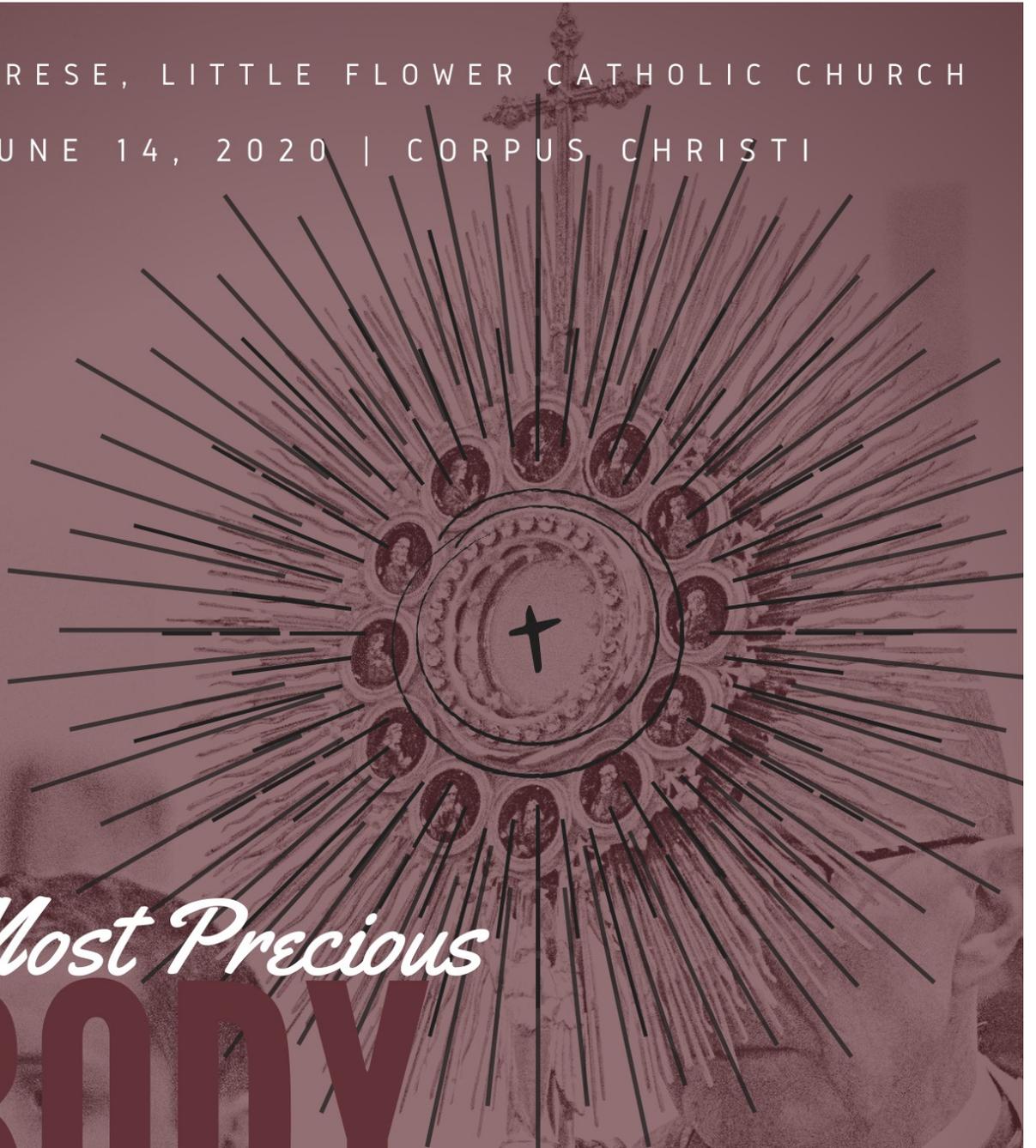


ST. THERESE, LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH

JUNE 14, 2020 | CORPUS CHRISTI



The Most Precious

BODY
and
BLOOD

of Jesus Christ

From Father Terry

Our parish wishes in this letter to address the current outcry against racial discrimination that is arising around the world the past weeks since the most recent event of the tragic death of George Floyd. While we were able to speak against the evil of racism in the bulletin and homily last weekend, it is important also to look towards how our parish contributes to the common good of our society, which also is something that we individually should be asking ourselves in prayer before Almighty God.

There are some Eucharistic prayers that we usually aren't able to hear on Sundays but are for use on special days and occasions. One of them is titled "Jesus, the Way to the Father," and it has some words that speak clearly to the mission of the Church, showing how we must engage in the current events of our day because it is only in the present of our lived experience where the Gospel and our lives of discipleship can be lived. After the Lord's Body and Blood are consecrated on the altar, the priest's prayers include the following:

By our partaking of this mystery, almighty Father, give us life through your spirit, grant that we may be conformed to the image of your son, and confirm us in the bond of communion, together with Francis our Pope and Kevin our Bishop, with all other Bishops, with Priests and Deacons, and with your entire people.

Grant that all the faithful of the Church, looking into the signs of the times by the light of faith, may constantly devote themselves to the service of the Gospel.

Keep us attentive to the needs of all that, sharing their grief and pain, their joy and hope, we may faithfully bring them the good news of salvation and go forward with them along the way of your Kingdom.

Given the signs of our times, we feel the need to make the message clear once again: Racism, indeed all forms of discrimination and prejudicial treatment, have no place in the Church or among Christians. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is abundantly clear in #'s 1934 and 1935: Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity... The equality of men rests essentially on their dignity as persons and the rights that flow from it: Every form of social or cultural discrimination in fundamental personal rights on the grounds of sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design. (Vatican II Council, Gaudium et Spes, par. 29)

This is why Saint Paul can say in Galatians 3:27-8 For as

many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is no distinction. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

The parish of St. Thérèse, Little Flower affirms this dignity of every person. We want every member of color in our parish to know that they are valued and loved as a member of our parish community. We are happy to worship God as a united family of faith. It is a treasure of our parish that we are a diverse community even as we have a majority of Anglo parishioners. This is a sign of God's unity at work. Although we certainly do not do this perfectly, it is a blessing to see the fingerprints of God at work in our parish.

Secondly, it is important to do what we can to hear and follow what God is asking us - to use our lives for the building up of His Kingdom. We must be people of prayer who allow God to speak and then courageously follow. Our mantra in this moment as in all moments must be a posture of being led by the Spirit of God: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." (1 Sam. 3:9)

Thirdly, that prayer should lead to action. All of us have unique gifts and talents. Ask God how you are called to use these for the sake of the common good. Ask, "how should I give of myself for others in need, Lord?"

Finally, our parish has a Social Justice Commission that does some important work for our parish and local community. In fact, they had been publishing bulletin testimonies on racism that you may have seen earlier this year before the stay-at-home order. These beautiful testimonies now are more timely than ever. They have also worked with Faith in Indiana, a grassroots group of local church communities (Christian and non-Christian) that unite to create a more powerful voice for change or development in our local community. Faith in Indiana is a vehicle for members and institutional partners to act collectively for racial and economic justice. The agenda and programs of the organization are co-created collectively and rooted in the membership and constituencies of the organization. Faith in Indiana is organized through county chapters that anchor our membership structure. The Saint Joseph county chapter has been on the forefront of pushing the city police for a matrix system that fosters healthy relationships between the police and the residents. I highly recommend our parish group or the local chapter of Faith in Indiana as ways to get involved.

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(Fr. Terry's Letter continued)

The Social Justice Commission wants to hold an online meeting (through Zoom) to allow people to learn about the group, to hear more about Faith in Indiana, and to share ideas on how we can work for the good of our community (both individually and collectively). If you would like to join in this meeting, please visit our website for the information.

As Christians, we are called to be heralds of the Gospel. Do not be afraid to proclaim the Good News that God has made us all one in Christ Jesus! Perhaps reading this passage from Ephesians is a good place to start.

Ephesians 2:13-18 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,
~Father Terry Coonan and the parish staff of St. Thérèse Little Flower

Open Social Justice Commission Meeting on Racism

Monday, June 22 @ 7:00 pm

All parishioners are invited to join a special Zoom conversation on a topic that Fr. Terry addressed in his June 6/7 homily: racism. Sad and tragic events have again brought this topic front and center into the consciousness of the nation.

The Social Justice Commission will be leading the conversation, but with the intention of hearing from parishioners. Let's talk to each other, learn from each other, and trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us and produce good fruit.

You may join the conversation through the link on our website: <https://littleflowerchurch.org/social-justice-commission> .

If you missed Fr. Terry's homily, it would be good to listen to it before the meeting. You can access on our YouTube channel: Saint Thérèse Little Flower Church South Bend.

They Don't Mix

Fr. Terry's words in last Sunday's homily were too important to simply archive. They had everything to do with healing.

"Relationships can easily get diseased. Instead of being a community of love, they can be absorbed in a kind of power struggle where those in power exert their dominance and those underneath suffer even as they may try to gain ground." He points out that this is not Christian in any way. And he didn't dilute the truth.

"Racism is a sin, it's an abomination in the eyes of God. No Christian can please God if they let racism grow and remain in their hearts. The Catholic faith and racism are like oil and water. They don't mix."

"Every time a person's dignity is lessened, this happens because we forget that everyone of us is created in God's image and likeness" Each incident creates a "downward spiral." How do we reverse the downward spiral and bring healing to ourselves and to our nation?

"We are called to be transformed into Jesus." We need each other, and only in him will we be united. "God created us for love of neighbor." Only when there are no exclusions will healing happen. So simple, but we humans are prone to add, "but..." It's time to kick but.



Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon

Our Virtual Sharathon will begin on Thursday, June 11th and run through Tuesday, June 15th. While it will be different from our in-studio event, we hope it will be an easy way to engage with our donors. We will also be airing special programming on Redeemer Radio while the virtual event runs, and we will have phones open for those who prefer to not donate online.

Please consider using the link below to help reach the "Little Flower Hour" goal!

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/StThereseLittleFlowerHour>

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 13

5:30 pm †Greg Calhoun

Sunday, June 14

9:00 am †Clem Tafelski

11:30 am The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower

8:00 pm †Pam Van Huffel

Monday, June 15

8:30 am †Lori Maike

Tuesday, June 16

8:30 am Joanne Bauer

Wednesday, June 17

8:30 am †Leonard E. & Rosemarie
Buszkiewicz

Thursday, June 18

8:30 am †Jim Oleksak

Friday, June 19

8:30 am †George Ambler

Saturday, June 20

8:00 am †Rob Morrell

5:30 pm †Robert Good

Sunday, June 21

9:00 am †Clem Tafelski

11:30 am †Fran & Therese Raven
8:00 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower



PRAY + REFLECT

- How did I put Christ in His rightful place at the center of my calendar, my life, my heart this past week?
- What intentional step will I take to love Him first this week?

Scripture Readings for the Week of June 14, 2020

Sunday	Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58
Monday	1 Kgs 21:1-16; Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	1 Kgs 21:17-29; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Ps 31:20, 21, 24; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Sir 48:1-14; Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7; Mt 6:7-15
Friday	Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Dt 7:6-11; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10; 1 Jn 4:7-16; Mt 11:25-30
Saturday	Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Chr 24:17-25; Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34; Lk 2:41-51
Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33




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 FORT WAYNE-SOUTH BEND

DE LA MISA A LA MISIÓN
 Orando con las Escrituras y Viviendo la Eucaristía

Sábado 6-20-20

**Retiro virtual para los que quieran
 servir al Señor dentro y fuera de la Misa**

**¡3 videos de pláticas inspiradoras!
 También habrá momento
 de Adoración al Santísimo.**

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**Acompáñanos en línea sábado, el 20 de junio, a las 9:00am
 o participa cuando puedas en cualquier momento después.**

¡Gratis!
Pláticas y materiales en español

**The
 CHOSEN
 SOCIAL DISTANCING
 WATCH PARTY**



**WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS AT 7PM
 STARTING MAY 29TH
 ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER PARISH CENTER GYM**

May Outreach Report

In May, the Outreach Program provided \$7,447.17 in assistance to 33 families or individuals for 34 accounts. Everyone was in great need, but sometimes the violence one must cope with usurps even the need.

Jason came to us having lost his healthcare job to COVID-19. He was denied unemployment benefits for reasons he could get no explanation. His stimulus check was confiscated for back child support. He was strapped and needed help with a utility bill. The economy exacted a heavy toll on him, but his story had exacted an even heavier toll. Jason's mother was killed some years ago in a public setting. He lost his daughter to suicide after her daughter, Jason's granddaughter, was killed by the daughter's boyfriend. Two sentences sum up unspeakable tragedy. Yet, after all this, Jason could say, "Keep listening to the word of God and we'll be alright." It was obvious he meant those words.

Whatever you do...



It is a loss to not be able to have folks come to us, hear their stories and pray with them face to face, sometimes in the church before the cross. But even over the phone, we hear their gratitude. When the moratorium is lifted, the need will multiply. Thank you for your continued generosity with the green envelopes.

Right to Life Spaghetti Fundraiser

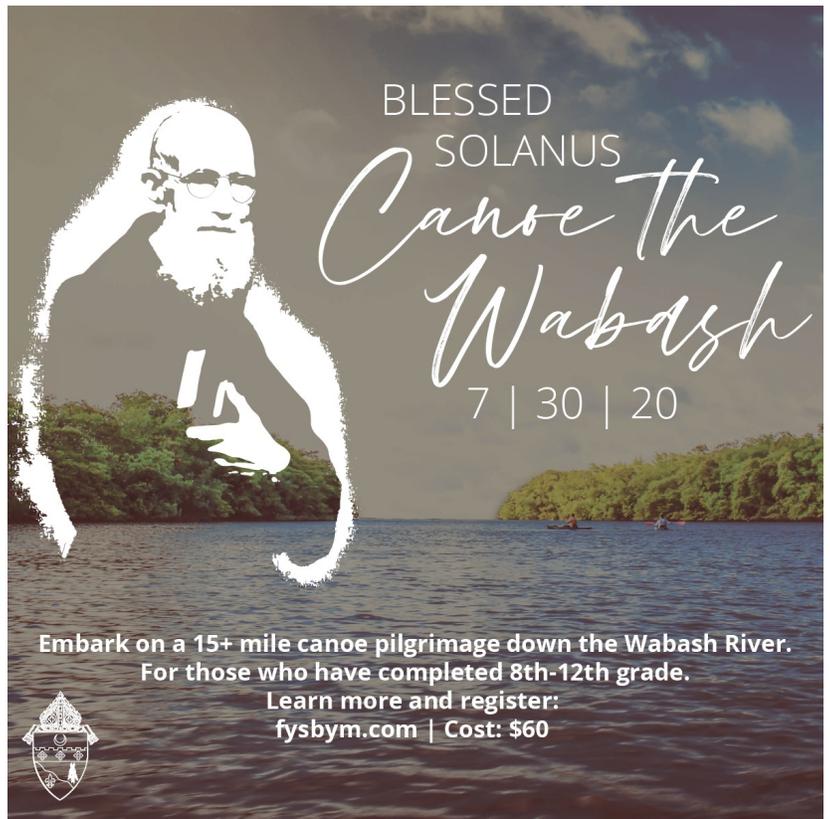
Join the Knights of Columbus #1043 Council for their Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Wednesday, July 8th from 5-7 PM** with proceeds benefiting Right to Life Michiana. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6-12. Dine in, carry out, and curbside pick up available.

Register online
 at prolifemichiana.org.





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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.

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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!

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

Thank you to our bulletin
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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

Reconciliation Times

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday..... After 8:30 am Mass
 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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