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TO THIS AGE
BUT BE
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BY THE
RENEWAL OF
YOUR MIND...**

ROMANS 12:2



From Father Terry

With this school year beginning, I would like to invite new members to the parish pastoral council. This council is typically my “think tank” with whom I share updates to get feedback and possible new ideas on parish plans and direction. While we had not met over the past months, it is time to get started once again. The commitment is for a monthly 1-hour meeting for hopefully three years (if you aren’t certain three is feasible, you may still apply). My plan is to allow for Zoom participation for those who are not comfortable coming in person for as long as needed. If you would like to offer your name to the list, please send me an e-mail or give me a call explaining briefly why this is important to you. I would love to hear from parishioners of various walks of life and various length of history with the parish.

In order to organize and plan our parish’s church renovations, I have gotten much feedback over the past year with pastoral council, staff, volunteers, other parishioners, and experts or professionals. It has really helped with making positive adjustments to the plan. I would like to give an update on some of those modifications.

Based on lots of good feedback from many different groups, we will transfer the choir to the other side of the sanctuary. This will allow for uninhibited view of the sanctuary from the chapel, which will have glass dividers installed with access to the sanctuary by adding a glass door. By making the sanctuary a little smaller (less wide and deep) we will allow ample space for the choir, piano, etc. on the south (left) side of the sanctuary. The priest and server seats will be transferred to the other side of the sanctuary, near the ambo, to balance out the space. Also, by removing the front angle section of the sanctuary, we will allow the pews to gather a little closer to the altar, which is a real benefit to the further back rows, and, having less tile in front of church will diminish the adverse effects on sound (less reverb) - something very important for hearing impaired.

The altar of repose for the tabernacle will be very similar to our former pastor’s plan: wide, substantial, with a back that frames the tabernacle. While I had hoped to place new statues of Mary and Joseph in the sanctuary, it was deemed by the church architects to create too much of a clash with the crucifix both thematically and stylistically (which I now understand). So I have

hopes to use the right walls where we have a couple paintings to do some murals of the Holy Family and the Martin family. We are considering getting two small angel statues to go on either side of the tabernacle. Thanks to a specific donation a few months ago, we do have six candlesticks already for the altar of repose, two of which are currently flanking the tabernacle.

The devotional area will still be placed in the front of church near where the St. Thérèse statue currently is placed. I hope to incorporate the relics up there as well. Currently the Mary statue will remain in her recessed area.

There is no change from former ideas in regards to the lights. We will have simple single-unit pendants hanging from the current locations which will shine light around instead of just down. The same goes for the flooring replacement: new carpet for everywhere except the main aisle and in front of pews (and sanctuary) for elevating the dignity of the sanctuary and preserving the dignity of Holy Communion especially in case of an accident (spilling a chalice).

The bell tower will need some repair so that we can be confident of its structural integrity. This was an expense outside of the campaign but we have other funds (capital improvements) that can cover the cost.

The pews will be refurbished to match the wood stain of the support beams of our church. We will also get new kneeler pads (or replace kneelers entirely).

I am so grateful to our parish for generously supporting the Small Things with Great Love Capital Campaign, even through these uncertain times. It is a testament to faith. It also is going to bear great fruit for our parish for years to come as we grow closer to God and to each other in this space. Praise the Lord!



Our Mission

Driven by the missionary zeal of St. Thérèse,
the Lord anoints us to proclaim
to the poor and broken
the Good News
that Jesus calls us
to abundant life in Him.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29

8:00 am †Richard & Angela Bezrutch
5:30 pm †Ely & Auic Bayot

Sunday, August 30

9:00 am †Bea Ruggieri
11:30 am For the 45th Wedding
Anniversary of
John & Tammy Schwab
8:00 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower

Monday, August 31

8:30 am †Joseph & Louise Houdek

Tuesday, September 1

8:30 am †James Buck

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 am †Becky Strzelecki

Thursday, September 3

8:30 am †JoAnn Hanlon

Friday, September 4

8:30 am †Joan Milani

Saturday, September 5

8:00 am †Brian Garland
5:30 pm The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little
Flower

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham
11:30 am †George Davis
8:00 pm Intentions of John & Nathan
Ferrone



Scripture Readings for the Week of August 30, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

Healing Prayer Corner: Ever Had a Jeremiah Experience?

In today's First Reading, Jeremiah says, "I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." The words might seem overly dramatic, but when our prayers aren't answered (in the way we want), we may grow weary of praying. We may even grow weary of God! Cancer and other diseases make us weary. Misfortune makes us weary. COVID-19 makes us weary. Meanness in the political climate makes us weary. Injustice makes us weary. Even the most faithful and strongest of us can have these Jeremiah moments.

But then our hearts feel empty, tortured. Speaking to Peter in today's Gospel, Jesus says, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Which makes us an "obstacle." That makes us grow weary. The solution is not some pop panacea. No. The solution is, as Jesus says, deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow him.



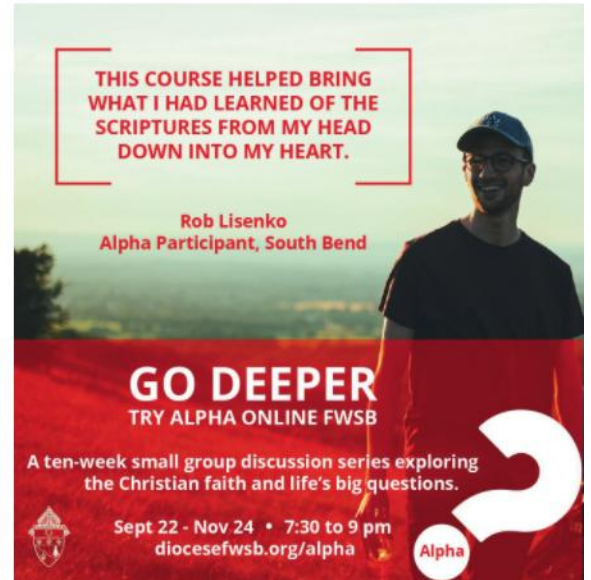


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Father, give me a deeper outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Renew my mind to seek the things that you want for me, and not the lies I have been told about who I am and who you are.

O Holy Spirit, soul of my soul, enlighten me, guard me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I ought to do, and command me to do it. I promise to be submissive to everything you would ask of me, and to accept all that you have for me. Only show me what is your will.

Amen.



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Food Pantry Update

The Little Flower Food Pantry will be open on **Monday, August 31, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm.**

Details:

- 1 household per car
- Please bring photo ID & current piece of mail



Baby Box: A Service Effort Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Little Flower parish would like to see a Baby Box established in Mishawaka. In the past four years, Indiana, Arkansas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania have passed laws allowing parents to surrender their children without needing to interact with any medical or emergency personnel, face-to-face or otherwise.

Indiana is now home to close to a dozen of the boxes. The city of Mishawaka has granted permission to establish a program in the City. We are working with Right to Life Michiana to put a Baby Box in Mishawaka. We need to raise \$5,000 dollars to build the box. We encourage all parishioners to donate funds to make this a reality. Checks can be made out to Knight of Columbus Council #17043. Please place your donations in the Baby Box donation box at the back of the Church or mail your contributions to:

The Knights of Columbus
54191 Ironwood Rd.
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Whatsoever You Do Outreach: “I’m Glad To Be Alive!”

Whatsoever you do...



She was outside taking care of her lawn when suddenly she aroused the anger of a multitude of honey bees. She got stung over and over, according to the doctors between 100 and 200 stings. She ran to her house to apply ice packs, but passed out at the door. Fortunately, her son saw her and called 911. When the doctors got to her, she was in shock and critical condition. After all that, she tested positive for COVID-19. She was a CNA and had provided care to COVID patients. When we received her call, she was just happy to be alive. But her income was reduced and she needed help with her utility bill, the moratorium having ended.

Another CNA. He cared for elderly disabled people in long-term care. On a day off, he found out that a number of the caregivers had tested positive for COVID-19 after units of caregivers had been mixed. He was tested and came back negative, but he was afraid to go back. He had three asthmatic children, an autistic daughter, and a boy with cerebral palsy. While searching for a new job, he needed help with a utility bill.

Thank you for making it possible to help these two people. With the moratorium over, there is a lot more distress, more people needing help. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching 2. Call to Family, Community, and Participation

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society -- in economics and politics, in law and policy -- directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Source: The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) > Justice, Peace & Human Development > 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

MAN CAN FULLY DISCOVER HIS TRUE SELF
ONLY IN A SINCERE GIVING OF HIMSELF.

GAUDIUM ET SPES

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Events:

Saturday August 29, 2020:

All 3rd degree Knights are encouraged to attend the 4th Degree Exemplification. Call 574-315-8590 for more details.

Sunday August 30, 2020:


The District Deputy will attend a ceremony for the installation of current year officers of our local chapter.

Monday August 31, 2020:

The Knights will assist with the opening of the Food Pantry. Food will be put in bags and we will place the bags in client's cars between 6 and 7 p.m.

Wednesday, September 2, 2020: We will host an Into the Breach meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. All men are welcome.

Into the Breach is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to wholeheartedly embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. By reading and discussing Bishop Olmsted's inspirational words and the accompanying study guide with like-minded men of faith, councils will prayerfully examine the enormous breach in the battle line that lies before them. In doing so, they will begin to devise a personal plan of spiritual battle.



The poster features a painting of St. Peter Claver on the left. On the right, the text reads: "Prayer Service For **RACIAL JUSTICE** With Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades". Below this, a quote from St. Peter Claver is displayed: "St. Peter Claver. pray for us!". At the bottom, the date and time are listed: "Wednesday, Sept. 9 | 8:30 a.m.". Further down, it says: "On the feast of St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit missionary who ministered to slaves in Spanish colonies". At the very bottom, it provides instructions: "Watch live: Search @diocesefwsb.org on Facebook or YouTube".

Social Justice Commission:

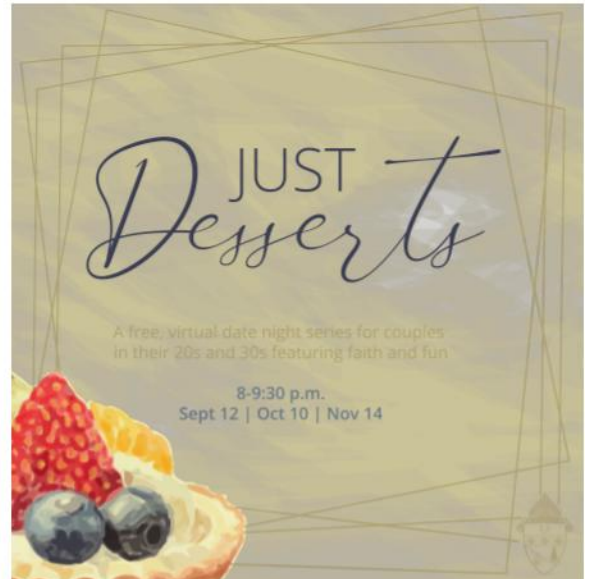
Join Us



There are two remaining sessions for the workshop, "Being White and Racism." It's not too late. Parishioner Gail Bederman will guide the group's exploration of these issues via video conferencing. The sessions are highlighted by engaging videos and discussion.

Remaining sessions: Wednesdays, September 2, and 9. 7:00-8:30 pm

Visit our website, Social Justice Commission under the heading, "Serve With Us," to register.



The poster has a light green background with a faint geometric pattern. The title "JUST Desserts" is written in a large, elegant script. Below the title, it says: "A free, virtual date night series for couples in their 20s and 30s featuring faith and fun". The date and time are listed: "8-9:30 p.m. Sept 12 | Oct 10 | Nov 14". At the bottom, there is an image of a dessert with raspberries and blueberries.

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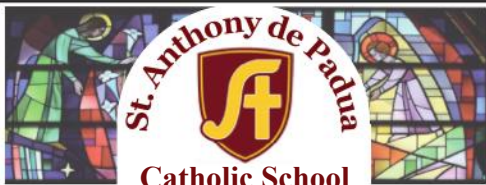
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