

December 31, 2023

A Note from Fr. José Arroyo

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Every year, on the following Sunday after Christmas, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. This celebration reminds us of the importance of the family. It is so important, that Jesus who is God-incarnate, chose a mother and an earthly father while accomplishing the earthly mission that His Heavenly Father gave Him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Recently, there was an article in the Knights of Columbus magazine “*Columbia*” which highlighted the importance of the family. The article was entitled: “The Indispensable Mission of the Family.” In the article, written by Maria Wiering, there is a reference to a twelve-part video series entitled: “Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family.” Each video is 12-minutes long and features many well-known experts in Evangelization and Catechesis regarding the current challenges that contemporary families must face in a “Post-Christian World.”

In the article, Sister Maris Stella of the Sisters of Life is quoted saying: “Sacrifice is absolutely essential in marriage, the mutual sacrificing of the spouses. We live in a culture that’s very individualistic and self-focused people tell you to do what you want, when you want, and take a selfie while you’re doing it. But this isn’t the path to happiness or fulfillment. And so in a marriage, husband and wife must give a sacrifice for the other. This is the mark of authentic love.”

May our families resemble the sacrifice and love of the Holy Family. Holiness is not equivalent to lack of suffering. The more that we love the more that we are willing to sacrifice and suffer. There is no greater school of love than the family.

Collections for December 24, 2023

<u>Adult Offering Envelopes</u>	\$ 5,092.00
Loose	\$ 1,458.43
Candles	\$ 65.00
Catholic Charities (Christmas)	\$ 105.00
Total in pews:	<u>\$ 6,720.43</u>

Online Collections

Reg. Envelopes	\$ 1,277.00
Repair Fund	\$ 55.00
Second Collection	\$ 111.00
Total Online	<u>\$ 1443.00</u>

Nativity of the Lord

Mass Intentions

December 30th Sixth day-Nativity of the Lord (Sat.)

9:00 a.m. † Matthew Weber

5:00 p.m. † Jeff Dunlap

Dec. 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph (Sun.)

8 a.m. † Gene Ness & family

10:30 p.m. † Patrick Flannigan

12 noon Parroquianos

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

January 1st Nativity of the Lord,
Solemnity of Mary (Monday)

9:00 a.m. Living & deceased members
of Amick & Hollenbaugh families

January 2nd SS Basil the Great &
Gregory Nazianzen (Tuesday)

8:00 a.m. † Kathleen Fry

January 3rd Christmas Weekend (Wed.)

5:00 p.m. † Ted Alles

Jan. 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Thurs.)

8:00 a.m. † Ray and Rose Fearnow

January 5th St. John Neumann (Fri.)

8:00 a.m. † Helen Nix

January 6th Christmas Weekday (Sat.)

9:00 a.m. † Joyce Pawlak

5:00 p.m. † Jerry Zorger

January 7th Epiphany of the Lord (Sun.)

8 a.m. † George Crowe

10:30 p.m. † Living & deceased
members of Gary & Rosa Wheeler family

2:00 p.m. Parroquianos

St. Vincent DePaul Corner

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: Toilet paper and peanut butter.

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.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus are having the first blood drive of the new year. It will be January 1st from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be breakfast served that morning. It will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Donations for the breakfast will be going to the heating assistance program. Please register on the Red Cross website, to set up a time to give blood.

Thank you to all the parishioners that take time out of their busy schedules to give blood. It does save lives.

Mass cancellation

While Fr. José is gone on vacation, we will have other priests coming in to celebrate Mass with our parishioners. There is only one day that we were not able to fill.

Monday the 8th of January will **NOT** have a morning Mass. All the other Masses will be covered.

The confession schedule will be affected.

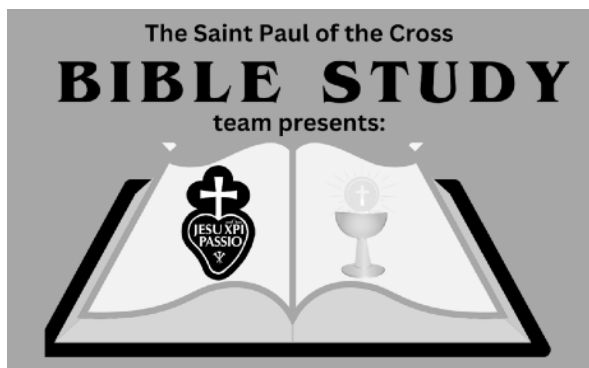
We will only have confessions on Saturday, January 6th at 4:00 p.m. before the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Friday Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, January 5th. Adoration will resume on Friday, January 12th. There is a **new sign-up** in the Narthex. There are still several spots that need to be filled. A wonderful New Year's Resolution would be to spend more time sitting with Jesus in Adoration. Please prayerfully consider taking an hour. It will most definitely be time well spent.

A.R.C.

Our Adult Religious Catechesis program (A.R.C.) will resume on Wednesday, January 10th. The topic will be "How to Get to Heaven" presented by Stephanie Hamilton. Please join us for fellowship and to grow more in your understanding of the teachings of the Church. Childcare is provided.



BIBLE STUDY WILL start up again on Wednesday, January 10th or Thursday, January 11th. **Be on the lookout for a text from the Bible Study team with more details!**

BEHOLD Religious Formation

Religious formation classes will resume on Sunday, January 6th at 9:15 am

SAVE THE DATE

The next **HOLY HOUR OF POWER** will be on Friday, January 19th from 6-7 pm. **Come and bring a friend!**