

October 22, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This Saturday and Sunday we are celebrating the solemnity of St. Paul of the Cross. This is because our bishop grants permission for the pastors to transfer the patronal solemnity to the closest Sunday. To clarify once again the day on which we celebrate St. Paul of the Cross, the universal calendar celebrated it on October 19th. However, the church in the U.S. celebrated the Memorial of the North American Martyrs on October 19th. For this reason, St. Paul of the Cross's liturgical celebration has been transferred permanently to October 20th in the United States.

This year we will celebrate our patronal feast with a 40 Hour Devotion. We have a guest speaker who is very gifted and belongs to the Order of Preachers, better known as Dominicans. His name is Fr. Stephen Dominic Hayes, and he will join us for talks at 7 p.m. and many other liturgical events throughout the 40 Hours Devotion. This is a historic moment for the parish, and we should cherish the great opportunity by inviting other parishioners, family, and friends. We will be blessed to come together as a parish family and worship the One with whom we desire to spend all eternity.

Looking ahead, this year on All Hallow's Eve (Oct. 31), we will have a Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. followed by an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. We have the intention of making reparations for all the sacrileges committed against the Eucharist throughout the year, but most especially on Halloween. As people of faith, we uphold the unique dignity of Jesus present in the host. On Halloween, many satanists profane the Eucharist for "Black Masses" in which a consecrated host is desecrated. On the one hand, it is terrible that people profane the

Most Blessed Sacrament. On the other hand, it is interesting that those who hate God and therefore Jesus and the Church, are indeed capable of still recognizing the real presence of Jesus although not for adoration. This reminds me of when the demons were capable of recognizing Jesus as the Son of God, but He would silence them (see Matthew 8:28-30). This means that it is not enough to recognize Jesus as the Son of God. Rather, we are to imitate Him by obeying Our Heavenly Father like the saints did. We celebrate the saints on November 1st.

Lastly, on November 2nd we will have two Masses for All Souls Day. The regular 8 a.m. Mass at the church and the 5 p.m. Mass at Greenhill Cemetery, preceded by 1 hour of Eucharistic Adoration beginning at 4 p.m. As a heads up, for the month of November we will not have a "saint of the month" but instead, we will have an "altar of the faithfully departed." For this reason, I would like to invite all families to find a small picture of a loved one who has passed away (this may include ultrasounds of unborn children who have gone to God) and bring them to the Church for display during the month of November. It is a good thing for all of us to keep in mind the faithful departed and pray for God's mercy upon them. Many blessings to all!

Collections for October 15, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 1608.00
Loose	\$ 478.66
Candles	\$ 108.00
Repair Fund	\$ 10.00
CCD	\$ 15.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 2,219.66</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 2,322.00
Repair Fund	\$ 304.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 2,737.00</u>

The Twenty- Ninth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

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

October 23rd Weekend (Monday)

8:00 a.m. Health & wellbeing of Fr. José

October 24th Weekend (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. Living & deceased of the
Amick & Hollenbaugh families

7:00 p.m. † Albert Andreas

October 25th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Keith & Roedean Dowell

October 26th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Matt Weber

October 27th Weekday (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Jo Hinen

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

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on October 16, 2023

Families **37** People **124** New **5**

Gas cards **1**

Evening hours Families **6** People **23**
New **1**

NEEDS: As we look ahead to Thanksgiving,
please consider helping with the canned sweet
potatoes, cranberries, stuffing mix, green beans
and corn. 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)

Church Candles

Recently we have had several Parishioners ask about when we are going to receive the new inventory of candles. Yes, I did order them and normally we have them by now, but the purchasing agent for the diocese received a note saying that they are currently swamped at the factory. They have their current employees working overtime and are in the process of hiring new people. Currently the diocese has 17 orders being delayed because of this. He has not been given an update on the predicted time when they should arrive. So please be patient with us and pray that they come in soon.

Knights of Columbus - Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus partnered with the Salvation Army of Whitley County for a very successful Coats for Kids Program. 288 Coats for Kids were distributed on October 7th, as part of the Knights of Columbus National Program. Since 2009, more than 950,00 coats have been given out in all 50 states and 10 Canadian Provinces. These new coats were purchased by the Salvation Army of Whitley County and the

Knights of Columbus, #7235. There were approximately 35 adult jackets that the Salvation Army of Whitley County supplied through donations, that were distributed to those in need as well.

The Knights of Columbus also supplied the St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank with approximately 20 jackets for distribution as well. All of these jackets have been distributed as well.

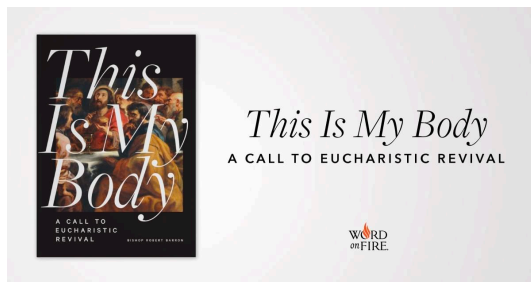
Plans are underway for Coats for Kids, 2024. The Knights of Columbus and the Salvation Army of Whitley County thank you for your support.

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)



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.



Don't forget to participate in our 40 Hours Devotion Sunday, October 22 through Tuesday, October 24th. If you have not signed up for a 30 minute spot you can still participate. Fr. Hayes will be speaking at 7 pm on Sunday and Monday as well as preaching at our Mass on Tuesday at 7pm. This is an important event in the life of our parish and all parishioners should plan on attending.

40 Hours Devotion

During our 40 Hours Devotion event you will have the opportunity to experience different traditions of prayer from the Catholic Church. This is a beautiful opportunity to participate in something that is new to you, or to gather as a community to pray in a ways that we don't always pray.

Sunday:

3:00 pm Divine Chaplet
6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Father Hayes Speaks
8:00 pm Night Prayer

Monday:

6:00 am Angelus
Office of Reading
8:00 am Mass
8:40 am Morning Prayer
Noon Angelus
Daytime Prayer
3:00 pm Divine Chaplet
6:00 pm Angelus
6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Father Hayes Speaks
8:00 pm Night Prayer

Tuesday:

6:00 am Angelus
Office of Reading
8:00 am Mass
8:40 am Morning Prayer
Noon Angelus
Daytime Prayer
3:00 pm Divine Chaplet
6:00 pm Angelus
6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Closing Mass

