills His promise: “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

Once again, I encourage all to start thinking of which time slots you can cover according to your schedules and know that praying before the Most Blessed Sacrament is the best spiritual investment, we can make for ourselves and for our families. In fact, I want to remind all the men of our parish that they are called to be spiritual leaders with their households and to make it a priority to select a day and a time in which you and your whole family plan to participate in, just as you do for other important events in your lives. The Church, our country and the whole world need

more Eucharistic “prayer warriors.” May we hear the Lord inviting us, including all of us who are busy with many plans: “Be still and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:11).

Collections for October 1, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,446.00
Loose	\$ 410.00
Candles	\$ 21.00
Repair Fund	\$ 200.00
CCD	\$ 10.00
Total in pews:	\$ 3,087.00

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,915.00
Repair Fund	\$ 230.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 15.00
Total Online	\$ 2,271.00

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary (Sat)

9:00 a.m. † Ted Alles
5:00 p.m. Bob Locke

October 8th Twenty- Seventh (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss
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 9th Weekend (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Dorothy Alles

October 10th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Fry

October 11th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

October 12th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Jim Schmitt

October 13th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Genevieve Kasper

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

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on October 2, 2023

Families **33** People **119** New **4**

Gas cards **1**

NEEDS: canned fruit, soup, cereal, shelf milk (at Dollar Tree), kidney beans and oatmeal.

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. Last weekend before Mass, we were able to present the Diocesan video to the congregation. This year's video did a wonderful job explaining to us where our funds are going, along with the fund percentages for each program. These programs around the diocese greatly need our support.

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. We'll need people to cut, iron, and sew. 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

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 in 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 need.

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

BULLETIN SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Each month we will spotlight one of our businesses that sponsor our weekly bulletin. If you are a sponsor and would like to say something about your business and what it does, or if you would like us to create something, please let Robert know at office@saintpaulcc.org. You can always drop something off at the office and I will get it. The first featured business will be Hinen Printing, followed by Edward Jones. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their support.



Very Rev. Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP St. Patrick Priory

Father Hayes is currently assigned as a full-time mission and retreat preacher based at Saint Patrick Priory, Columbus Ohio, where he is the Conventual Prior of the Dominican community. He is a native of Boston, Massachusetts. Born in 1953, has seven brothers and sisters and rejoices in his Irish heritage.

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In June 2022, he received a certificate as an Associate Scholar in the *Hebraic Context of the Bible* program from the *Israel Institute of Biblical Studies* (accreditation with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem).

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He has for many years been active in the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. He is particularly interested in Holy Scripture, Sacramentology, and medieval Christian history.



St. Paul of the Cross will hold a 40 Hour Eucharistic Devotion beginning Sunday, October 22nd at 3:00 pm

Why are we celebrating the Forty Hours Devotion now? Our Bishop has asked each parish to designate a time of Eucharist Devotion for the Parish Year of the Eucharistic Revival. This presents a wonderful opportunity to explore, develop, and deepen our appreciation of the Eucharist. The primary setting for the promotion of a life centered in the Eucharist is, of course, the celebration of Mass, but the Church also offers other means of deepening a Eucharistic-centered faith. One such practice is adoration where we gather to pray before the Lord as his presence is revealed to us in the mystery of the eucharistic bread which is truly the Body of Christ. The Forty Hours Devotion gives us the opportunity to come as a community to pray before the Lord in solemn adoration.

What are the Spiritual Goals of the 40 Hours Devotion?

Through solemn exposition the faithful should remember that Jesus' presence derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and thus its purpose is both sacramental and spiritual communion. Spending time during the devotion is meant to draw the person into an ever deeper share in the Paschal Mystery so that they can respond with gratitude to the gift of Christ present in the Eucharist. Participation is a path to enjoy Christ's intimate friendship; to pray for themselves, those dear to them and for the world; and to strive to worship Christ in a manner fitting to their way of life.

Through prayer in solemn exposition the faithful can offer their entire lives with Christ to the Father in the Holy Spirit; derive and increase in faith, hope and charity; extend the union with Christ reached in reception of communion; renew the covenant; be strengthened to live out the covenant received through faith and sacrament; and are reminded to live their whole lives:

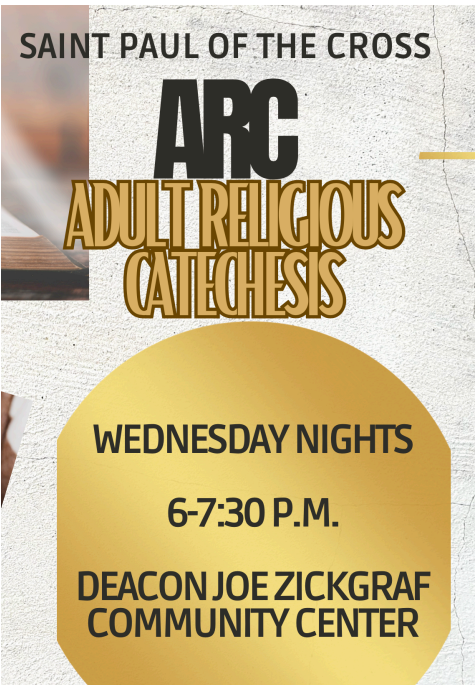
- strengthened by sacramental communion,
- as sharers in the Paschal Mystery (Christ's death/resurrection/ascension, the pouring forth of the Holy Spirit, and Christ's return),
- eager to do good works and to please God,
- to instill in the world the Christian spirit, and
- to become witnesses to Christ

We are VERY blessed and excited to have a National Eucharistic Preacher coming to speak during our 40 Hours Devotion. His name is Father Stephen Hayes and his bio is included in the bulletin.

Sign Up: Please sign up now to spend 1/2 hour or more with Our Lord.

You can sign up using the QR code below to access our SignUpGenius. You can also sign up in the Narthex on the sheets provided.





Join ARC this Wednesday from 6pm-7:30pm as we continue our "Tough Topics Series." The topic this week is "Abortion - Choice, or one of the greatest moral evils of our time?" Come and learn more about this hot button issue, what the Church has taught about it since Apostolic times, and how to charitably defend the Church's teaching. Food, drink, fellowship, and childcare are provided!



HOLY HOUR OF POWER is on **October 13th** from **6-7 PM!** Have you been to a Holy Hour of Power yet? If not you **REALLY** should come! It's an hour of beautiful Praise & Worship Music and intense prayer with Jesus in the Monstrance! The lights are low, the incense is wafting towards Heaven, confessions is offered, and God is present in a physical and spiritual way that is so powerful it must be experienced!

BEHOLD

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
PARENTS/GUARDIANS don't forget we have a mandatory Family Meeting on Sunday, October 15th at 9:15 am. These meetings are an important part of making sure that the entire family is connected and growing in faith and spirituality.

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