

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND,
CALL HIM WHILE HE IS NEAR.
LET THE SCOUNDREL FORSAKE HIS WAY,
AND THE WICKED HIS THOUGHTS;
LET HIM TURN TO THE LORD FOR MERCY;
TO OUR GOD, WHO IS GENEROUS IN FORGIVING.
FOR MY THOUGHTS ARE NOT YOUR THOUGHTS,
NOR ARE YOUR WAYS MY WAYS, SAYS THE LORD.
AS HIGH AS THE HEAVENS ARE ABOVE THE EARTH,
SO HIGH ARE MY WAYS ABOVE YOUR WAYS
AND MY THOUGHTS ABOVE YOUR THOUGHTS.

ISAIAH 55:6-9



From Father Terry

The video for the Annual Bishop's Appeal is phenomenal. I pray you enjoy watching it this weekend as we begin our parish's part of the appeal. The diocese continues its mission and the bishop worked to diminish the budget this year for the appeal, thus dropping our parish goal a little. Remember, anything over this goal returns to the parish to support our projects and mission.

Sometimes, or rather more often than not, it feels like a lot is happening in our parish. Even during the strange year of 2020 when we have for months had a lot less in-person activity at the parish, still much has been happening. In some ways I tend to feel like Abraham in the book of Genesis, always traveling, always a new adventure, never "arriving" at the Promised Land. That's how we live our faith. The whole Christian life is meant to model what Abraham went through, or what the Israelites experienced in Exodus: being called and set free, and then journeying toward home. So I guess it's okay for me to feel a little travel-wearied at times. Here are some updates on the recent adventures in our parish.

As you saw in last week's bulletin, we have had new faces in the office. Brenda and Daniel are both doing great so far in their respective work, and we are happy to have more life within these walls, and more people to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us every day (or as often as we can manage).

Our Next Generation Parish Envisioning Team is wrapping up its work. We will soon publish a parish plan, I would think before Thanksgiving, that will outline for us what our goals for the next three years are. The on-going process that follows is the implementation. I will have to form a

smaller team to help with execution of each of our three pastoral priorities. These may include staff members or key volunteers in the parish. We also will have some new initiatives that will require parishioners to help. Finally, this will guide some of the decisions for where we spend our energy and resources for the future. Particularly, we want to make sure we are setting the stage for a new culture in the parish.

Our Church renovations seem to be near the final stages of diocesan approval. While we have not yet finished the necessary samples for colors, etc., it is my hope to be able to present some finalized renderings of what the church interior will look like in October. This past week I had another meeting with our church architect consultant and our local architect, and progress continues to move ahead with finalizing details.

My ministry at Saint Joseph High School will start to get closer to its usual load, as they are in "mode 2" or "hybrid" learning, where half of the students are present each day. It will be nice to see their eyes (the rest of their faces will be masked!) and hear their voices.

Please pray, especially through St. Thérèse, for me to continue to balance well these important duties and make wise decisions, as of course this is just the tip of the iceberg. You all remain in my prayers as we draw closer to the parish feast day!



Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 19

5:30 pm †Greg Gough

Sunday, September 20

9:00 am †Patricia Handshaw

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

8:00 pm †Sal Giannico

Monday, September 21

8:30 am †Robert H. O'Brien

Tuesday, September 22

8:30 am †Carolyn Skinner

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 am †Art Strzelecki

Thursday, September 24

8:30 am †MaryJo Bauters

Friday, September 25

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

Saturday, September 26

8:00 am †Catherine Griffin

5:30 pm †Jim & Mona Reilly

Sunday, September 27

9:00 am †Catherine Griffin

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

8:00 pm †Chet Kil



Our Mission

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



Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a
Monday	Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11, or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

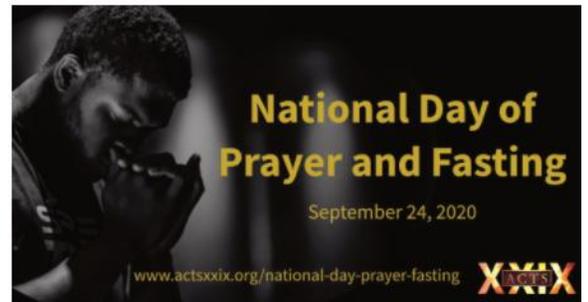
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This Thursday

Fr. John Riccardo, founder of Acts XXIX, is encouraging ALL people of good will to join together with fasting and prayer this Thursday, September 24th, for repentance, healing, and conversion across our country, beginning with each of us. We encourage all parishioners to intentionally pray and fast on this day.

Redeemer Radio will be interrupting their regular programming throughout the day on September 24 to help us enter into the day and pray together for God's mercy on our land in these tumultuous days and the healing and conversion of our hearts. To find out more tune into Redeemer Radio on FM, listen live at www.RedeemerRadio.com, through our app or go to www.ActsXXIX.org

Healing Prayer Corner: We Can Do This

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." Those opening words of the First Reading are urgent. In our troubled times, not only in our country but the entire world, we need the Lord perhaps more than ever. There is every kind of healing that is needed. Personal healings of sickness and disease, resentment, anger, and unforgiveness. National and worldwide healings from war, pestilence, hunger, hatred, greed, and abuse. Healing of our celestial home, the Earth, as it is ravaged by human actions and inaction.



Seeking the Lord is not escapism from all the above. Taking refuge in the Lord does not mean giving up in our world. In the Lord's prayer we say, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." In the extreme toxicity of our political climate, the temptation is to hide from it all. We must listen for the voice of the Lord. He is near. Seek his wisdom. We can be disciples of healing.

This Week's Testimony

Each week we release a new testimony from a member of our parish (staff + parishioners) to share with you how they have encountered God in their lives.

Check out our YouTube Channel, FaceBook page or IGTV every Tuesday for these incredible stories.

This week we will hear from parishioner Mikel Hogan!

What is your story? How can you share your story with even one person this week?





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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Food Pantry Dates

The Little Flower Food Pantry will be open on **Tuesday, September 22nd** and **Tuesday, October 13th 2020** from **1:30 pm to 3:15 pm**.

Details -

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

Whatever You Do Outreach: Their Stories Enrich Us

We get way more calls for assistance than we can meet. We discern as best we can who to call back, based on responses to the Outreach phone message. And prayer for guidance from the Holy Spirit. We always ask first what the circumstances are that created the need for assistance. They usually fall into a loss of job, now because of the pandemic, inadequate income to pay their bills, an unexpected sickness or a disability that makes them unable to work, or broken family situations that drain financial resources. We ask what is being done to address their circumstances (beyond seeking assistance), and sometimes we ask them to share their larger story that might explain their situations.



Often times it's a double whammy. Aubrey filed for a leave from a fast-food restaurant so she could oversee e-learning for her children. The employer agreed, but her income was highly reduced. Then she tested positive for cervical cancer. Her story is unique, but not her circumstances.

At this writing, September looks to become the biggest month ever for requests for assistance. The moratorium for utility assistance is off; the moratorium for evictions has been extended to the end of the year. For many it is only delaying the "day of judgment."

Thank you for your continued use of the green envelopes. Your generosity alleviates the suffering of folks.

Knights of Columbus Council 17043 Recognized by Supreme Council

K of C St. Therese Martin Council 17043 has earned a prestigious award. Trustee Rick Alexander has received word from the Supreme Council that St. Therese Martin Council 17043 has earned the Star Council Award. This is the highest award that a council can receive from the Knights of Columbus. Earning the Star Council Award recognizes the work Council 17043 did during Fraternal Year 2019-2020. The Star Council Award recognizes our very best councils that conduct well-rounded programs while succeeding in membership recruitment and insurance growth. Many thanks to Father Terry and the parishioners of St. Therese Little Flower Parish for their support of Council 17043.

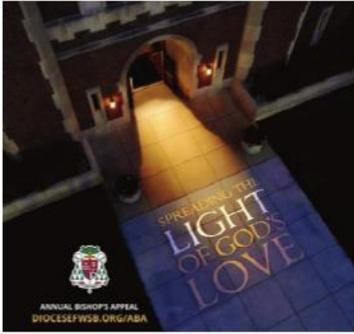
Ben Janczewski, Grand Knight.

Annual Life Chain

Join Right to Life Michiana for the Annual Life Chain on **Sunday October 4, 2020, 2:00-3:00 PM**. There will be a South Bend, Elkhart, and Goshen location. Visit Prolifemichiana.org or call (574) 232- 5433 for directions and parking maps.

Annual Bishop's Appeal

This year's Bishop Appeal invites us to support the church's mission of spreading the light of God's love. What a powerful invitation to all of us at this time of uncertainty in our world! Our donations to the Bishop's appeal supports evangelization, education and charitable ministries that are so needed throughout our Diocese.



Please prayerfully consider donating to this appeal. The parish goal is \$78,904 and any money over this goal comes back to the parish to be used for church renovations. Pledge cards and envelopes are located at the back of the church this weekend and can be mailed to the parish. You can also donate online at <https://diocesefwsb.wixsite.com/aba2020>.

St. Therese, Little Flower Feast Celebration

Please join us outside the church in the upper level parking lot on **Sunday, October 4** at 12:45pm. Wings of Dawn Dancers will present a 20 minute celebration in dance prayers to honor St. Therese, the Little Flower. This will be presented in front of the St. Therese statue. We will practice social distancing during this event. In case of rain, bring an umbrella.

If you have any questions please contactCarolynn Hine-Edington (574-329-2977).

Job Posting: St. Hedwig Parish

Part-Time Custodian needed at St. Hedwig Parish/Hedwig Memorial Center. Cutting grass, cleaning the hall after receptions, setting up tables and chairs when needed. Full job description available upon request. Hours are flexible. Call 287-8935 for more information.

Support Redeemer Radio

Join Redeemer Radio in their mission to Amplify the Voice of Our Creator! Redeemer Radio's Fall Sharathon is transforming into a LIVE virtual event, Tune•In for All•In. You don't want to miss this! The Event will kick off on September 23rd, and will highlight the expanded mission of Redeemer Radio to serve the most urgent needs of the church along with games and surprise appearances by some of your favorite priests and Catholic leaders. So, even though we will not be hosting specific parish "hours" we need YOU! Register today at RedeemerRadio.com/ALLIN



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Meet Daniel Tucker, our new parish Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy

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Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Saturday 8:30-9:30 am
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