



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.



Don't forget Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place at 9:00 am on Thursday, November 23rd.



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!



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



Saint Paul of the Cross

HEALING

SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH 6:30 PM

Jesus said: “Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father” (John 14:12).

Come discover Jesus’ desire and power to heal minds, bodies, and souls through His Mystical Body, the Church through prayer and the laying on of hands.

Prayer...Music...Healing...



November 12, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

We have been blessed this past week with many great things happening at our Church. We had our Book Club meet once again for the discussion of another book based upon the Eucharist. If you want to participate in this group in the future, make sure you sign up as soon as the next announcement is made because we need to order books for the participants. They meet briefly for a few sessions and have a very good and enlightening discussion of the book that was chosen. This format of meeting may be appealing for those who love to read and yet cannot commit for a longer period.

Last Thursday, we had an amazing presentation at “Young at Heart” (55 years old or older) about the Franciscan Heritage of Eucharistic Devotion. Sr. Anita was very articulate and very easy to follow. We finished with a delicious Thanksgiving meal. God bless our religious sisters and may we see an increase in vocations to their way of life. What a gift it would be if we even had a parishioner who entered religious life.

On another note, if you have been watching our thermometer in the narthex you may have noticed that we have been receiving a great financial response from many of you regarding our Annual Bishop’s Appeal. That being said, we still have a number of parishioners who have not participated yet, so please do so ASAP. Do not miss your opportunity to help our beloved Diocese with the many diverse ministries, diocesan offices and many more programs that contribute to the evangelization and support of those who live within our Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Our

parish has been blessed in recent years by our Diocese by being very attentive to our needs and concerns. As a form of gratitude, let us contribute to the needs of our Church by participating in this year’s Annual Bishop’s Appeal, and possibly before Thanksgiving. We are hoping to exceed our goal so the dollar amount can be returned to our dear parish. We are constantly seeking better ways to evangelize, serve God and His Kingdom within the context of our Catholic Church, and maintain our property and grounds.

Speaking of which, I hope you realize that there are many beautiful things happening “behind the scenes” at our parish. Some of these projects include maintenance of Church boilers, the installation of new concentric furnace pipes and the new 25 feet commercial flagpole on the corner of Line Street and Spenser Street (with the American & Vatican flags). We also installed new railings on the east and west entrances of our Church for everyone’s safety. Many of these projects were done by our staff and volunteer parishioners that came together as a parish family (including Spanish & English speakers). However, some required us to hire professionals in order to assure even greater quality.

More importantly, we are approaching some events at our parish which I would like to highlight as a sneak preview. This year we will have a play presented at our Community Center on Saturday, December 9th at 6 p.m. regarding the historic Marian Apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Come and see why she is the patroness of the Americas and of the Pro-life cause. We will also have food, so please feel free to invite family and friends. We are one of several parishes selected by a group of Catholic families that are presenting the play throughout our Diocese.

Next month we will have our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 6th at 6 p.m., which is a parish-based event. All the parishioners are expected to make an effort to participate, including our children & youth, catechists, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, RCIA, ARC, Book Club, Bible Study, staff, parish council, finance council, Young at Heart, Pickleball players, Basketball teams, Homeschool families, etc. We will have several visiting priests, so please plan to attend. As always during parish-based events, all other activities are paused for the evening in order to facilitate the participation of all families.

Additionally, we will have a Healing Service on the following Monday, December 13th with a guest priest who will join us as we pray special prayers for the healing of all within the parish and all visitors who desire God's healing touch in their lives.

Lastly, this year Christmas will fall on a Monday. As always, we will have a special Christmas schedule. The schedule hopes to facilitate the opportunity to fulfill the obligation of attending the 4th Sunday of Advent and the awesome solemnity of Christmas. This year, we will have the opportunity and the responsibility of attending Mass twice within a week. Since our love is so great for the Lord, we will see this, not as an inconvenience but a joy of celebrating with the One who has created us, redeemed us, and continues to sanctify us. He is also the One whom we desire to be with in Heaven for all eternity. Stay tuned for more information on the Christmas schedule. For now, many blessings to you and your loved ones!

Collections for November 5, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 3003.00
Loose	\$ 829.00
Candles	\$ 30.25
Repair	\$ 270.00
CCD	\$ 45.00
All Soul's Day	\$ 20.00
Catholic Human Development	\$ 25.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 4,222.25</u>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,347.00
Repair Fund	\$ 255.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Other	\$ 15.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 1,728.00</u>

The Thirty-Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Joe Schmitt

10:30 a.m. † Betty Hilligoss

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

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

Nov. 13th St. Francis Xavier (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Hazel McLeod

November 14th Weekend (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Matthew Weber

November 15th Weekday (Wednesday)

5:00 p.m. † Frances Alles

November 16th Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Maria Genoveva Gelabert

Nov. 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Fri.)

8:00 a.m. † Carol Puls

November 18th Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Ron Moeller

5:00 p.m. † Kay Sovine

November 19th Thirty - Third (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. † Bud Meyer & Trent Mowrey

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

2:00 p.m. † Joaquin Fuentes

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

Clients served on November 6, 2023

Families **51** People **147** New **7**

Gas cards **2**

Monday was our largest client day to date. Before the pantry opens, volunteers pray together. The past few weeks we have shared in that prayer with our clients that come early. It is a joy to share in prayer and reinforcing that St. Vincent de Paul is not just a place to receive food.

It is humbling when a client has tears in their eyes while expressing their appreciation of the food they are able to receive. This week a lady shared her husbands journey of multiple surgeries the past 6 months that has left them struggling to meet basic needs in their life. Another person shared of multiple family members under one roof because of a loss of job and their son unable to pay the rent.

Please do not doubt what a difference you can make by helping financially or by bringing food for the pantry.

If you would like to share a few service hours a week or a month volunteering at SVDP, we would love to have you. It truly is a service of time you will not regret sharing.

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

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 15th.**

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.

Ministry Schedule for Holidays

Please keep an eye out for emails with requests for volunteers for the holiday Masses. We count on you to help fill those positions that are needed during Mass. These positions are lectors, extraordinary eucharistic ministers, ushers and servers. Thank you for giving your time to the church.

Rosary Making Ministry

We will have our rosary making class coming up on the 25th of November. It is always the last Saturday evening of the month right after 5:00 p.m. Mass. No need to worry about dinner, because the friendly people who come, like to provide food to share among everyone.

These rosaries are nice to hand out at St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. This can help lead into a great conversation about God. We have people stop into the church on a daily basis and ask if they can take one or two. Our church alone goes through quite a few and others are given to area churches in the Diocese to share. This is a great ministry.