**Everyone:**

**OUR 2023 DDF GOAL IS $11,500.**

**OUR FIRST DDF COLLECTION WAS SUNDAY JANUARY 29TH.**

* **We collected an incredible $12,531. Thank you all for your generosity!!!**
	+ **Never before has a Parish reached their annual goal in January!!!**
	+ **We are #1 again!!!!**
* **Our Second collection will be February 26th. We don’t want to stop the momentum.**
	+ **All monies collected (above $11,500) will be returned to us with no Diocesan taxation!!**
	+ **These additional funds will enable us to continue our facility improvement projects in 2023.**
* **Last year we raised over $17,000. Over $10,000 was returned to us!!!**

**Thanks, in advance, for everyone’s continued DDF support in the February collection.**

**SAD NEWS TO REPORT:**

**Late last week Betty Walbridge’s daughter, Mary, passed away suddenly. Please keep Betty and her entire family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Mary.**

**LENT IS COMING: Ash Wednesday Noon Mass & ashes is February 22nd. Easter Sunday is April 9th.**

**Thank you note from Father David Fitzgerald.**

**Christ of the Desert,**

**Although I had hoped to send this email sooner, it is a great blessing to be able to say a heartfelt “❤️Thank You” to each of you for thinking of me and inviting me to become more actively involved with Christ of the Desert.**

**I also would like to thank all those who pray for me, encourage and affirm me.**

**I was deeply moved by the generosity of those who offered me a Christmas gift. Your prayers, hugs and love were exactly what I needed when I saw you last.**

**Thank you all! I will continue to pray for you, your loved ones and all your intentions.**

**Fr. David, sP**

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP’S OFFICE:**

**On behalf of Bishop Alberto Rojas, and the Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests living in the Diocese of San Bernardino, We wish to thank you sincerely for your generous gift of $605, to the 2022 National Retirement Fund for Religious Collection. You have been outstanding, as usual, in your giving.**

**Who is saying Mass, in February, at Christ of the Desert Chapel:**

**February 5th:  Father Connole**

**February 12th: Father Connole**

**February 19th: Father Elder**

**February 26th: Father Connole**

**PARISHIONEER RECOGNITION SECTION:**

**Another long time parishioner will be recognized in one of the February bulletins.**

**Christ of the Desert Women’s Guild: Update from Cindy!!!**

**The next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 8th and we’ll be serving White Chili and cornbread. Cost is $5 and if you are unable to afford the lunch, please see Crys Mueller or Cindy privately and we will take care of the cost for you. We don’t want anyone to miss out! I (Cindy) will be taking sign-ups on Sunday, February 5th.  Please sign and pay ahead if possible so we can plan on how much food to provide. Thank you very much.**

**Announcement: Saturday Sew & Serve Ministry at Sacred Heart Church:**

**Dress a Girl Around the World Program:**

**Since our ministry began, we have made over 4,000 dresses for needy girls locally, nationally and Internationally.**

**We invite you to join us in creating dresses. Next packet pick up is on Saturday (February 11th) from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM in the Church parking lot near the school. For more information, please call Anne at 760 899 0351. We will have a donation basket, after mass as you exit, if you wish to make a donation to this worthy cause.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY: FOR PARISHES:**

**Pope Francis is asking us to pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.**

### **FEBRUARY 5TH ,2023**

### **Themes for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on evangelization and service.**

**The first reading tells us that when we care for those in need, the darkness in our lives will turn to light.**

* **First Reading** – [**Isaiah 58:7-10**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=382&rp=2316): “Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own.”
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [**Psalm 112**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=383&rp=2316): “The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.”

**The second reading helps us remember that we do not rely on our own wisdom when we speak and act, but on God.**

* **Second Reading** – [**1 Corinthians 2:1-5**](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=384&rp=2316): “For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”

**And the gospel tells us that we should boldly spread the Light of Christ throughout the world.**

* **Gospel** –  **[Matthew 5:13-16](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=385&rp=2316)**: “Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

**Themes are gleaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**FEBRUARY Special Events:**

* **February 2nd  is the Thursday FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30.**
* **February 2nd is “Ground Hog’s Day”.** **Punxsutawney Phil predicted, this morning, six more weeks of Winter. Thanks Phil!!**
* **Next Christ of the Desert Ladies Guild luncheon is on Wednesday February 8th.**
* **Lent starts February 22nd**
* **February 26th is the second & final DDF collection Sunday.**

**UPDATE ON OUR MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM:**

**FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program was on February 2nd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 13,300 pounds of food.**
	+ **Our family count is 21. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
	+ **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
		- **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

 **January 29th – we had 173 people. Capacity is 185.**

**January 27th  – Friday Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 45 people.**

 **CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN FEBRUARY & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Peggy Jones has a birthday on February 8th.**

**CeCe Bogan has a birthday on February 13th.**

**John Kirsch has a birthday on February 14th.**

**NEW SECTION: FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**Andre Binns – February 2nd, Husband of Linda Binns.**

**Tom Washburn – February 21st, Husband of Carla Washburn.**

**FEBRUARY HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year**

**FEBRUARY REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**Seana Swanson’s son, Travis, passed away on February 2, 2021.**

**Carla Washburn’s Husband, Tom, passed away on February 4th.**

**John Maldonado’s mother, Nellie, passed away on February 17th.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours:**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**February HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

**Those that send in the monetary support monthly & weekly, please continue.**

**Those that give at Mass, we need your continued support.**

 **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE SECTION:**

**THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR JULY 1,2022 TO June 30, 2023 IS $115,000.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are $9,583 or $28,749 per quarter.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $99,562. 86.6% of annual budget,**

        **Total 1st quarter collections were: $40,172.**

* **Total 2nd  quarter collections were: $36,854.**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections are: $22,536.**
* **January collections: $22,536.**
* **February collections: $TBD.**
* **March collections are: $TBD.**

        **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you have returned to Mass on Sunday and pray for special intentions there. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty Walbridge’s daughter Mary. The entire parish**

**Please pray for Steve Kustura. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Paul Aragon. Joyce Sosebee**

**Please pray for Marie. Roxanne**

**Please pray for Joyce Olsen. Marlene Evans.**

**Please pray for long time Parishioner, Peggy Jones as she battles cancer. Helene**

**Please pray for John & Carol Lee Evans. Entire parish**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

 **SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

 **If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Postal Connection (****760-568-3471****) owned and operated by one of our parishioners, Helene Shaunty. They are located (Near CVS Pharmacy) at 74923 Hwy 111 in Indian Wells. They are open and are considered an essential business doing mail and shipping, as well as Notary Services. They are a small business and have been greatly impacted by the quarantine.....so they would appreciate any and all of your business**.

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at****760-345-3754****. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**God Bless,**

**J.**

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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