

November 26, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Last Thursday we celebrated the civil holiday of Thanksgiving in which we directed our deepest sense of gratitude to God almighty. This Sunday, the Catholic Church celebrates the Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, also known as “Christ the King.” There are seven facts that I would like to share with you regarding this liturgical celebration that you may or may not know and find interesting.

First, the Solemnity of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 after the First World War as Russian communism spread. Secondly, the first celebration of Christ the King coincided with Halloween in 1926. Third, in 1969, Saint Paul VI gave the name Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and current date to this solemnity, translating it to the last liturgical Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Pope did this on the occasion of the 16th century of the Council of Nicaea. Paul VI emphasized that Jesus is to reign within our minds, hearts, souls, and bodies. Fourth, as hinted above, the Solemnity of Christ the King is a response to secularism, atheism, and communism. Fifth, this solemnity is also celebrated by many Protestant Christians, including some Anglicans, Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians. Sixth, in the Protestant Church of Switzerland, this day is referred to as “Christ’s Return” or colloquially as: “Condemnation Sunday.” The religious focus of this liturgical celebration in the Church of Switzerland is in the Last Judgement. Seventh, the largest statue in the world in honor of Jesus, King of the universe is found in Swlebodzin, Poland. The size is 33 meters (108.27 feet) high. The height is in honor of the 33 years of Jesus’s earthly life. The statue

has a base which is 3 meters high, making the statue 3 meters higher than “Christ the Redeemer” statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

As we come to the conclusion of a liturgical year, we come to the beginning of another. During this month of November, we have been praying fervently for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed. I thank you for bringing pictures this year to commemorate family and friends of ours. I honestly appreciated seeing the image of many for whom we often offer the holy sacrifice of the Mass. I hope we can continue praying for all of them as they continue their journey from Purgatory to Heaven.

Next week, we begin a new liturgical year on the First Sunday of Advent. I ask that you bring your Advent wreaths from your homes so that I may bless them during the Masses on December 2nd & 3rd. Remember that the family is considered the “domestic church.” Therefore, avail yourselves of this wonderful opportunity of bringing a concrete reminder that Advent is indeed a time of preparation for Christmas which has yet to arrive, contrary to what we see in the rest of the world. May Christ, present in the Eucharist, reign in your hearts and may Our Lady interceded for us as we say to her with loving confidence: “Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

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.

We encourage all our parishioners to take advantage of this sacrament and such a beautiful service.

Collections for November 19, 2023

Adult Offering Envelopes	\$ 1730.00
Loose	\$ 486.25
Candles	\$ 22.00
Repair	\$ 70.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 42.00
Total in pews:	\$ 2,350.25

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,812.00
Repair Fund	\$ 62.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 12.00
Total Online	\$ 1,997.00

The Thirty-Fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

November 25th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased
members of Gary & Rosa Wheeler
5:00 p.m. † Gary Wolf

Nov. 26th Our Lord Jesus Christ (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
10:30 a.m. † Stephanie Koski
2:00 p.m. † Maria Genoveva Gelabert

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

November 27th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

Nov. 28th Weekday (Tuesday.)

8:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak

November 29th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † For the health and ministry
of Fr. Jim Blount

November 30th St. Andrew (Thursday)

9:00 a.m. † Helen Nix

December 1st Weekday (1st Friday)

8:00 a.m. † Matthew Weber

December 2nd Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Albert Andreas
5:00 p.m. † Kathleen Fry

Dec. 3rd First Sunday of Advent (Sun.)

8:00 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski
10:30 a.m. Parishioners
2:00 p.m. † Eterno Descanso Marina
Raquel Rivera familia Casiano
Santiago

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on November 20, 2023
Daytime Pantry, Families **29** People **72**
New **9** Gas cards **0**
Evening Pantry, Families **10** People **34**
New **6** Gas cards **0**

78 Thanksgiving boxes with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal, including turkey were distributed this past Saturday and Monday from the SVDP food pantry. All Thanks to God for the parish members of Saint Paul of the Cross, members of the WCCS Student Council, volunteers of the parish and SVDP who were able to provide time, talent or treasurers to make this possible for those in need. It was humbling and joyful for those that handed out the meals to see the appreciation in the eyes of so many people! There were at least 50 people between the ages of 6 and 60+ that joined together with the desire to help others!

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 will not be open. Evening hours are the third Monday of the month from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

“Good News” We reached a 100% !!!

We have reached our goal that was set by the Diocese for the Bishop’s Appeal.

The wonderful part of us reaching our goal, is that any funds that are now donated to the Bishop’s Appeal will remain within our parish. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/aba.

HEALING SERVICE

Please join us for a Healing Service on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 p.m. There will be prayer, music and healing. Fr Drew Curry will be present to pray over people as well as Father José.

Ministry Schedule for Christmas Masses

Please keep an eye out for emails with requests for volunteers during the holiday Masses. We count on you to help fill these positions that are needed during Mass.

These positions are lectors, extraordinary eucharistic ministers, ushers, and servers. Thank you for giving your time to our church.

Blessing of the Advent Wreaths

December 2nd & 3rd, during the Masses, Fr. José will be blessing our Advent Wreath here in the church. He is asking that you bring in your wreaths from your home so he can bless those also. We will have a table set up for you to place them on before Mass. Please ask for assistance from an usher if you need help finding the table.

The Giving Tree is coming soon!

Sue Jansen has been so kind to volunteer to organize this year’s giving tree program. This is the second year that Sue has volunteered to lead this program.

There are many families that need assistance so that their children can have a good Christmas. Please keep your eye on the bulletin for more information on this upcoming tradition for St. Paul of the Cross parishioners. If you happen to know a family that needs assistance, please reach out to Sue Jansen or Kim Sedor in the office.

Decorating the church for Christmas

We are looking for volunteers that would like to help the Altars Guild with decorating the church for Christmas. This will take place on Sunday the 24th. Please contact either Bill Duffy or Kim Sedor in the office.

2024 Lecture Workbooks

The new workbooks are in and can be picked up in the back of the church. They are on the table that sits under the TV. So please grab a new workbook if you are a lecture in church.