

**November 5, 2023**

**A Note from Fr. José Arroyo**

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last week we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints (which was a Holy Day of Obligation) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. As a reminder, if you happened to miss the Holy Day of Obligation, with no justifiable reason, you should go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation ASAP before receiving Holy Communion.

As I mentioned last week, during this month of November we will pray in a special way at each Mass for all of our deceased relatives and friends. For this reason, I invite all families to continue bringing more pictures of your loved ones who have passed away to pray for one another as a parish family. We also have the Book of Remembrance in the Narthex, so please feel free to continue adding names.

I also want to thank all our parishioners who have already made a contribution to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. This year we have a very convenient thermometer in the Narthex visually informing us of our progress as we strive for our \$33,232.41 goal. The good news is that we have already raised \$25,000. However, our greatest challenge is to have all families contribute in whatever way possible, because this way we will reach our goal. A suggested donation is to contribute 10% of your income to God and the Church or to give any tax-return if that is the case. By doing this you can subdivide it for different Catholic organizations, such as St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Mission Appeals, etc. Another suggestion is to contribute one month's worth of wage. Either way, the beautiful thing about being charitable is that God is never outdone in generosity.

If we think about the innumerable blessings God has allowed us to experience, we would actually be indebted to Him. As you know, any dollar amount that is collected beyond our goal is returned to our parish. This will help us cover the expenses of numerous Building & Maintenance projects, including new sidewalks, improvements to our church boiler, furnace improvements, A.C. units, sound system, new asphalt on our parking lots, etc. Similarly, (and maybe more importantly), we should also financially invest in good Catholic resources such as national speakers that help spiritually nurture our souls so that we have the strength to continue evangelizing and bring many more people to Christ and the sacraments. Bringing speakers includes many costs, especially when airfare is involved and there are compensations equivalent to the quality of the presentations. It is easier to see the benefits of an investment of temporal goods versus the investment of spiritual goods. On that note, I ask you to continue to pray for us to soon find soon a Director of Youth Faith Formation and a Director of Sacred Music. Thank you all for your generosity! Many blessings to you and your loved ones!

**Collections for October 29, 2023**

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2498.00
Loose	\$ 478.06
Candles	\$ 28.25
Total in pews:	<b><u>\$ 3,004.31</u></b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,935.00
Repair Fund	\$ 50.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<b><u>\$ 1,483.00</u></b>

## The Thirty-First Sunday in

### Ordinary Time

#### Mass Intentions

##### November 4th St Charles Borromeo (Sat)

9:00 a.m. † Janet Sheet

5:00 p.m. † Al & Ginney Andreas

##### November 5th Thirty-First (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Ed Peters

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:00 p.m. Socorro Magana and Maria  
de Jesus Fuentes

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

##### November 6th Weekend (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

##### November 7th Weekend (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Marv & Jane Goble

##### November 8th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Francis Alles

##### Nov. 9th Dedication of the Lateran(Thur.)

8:00 a.m. † Janet Hinen

##### November 10th St Leo the Great (Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Marge Hollenbaugh

##### November 11th St. Martin of Tours (Sat.)

9:00 a.m. † All souls in purgatory

5:00 p.m. † Andy Lowe

##### November 12th Thirty - Second (Sun.)

8:00 a.m. † Joe Schmitt

10:30 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

## St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on October 30, 2023

Families **37** People **112** New **8**

Gas cards **0**

Quarterly Numbers from July 1, 2023-  
September 30, 2023

Total families served: 466.

Total People: 1,392

Total spending per person this quarter: \$3.25.

Total spent for financial assistance to clients:

\$559.00 Ex: utilities, gas assistance, rent

Total number in those households this served:  
17 people

Volunteer hours: 502

Volunteers: 45 adults and 10 children

Our clients are able to leave the pantry with a good supply of fresh produce, breads, canned goods, meats, laundry detergent, some cleaning supplies, toilet paper, toothbrushes and tooth paste, accompanied by warm welcome, conversation, rosaries, spiritual books, and prayer.

Thank you for your financial and food donations to assist our volunteers in meeting the needs of others.

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**

In the previous weeks, you have been invited to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, inviting thousands of Catholics in northeast Indiana to encounter Christ in the Church and each other. To learn more or donate online, visit [diocesefwsb.org/aba](http://diocesefwsb.org/aba).

Please make sure to look at our Bishop's Appeal thermometer in the Narthex of the church. **Our deadline will be here before you know it. We are to have everything in to the Diocese by November 15<sup>th</sup>.**

### **It's Pickleball Time Again!**

Pickleball is back on Monday evenings from 6:00 - 8:00 PM in the Deacon Joe Community Center for those aged 16 and over. All skill levels welcomed. Never played but always wanted to learn? This is the perfect opportunity to learn a fun new sport and get some exercise and fellowship.

We'll play every Monday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, except for the 3rd Monday of the month, when hours will be 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Questions - call or text Kevin Rupp @ 260-341-9213. Hope to see you on the court soon!

### **Ushers needed.**

We are in need of more volunteers to serve the ministry of ushering. This is a very important ministry at every Mass. Ushers are the greeters, they help people find a seat in church or in need of a hand at the doors, they attend to the offertory baskets, they

prepare families or individuals to present the gifts, and make sure the bulletins are

handed out at the end of each Mass. This is a much-needed ministry, and we really appreciate your help.



OUR PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH AT 6:00PM. WE WILL HAVE 5 PRIESTS AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS THAT NIGHT AS WELL AS ADORATION WITH MUSIC PROVIDED. CATHOLICS ARE REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE AWARE OF HAVING COMMITTED ANY MORTAL (SERIOUS) SIN, YOU SHOULD RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT. THAT BEING SAID, ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SACRAMENT ON A REGULAR AND FREQUENT BASIS.



**Catholic  
Homeschool**

We are looking for a volunteer to lead our catholic homeschool group! If you are interested please contact Jessica  
pastoralassociate@saintpaulcc.org



**HOLY HOUR OF POWER** is on November 17th 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!

**When you walk up to receive the Eucharist at Mass is it a rehearsal for when you will walk up to face God at your final judgement.  
Fr Stephen Hayes**

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SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS

Thursday, November 9th



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please sign up in the Narthex