

**January 28, 2024**

**A Note from Fr. Cyril**

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings from Fr. Cyril Fernandes. I am assigned By Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades Bishop of Fort Wayne South Bend Diocese as the new Pastor of St. Paul of the Cross Parish Columbia City. I am originally from India. I came to the Diocese of Fort Wayne South Bend 23 years ago. My first assignment was St. Patrick’s Church Arcola. My second assignment was St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Wayne. My third appointment was St. Patrick’s Church and St. Hedwig’s Church South Bend. Now I am assigned as pastor of St. Paul of the Cross parish as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2024.

I wish to thank Rev. Jose Arroyo, our former pastor for his dedicated service to St. Paul of the Cross parish. He told me many good things about many committees, and their dedicated time, talent, and treasure to the parish. I completely depend on you as your new pastor. I need your help. I cannot do anything without your help.

People ask me what my interest is and plans for the parish. I wish to mention that I have no plans to make changes in the parish at this. I want to talk to people, listen to them, and plan things with them because their ancestors built the church. You are continually building and improving the church every day. As a pastor, I wish to celebrate the Mass devotedly and follow the guidelines of the Roman Catholic celebration of Liturgical rubrics. I have celebrated the Mass as a priest for 36 years. I just cannot do anything because I like it or I want to do. We must be obedient to the

authorities of the church and follow the guidelines prescribed for unity and peace in the church. I also wish to mention that I like to visit the sick and homebound. Some of those people have given their time, talents, and treasures to our church when they were able to work. Now is our time to visit them and help them with Pastoral care. If you have anyone in the family who needs a home, please let me know.

I would like to meet you and know you. Please come to the office and have a cup of coffee and learn about each other. This helps us to know each other. You are my family. I left my family in India and there is no one from my family here in our country. They are all in India. Please help me to take care of your pastoral needs and celebrate the sacraments with you and for you. I have already met many people and they were very kind and welcoming. Thank you.

<b><u>Collections for January 22, 2024</u></b>	
<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 2,925.00
Loose	\$ 1,008.98
Candles	\$ 20.00
Building Repair	\$ 80.00
Latin America	\$ 186.00
Total in pews:	<b><u>\$ 4,219.98</u></b>
<u>Online Collections</u>	
Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,872.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<b><u>\$ 2,038.00</u></b>

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Times**

**Mass Intentions**

January 27th Weekday (Saturday)  
9:00 a.m. † Nancy Fries  
5:00 p.m. † Issac Elloit

January 28th. 4th Sun. in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. Parishioners

10:30 a.m. † Justin Hinen

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

January 29th Weekday (Monday)

8:00 a.m. † Marlin and Dee Densel

January 30th Weekday (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Ray & Rose Fearnow

January 31st St John Bosco (Wed.)

5:00 p.m. † Jeff Dunlap

February 1st Weekday (Thursday)

8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Fry

Feb. 2nd Presentation of the Lord (Fri.)

8:00 a.m. † Matthew Weber

February 3rd Weekday (Saturday)

9:00 a.m. † Larry Reynolds

5:00 p.m. † Isaac Maddox

February 4th Fifth Sun. in Ordinary Time

8 a.m. † Mark Chrzanowski

10:30 a.m. Parishioners

**St. Vincent DePaul Corner**

January 22, 2024

Families served **41** Total people **123**

New clients **3** Gas cards **6**

Your ongoing support whether that is financial, food donations, volunteering of your time, talent and last, but not least, your prayers are each example of Jesus calls for us to love our neighbor.

**NEEDS:**

Specific pantry needs: peanut butter, toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergent, dish soap, bar soap, deodorant, shampoo, and conditioner.

If you would like to help with St. Vincent DePaul, please contact the office and leave a message for 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.

**ARC Meeting Information**

Football and basketball games are won or lost in the fourth quarter. We've all seen it before. It can be heartbreaking or exhilarating. But these are just games. Life isn't a game. There's a lot more at stake with our lives - our earthly legacy, the state our important personal relationships, and ultimately our eternity.

Intentionality is the key to successful fourth quarter living. People don't accidentally die gracefully. People don't accidentally die peacefully. People don't accidentally leave behind legacies of hope, love, and encouragement. All these things require intentionality. Come join us as the ARC team presents a two-week series (January 24th and 31st) based on the Matthew Kelly and Alan Hunt book "The Fourth Quarter Of Your Life". We'll talk about fourth quarter strategies to discern what matters most, clearly establish meaning and direction for your life, and develop the clarity to establish

what you need and want most at this point of your life. These principles can be applied to your life whether you're 35 (second quarter) or 85 (fourth quarter), or anywhere in between.

This series will be followed on February 7th with a one-week presentation by parishioner Melinda Woll entitled "Money and The Bible", as we look at Biblically based financial planning.

ARC meets Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM in the Community Center. Refreshments and childcare are provided.

### **Year-End Donation Statements**

If you would like to get your donation statement for year 2023, please contact Kim in the office and she will get it for you. Office number is 260-244-5723.

### **Ash Wednesday Palms**

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. Please start bringing in your palms from last year, so we can prepare for the distribution of ashes on that day. Ash Wednesday is February 14<sup>th</sup> this year.