

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

“Go, therefore,
and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name
of the Father,
and of the Son, and
of the Holy Spirit...

And behold,
I am with you always,
until the end of the age.”

ST. THERESE, LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH

From Father Terry

Public Masses have begun once again. Please pray that this transition is as smooth as possible. It will be difficult. We all need to make adjustments so that we can safely encounter the Lord in Holy Communion, and we need patience with ourselves and others as we follow the guidelines of Bishop Rhoades and Governor Holcomb. We must do everything that is required of us in order to be able to celebrate Holy Mass as a community of faith, even if that means many small sacrifices. All of it is worth it because the value of the Mass is infinite. Holy Communion is a glimpse of heaven on earth, and so we freely, even happily, make such sacrifices to meet our Lord in the Eucharist.

Since priests are not given any "insider information" about parish assignments unless it involves them personally, I was very surprised when I heard that my older brother, Fr. Matthew, was switching parishes this year. He made the announcement this past weekend and informed me (and our family) just a couple hours prior to his Saturday evening Mass. He's good at keeping secrets! Fr. Matt has been at St. Vincent de Paul parish in Elkhart since we were ordained in the summer of 2011. Now he is being assigned to two Fort Wayne parishes, with one of them being Saint Therese! So yes, the Coonan brothers are taken most directly under Thérèse's care starting late June. A huge fan of this great saint and the youngest doctor of the church, my brother has certainly read more of Thérèse's writings than myself, but I think I will share with him some of the other books I've read on the saint which may be of help to him. Pray for him, and ask Therese and St. Vincent de Paul (another great powerhouse from France!) intercede for him during these last weeks at the parish, when he will have to say goodbye in the midst of this time of social distancing. It is a difficult time to

part ways. Also, one of the priests of his parish, Fr. Eloy, has the coronavirus and Fr. Matthew and Fr. Daniel are now awaiting results for themselves, so they likely cannot have public Masses until they are cleared. Please keep them in your prayers as we pray for all our parishioners and others who are suffering.

Brian Isenbarger just finished his fourth year of seminary at Mount Saint Mary's in Emmitsburg, MD. He is originally from New Haven, IN, and went to high school at Bishop Dwenger in Fort Wayne. Before seminary, he worked full time in youth ministry for a parish in Carmel, IN. He also has degrees in theology from the University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne) and St. Joseph's College (Standish, ME). He's looking forward to being at Little Flower this summer and being a part of the parish community. Maybe you'll see him around town on his bike! It has been a joy to have him for these first days, and I am looking forward to the weeks ahead as we do what we can to continue priestly ministry in the midst of a pandemic. Please keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers, that they can stay close to the Lord who is calling them to follow even in this time.



Saint Thérèse, the little flower, pray for us!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Terry". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Christ Child Collection

The Christ Child Society is collecting children's boots! Please donate your gently worn boots for the children of St. Joseph County. Collection bins will be available at church throughout the month. Boots can also be dropped off at the CCS Clothing Center at 308 Scott Street, South Bend on Wednesday mornings between 9:30 and noon. All boots will be distributed before next winter to children who need them.

The Christ Child Society provides NEW winter clothing, shoes and coats for thousands of children every fall. As always, gently worn clothing for children from infants to age 12 is also gratefully welcome in the collection bins.

Call 288 6028 with questions.





Laudato Si' Week

Pope Francis has invited all Catholics and people of good will to celebrate the fifth anniversary of his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* by protecting families and future generations through action to care for our common home.

Themes Which Require Our Urgent Response Today

A Moral and Spiritual Challenge. The ecological crisis, Pope Francis writes, is a summons to profound interior conversion – to renew our relationships with God, one another, and the created world.

Care for God's Creation. God created the world and entrusted it to us as a gift. Now we have the responsibility to care for and protect it and all people, who are part of creation. Protecting human dignity is strongly linked to care for creation.

We are All Connected. We are connected to the rest of the human family, to the created world, and to those who will come after us in future generations.

Impact on the Poor. People in poverty have contributed least to climate change, yet they are disproportionately impacted by it. As a result of excessive use of natural resource by wealthy nations, those who are poor experience pollution, lack of access to clean water, hunger, and more.

Called to Solidarity. We are one human family and have a shared responsibility for others and for creation. Wealthy countries have a responsibility to reduce consumption of non-renewal resources and should help poorer nations develop in sustainable ways.

Technological and economic development must serve human beings and enhance human dignity, instead of creating an economy of exclusion, so that all people have access to what is needed for authentic human development.

Supporting Life, Protecting Creation. Concern for nature is incompatible with failure to protect vulnerable human beings, such as unborn children, people with disabilities, or victims of human trafficking.

A Time to Act. Pope Francis calls for a change in lifestyle and consumption. We can make important changes as individuals, families, and communities, and as civil and political leaders.

Hope and Joy. “Injustice is not invincible” and we act knowing that we seek to live out God’s vision of renewed relationships with God, ourselves, one another, and creation.

How You Can Respond

Each of us are called to take concrete steps – from reducing consumption to working for political change – to better care for creation. Here are some ideas.

Become more aware of our connectedness. Care for one another and creation includes understanding that “everything is connected” and that the economy, politics, community involvement, and technology all affect the future of the planet and humankind. How can we become more aware of our connectedness?

Changes to lifestyle and consumption habits can make a big difference. For example, get a re-usable water bottle, take shorter showers, walk, bike or take public transportation instead of driving, recycle, compost food waste, and buy energy efficient appliances.

Make changes institutionally at your parish, school, or workplace. For example, start recycling and composting, use washable dinnerware in cafeterias, share electronically instead of printing, do an energy audit, and install solar panels.

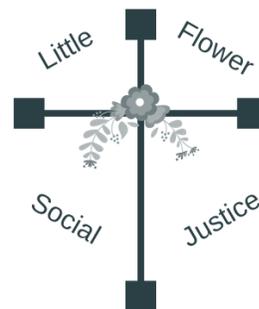
Support local efforts to solve environmental problems. Community groups around the country are working to make city, county, and state-wide changes that can make a big difference. Find out what is going on locally and get involved.

Contact your members of Congress to share Pope Francis’ message and urge action to address climate change.

For More Information

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops webpage on Environment and Environmental Justice (www.usccb.org/environment)

Catholic Climate Covenant (www.catholicclimatecovenant.org)
WeAreSaltAndLight.org



Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23

5:30 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower

Sunday, May 24

9:00 am †Margaret Perkins
11:30 am †Patricia Whitford
8:00 pm Intentions of Michelle Kuehn

Monday, May 25

8:30 am †Brian Siqueira

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 am Living & Deceased
Members of the Christ Child
Society

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 am †Jim Shrack

Thursday, May 28

8:30 am †Brian Siqueira

Friday, May 29

8:30 am †Brian Siqueira

Saturday, May 30

8:00 am †Christine Stayback
†Barbara Tjarksen
5:30 pm †Dorothy Matejka

Sunday, May 31

9:00 am †Janina Bohusz
11:30 am †Brian Siqueira
8:00 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower

Please join us in also praying for all those
affected by the Coronavirus in various ways.
Lord, hear our prayer!



Scripture Readings for the Week of May 24, 2020

Sunday	Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
Monday	Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church; Saint Gregory VII, Pope; Saint Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Virgin Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc- 36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Saint Paul VI, Pope Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25 Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27- 28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9; Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b; Ez 37:1-14; Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Sunday	Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



On 5/18/2020 St. Therese Martin Council 17043 held a food drive to re-stock the Little Flower Parish Food Pantry. In 1½ hours 14 Knights collected 1,232 lbs of food for the pantry. We could not have had this success without the support of the parishioners at our parish, Little Flower. Pictured above are the Knights who came out to help make this drive a success.

2020 Pentecost Collection for Seminarian Education

Next 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, www.diocesefwsb.org/diocesan-donations.

Thank you for your generous response!

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PRAY EVERY DAY.
AS A HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE,
THIS SIMPLE INVITATION TRANSFORMED MY LIFE.
I BEGAN PRAYING A DECADE OF THE ROSARY EACH DAY.
THROUGH GRADUATION, DATING,
STARTING COLLEGE, AND SUMMER JOBS,
MARY CONTINUES TO INVITE ME TO SAY "YES."

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June 6, this "yes" becomes a promise, as Logan Parrish is ordained a deacon.

BE THE YES BEHIND THEIR YES

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Healing Prayer Corner: Don't Be Afraid of Glares

"If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you...." Those words reminded me of a conversation with a neighbor yesterday. She was angry because her husband was close to losing his business because of the response to COVID-19. After conversing with her a bit, I closed by wishing for her and her husband the peace of Jesus. She glared at me, her eyes saying, "How is that going to save my husband's business?"

There is much healing to pray for. We need to pray for an end of the pandemic. We need to pray for healing for those who are sick with COVID-19, for healing of those who have died from it and their loved ones who grieve, for healing of those who have lost jobs and are suffering from the impact of that, and for healing of our nation which is increasingly divided and embittered by the division.

Finally, we need to not be timid about encouraging people to turn to God and trust him.



Job Opportunity at Queen of Peace

Queen of Peace Catholic Church and School is currently hiring for the following position:

Parish Business Manager

Queen of Peace Church and School is an equal opportunity employer. If you are interested in joining our team, please review the job description for this position on our website queenofpeace.cc and submit a job application, cover letter, and resume.

Please submit application materials on our website or send to: Laurie Haverty, Parish Administrator by June 1st via email at lhaverty@queenofpeace.cc.

Trauma On Top of Need

Whatever you do...

Her husband didn't like the way she believed in God. He bashed her head into furniture, causing serious head and back injuries. He divorced her, and immediately remarried. She discovered that her husband had been unfaithful to her for some time. She's on anti-depressants and taking something for insomnia. She has no family other than an older sister who lives far away and is in poor health. Subsequently, she leans on a neighbor to help her with some basic tasks. She lost some of her mental facility after the injuries. She collects Social Security, but has no other income. Fortunately, her house is paid up. We helped this woman with her utility bills, but we could tell it was hard for her to ask. She had never before asked for this kind of assistance.



Ordination to the Priesthood and Diaconate LIVESTREAM MASS

Saturday, June 6 • 11 a.m.

Visit diocesefwsb.org or search @diocesefwsb on Facebook or YouTube

Not all the stories we hear are as traumatic, but the needs are always urgent. Thank you for your generosity during these challenging times.



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Website: www.littleflowerchurch.org

Bulletin: Visit <https://discovermass.com/church/little-flower-south-bend-in/#bulletins> to sign up to get the weekly bulletin sent directly to your inbox.

Facebook: Visit <https://bit.ly/littleflowerfacebook> or search for us @littleflowersouthbend.

Instagram: Visit <https://www.instagram.com/stthereselittleflowersb/> or search for @stthereselittleflowersb.

YouTube: Click the link to view our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLUnz-iyXphpP5nNi5DdICA?fbclid=IwAR0waJroygbg77mdAwLPD-S6Chazh4kHnrfcPRuotVmPLrRmWfBCouzrlfc&app=desktop>, then click the "Subscribe" button so you never miss new videos from the Parish.

Email: We hope to make use of email as a consistent form of communication, especially for those who may prefer it to social media, however, we need your help! If we do not have an email address for you on file please reach out to the Parish office by phone (574-272-7070) or email (bulletin@littleflowerchurch.org) so we can update your contact information. Also, if you would be so kind as to encourage your friends and family in the parish to do the same we would appreciate it!

Office: The office is currently closed to the public. You may call the office between 11am and 3pm to speak with a staff member.

Diocesan Updates: For the most current COVID-19 information and directives, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/covid-19

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St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth." -St. Thérèse

Mass Times

Saturday Morning8:00 am
 Saturday..... Vigil 5:30 pm
 Sunday..... 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 8:00 pm
 Monday–Friday8:30 am
 Monday & Wednesday.....7:00 pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday After 8:30 am Mass
 Monday & Wednesday6:30 pm
 Saturday.....8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm
 (Or By Appointment.)

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Saturday..... 8:30-9:30 am
 Most Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays.....9:00-10:00 am
 First Friday of Each Month.....7:30-8:30 pm

Additional Sacraments

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office for more information.
Marriage—Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

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