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MASSES: SATURDAY EVENING 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 8:00 A.M.
THURSDAY: 5:00 P.M.
ADORATION: FRIDAYS, 8:30 A.M.-7:00 P.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 7:30 A.M.-7:45 A.M.
THURSDAY: 4:00-4:45 P.M.
SATURDAY: 3:45-4:45 P.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-NOON & 1:00-4:00
CLOSED ON MONDAYS

WELCOME! WE EXTEND OUR HANDS AND HEARTS TO ALL WHO CELEBRATE WITH US, WHETHER LONGTIME RESIDENT OR NEWLY ARRIVED IN THE PARISH. WE THANK GOD THAT YOU ARE WITH US

The Week Ahead

Saturday, June 4

5:00 p.m.

Lector: Tom Andreas

Eucharistic Ministers: Leanna Andreas, Janelle Schmitt

Acolytes: Vance Reed, Lukus Schmitt

Ministers of Hospitality: Andrew Herber, Volunteer

Sunday, June 5

8:00 a.m.

Lector: Becky Beery

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Rumschlag, Sarah Walter

Acolytes: Bailey Shidler, Volunteer

Ministers of Hospitality: Matt Beery, Steve Schmitt

Sunday, June 5

10:30 a.m.

Lector: John Gilles

Eucharistic Ministers: Kristen & Pat Zickgraf

Acolytes: Seth Mills, Keagan Born

Ministers of Hospitality: Volunteers

Collections for May 29, 2022

Offering Envelopes	\$ 1,703.00
Loose	453.00
Repair	46.00
Candles	25.00
Total in pew	\$ 2,227.00

Online Collections

Regular	\$ 1478.00
Repair	207.00
Online	\$ 1,685.00

***Reminder:** Please remember to write the amount of your offering on your offering envelope to make it easier for our money counters. Thank you!

Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education

This weekend is the Pentecost Collection for the Education of Seminarians. 100% of these funds are used to educate our diocesan seminarians.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and support the funding of their education through this important collection. Please use your Pentecost Collection envelope, or feel free to donate online at the diocesan website, diocesefwsb.org/give. Thank you for your generous response!



May 28/29 The Ascension of the Lord
 5:00 p.m.(Sat.) † Corky & Becky Reed
 8:00 a.m. (Sun.) † Ed Peters
 10:30 a.m. (Sun.) † Parishioners
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)
 (Adoration one hour before Saturday Mass and Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass)

May 30 Monday: Easter Weekday
 No Mass

May 31 Tuesday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

June 1 Wednesday: Saint Justin
 8:00 a.m. No Mass

June 2 Thursday: Easter Weekday
 5:00 p.m. No Mass

June 3 Friday: Saint Charles Lwanga & Companions
 8:00 a.m. Larry Weigold
 Adoration: 8:30 a.m.- 6:00 p.m.

June 4/5 Pentecost Sunday
Saturday, June 4
 Confession: 3:45-4:45
 5:00 p.m. † Deacon Joe & Judy Zickgraf

Sunday, June 5
 8:00 a.m.: † Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. : † Isaac Elliott
 (rosary ½ hour before each Mass)



EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION AND FESTIVAL

Save the date for a family-friendly Eucharistic Procession and Festival on the afternoon of Sunday, June 19, in Warsaw, IN as our diocese enters into the three-year Eucharistic Revival for the Catholic Church in the United States, renewing devotion and belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The procession will begin at Sacred Heart Parish at 2:30 p.m. with music and prayer before departing at 3 p.m. on a 2.8-mile route, concluding with Benediction and a festival at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish. Volunteers are needed to assist with this diocesan event. To learn more, RSVP, or volunteer, visit diocesefwsb.org/eucharist.

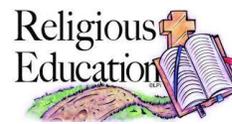
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We welcome Fr. Tim Wrozek to our parish as he is covering for me during my vacation. This Sunday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension, traditionally celebrates last Thursday. This solemnity, completes the paschal mystery, along with the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. As Jesus ascends into heaven, he promises that, although he will physically leave this earth, He and the Father would send the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it seems to say goodbye to people but it is necessary that certain changes happen so that a real renewal takes place. We are so grateful to all the staff who have served in our parish in the past, particularly our office manager, Jeanne Stefanko. We are grateful for her almost 25 years of service and we pray that the Lord may guide her in this next step of her life.

I invite all to pray ardently and intentionally for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit during this novena that will lead us to Pentecost. May the Holy Spirit reignite the fire of God's love in all of us within our parish community. In a special way, please pray for a spiritual renewal for all our apostolates/ministries as we continue to evaluate them and create teams which respond effectively to the needs of our times. I am delighted to share that a new RCIA has been formed with 7 members, including three men and three women. Likewise we have a new prayer team, that will pray for the parish community but also help the community discern what to pray for in concrete circumstances throughout the year. A new Eucharistic revival team is being formed as we speak and I am very excited about this, because as one of the members said recently, "We can't beat the Eucharist."

When we think about the physical absence of Jesus in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can't help to realize that they are moments that purified her soul and strengthened her will. The first physical absence of Jesus in her life was when he was lost but found in the temple. The second physical absence was when he was placed in the tomb. The third physical absence was when Jesus ascended into Heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. Because she remained faithful to God's mysterious plan in her life she now enjoys Heaven forever as we too are invited to remain faithful despite dark moments.

It takes much faith to believe that He is with us spiritually and sacramentally. Similarly, it takes much faith to believe that God exists when the physical life of so many innocent people are snatched away, as in the case of the shooting in Texas. May we stand-up courageously for the dignity of life and may we seek concrete solutions to violence. May our patient prayer become the fuel of charity and justice.



Totus Tuus Parish Summer Youth Program

Totus Tuus is a catechetical youth program lead by college students and/or seminarians from around the Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese. This summer we will be participating in a week-long evangelization experience dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel and promoting our Catholic faith through catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the Sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship.

We are in need of two families to open their homes in order to host either the 2 boys or the 2 girls while they are here. For more information or any questions you may have please contact Anita at: anitasenesac@yahoo.com or stop by the Religious Ed. office. There is very little a host family will need to do.

Service Hours Opportunity

There is a huge need during the Eucharistic Procession on June 19th to help push those participants who are in wheelchairs. Christ invites all of us to come and Adore Him, those with physical challenges included. Students who are entering grades 6 thru 8 can get a jump on earning service hours by taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to serve our Diocesan community. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Anita at: anitasenesac@yahoo.com or stop by her office.

The Religious Education office will be closed from May 29 through June 12. Thank you to all our dedicated catechists who taught our young people this year. You are a true blessing to our Parish family and are appreciated so very much! It is such a pleasure to serve God's people a long side of you! I look forward to beginning another year of service in the Fall! May God continue to bless you now and throughout the summer!



The Rosary is a magnificent and universal prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world.~Pope John XXIII

We have had some wonderful volunteers who have been leading the rosary before the masses for the last several months. This is a beautiful time of prayer for our parish. We would like to increase the number of people who are helping to lead the parishioners through the decades of the rosary. You could sign up to lead the rosary as an individual or as a family. We are also going to encourage groups, such as the different apostolates/ministries, to lead the rosary together. A pamphlet will be provided to use as a guide when you lead. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for June, July and August. Please prayerfully consider signing up to help lead our parishioners in the most holy rosary.

May 20, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to inform you all that I am retiring on July 1, 2022 as Office Manager of St. Paul of the Cross. I have been so blessed to have served the parish for 24 ½ years with a job I truly loved. This all makes saying goodbye so hard. The late Fr. Sextus Don hired me in January 1998. This has been my second home and I have gotten to know all of you and you have become my family. The years went by so quickly while serving under six priests. Before 1998, I also cleaned the rectory for Father Bill Schooler and Father Mel Herber so that would make it eight different priest. I also worked with Nancy Duffy and Peggy McCarthy as a preschool teacher for "Little Learner's Preschool" for ten years. Before coming to Indiana I received my business degree as an executive secretary and worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Ohio and for Howard Johnson in bookkeeping ;however, this has been the most fulfilling job I have had here at St. Paul of the Cross. I have worked for the greatest "Executive", serving God through the church. The things I will miss are the people who come in with needs and being able to help in some way. One of the highlights over the years was watching Fr. Larry Kramer's dream of a Community Center become a reality and having it named in honor of our beloved Deacon Joe Zickgraf.

The only other secretary at St. Paul of the Cross was my dear friend, Judy Miller. We have often commented that we could write a book about our experiences at St. Paul of the Cross, but no worries, we would change the names to protect the innocent or guilty. 🤔

I am looking forward to spending more time with my husband and family here in Indiana and also with my family in Ohio, California, Arizona and Florida. Preferably visiting those in the warmer states during the winter months, of course. ☺ I'll also be taking more pictures, working in my garden and just being outside in nature.

I want to thank all of you for your friendship and support in all my years here at St. Paul of the Cross.
God Bless,
Jeanne