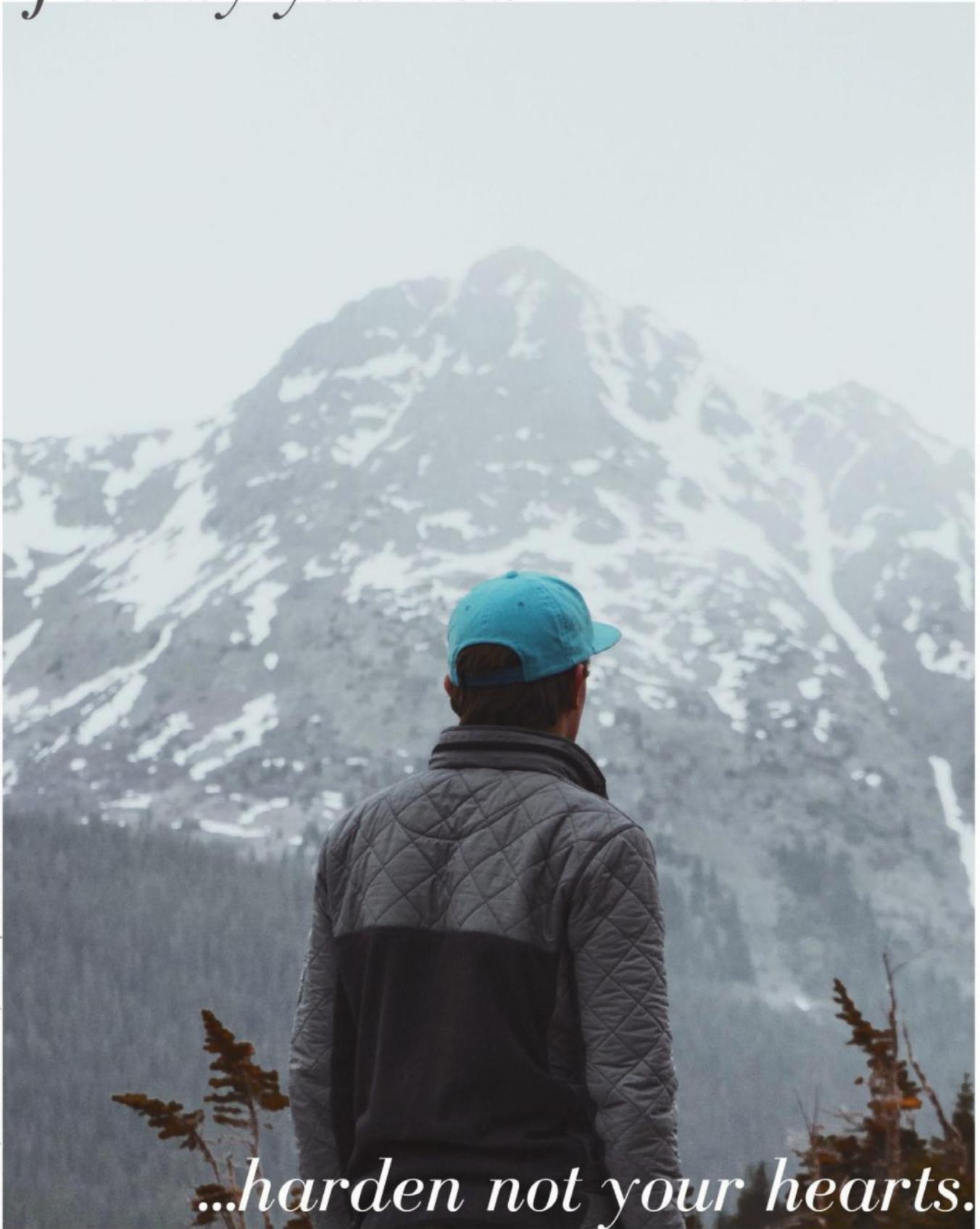


*If today you hear His voice...*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*...harden not your hearts.*

Psalm 95:7-8



**SUNDAY MASS**  
9:00 am, 11:30 am, & 8:00 pm  
Saturday Vigil 5:30 pm

**DAILY MASS**  
Monday - Friday 8:30 am  
Saturday 8:00 am



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Saturday..... 8:30-9:30 am  
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**This Week's Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 30**

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

8:30 am †Corrine Weaver

**Friday, February 5**

8:30 am †Michael Perkins

**Saturday, February 6**

8:00 am †Nolan Zent  
5:30 pm Special Intentions and Remembrances in the  
inside back cover of the bulletin

**Sunday, February 7**

9:00 am †Barbara Tjarksen  
11:30 am †Ron Mudwilder  
8:00 pm The Parish Family of  
St. Thérèse, Little Flower

**Sunday, January 31**

9:00 am †Robert & Theresa Golubski  
11:30 am Intentions of Sandra Tito  
8:00 pm †Vicenti Quang Vu & †Maria Dau Lam

**Monday, February 1**

8:30 am †Barbara Warner

**Tuesday, February 2**

8:30 am †Theresa & Robert Golubski

**Wednesday, February 3**

8:30 am †Catherine Griffin

**Thursday, February 4**

## From Father Terry

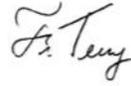
As we have been working through the parish pastoral plan, we now arrive at the final section, the pastoral priorities. I would like to do an overview this week before looking at the priorities individually.

First off, the language may potentially confuse people to think that with these as “priorities,” nothing else is important to our parish. That is certainly not the case. I wish to reiterate what I stated in the paragraph introducing this plan to the parish: “The goal of this plan is to focus our parish’s efforts to excel in important areas. While we already thrive in some areas, there are many ways we can grow so that we can more fully live out our mission of bringing the good news of Jesus to the world in ways old and new.” These three priorities denote areas that need growth. It would, of course, not be very effective to focus our time and energy on areas where we already excel. Moving from great to greater is not as useful as moving from good or decent to great.

Secondly, these are priorities not only because they need growth, but because they are critical to the flourishing of our parish and our mission. For example, our numbers are drop-

ping in the U.S.: the next 15 or so years projects losing 8.3 million Catholics in the church. And currently, only about 30% of Catholics go to church weekly. Similarly, 70% of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Thus, evangelization and discipleship are things you will find among our parish priorities. The final priority of accompaniment stresses interconnectedness within the parish, which is also important in maintaining and building a thriving culture.

Our first informational meeting for the implementation team is this week. It will be a sort of orientation to our work. Soon we can finalize the members and solicit other volunteers to form teams for each priority. I wish to thank again CLI (Catholic Leadership Institute) and Tom Lenz who is our hands-on liaison.



# THE FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARD

THIS MONTH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RECOGNIZE



## THE MWANZA FAMILY

The Gospel truly radiates from the Mwanza family- through their prayerfulness, their service, their love for one another, and the ways they make our parish a place where people feel welcome and at home. Mphasa, Oyata, Sete, M'atli, and Jendayi, we are so blessed to have your family as part of our parish family. You are loved and we are praying for you!

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Award is an initiative to highlight and recognize families that live out our Faith on a daily basis. There are so many amazing families in our community that are witnesses of faith. If you know a family that you wish to nominate for this award, we encourage you to nominate them. Simply nominate a family by filling out and submitting the form which can be found on our website: [littleflowerchurch.org/family-ministry](http://littleflowerchurch.org/family-ministry).

The Knights are also looking for parishioners to sit on the Family of the Month selection committee. If you are interested please email Ben Janczewski at [wyootechben@gmail.com](mailto:wyootechben@gmail.com) or Jerry Zent at [jerrymzent@gmail.com](mailto:jerrymzent@gmail.com).

## Text of the Propers— Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

*The Propers of the Mass include the Scriptural texts that change with the liturgical calendar. The Proper texts which will be chanted by a cantor are the Introit (when the priest processes to the altar), Offertory (when the altar is prepared for the Liturgy of the Eucharist), and Communion.*

**Introit:** “Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.” (Psalm 105:3-4)

**Offertory:** “It is good to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing in honor of your name, O Most High.” (Psalm 92:1)

**Communion:** “Let your face shine down upon your servant, deliver me in your mercy. Lord, let me not be confounded, for I have called upon you.” (Psalm 31:16-17)

## Blessing of Candles for Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as the Purification of Mary or Candlemas, will occur this year on **Tuesday, February 2nd**. The traditional blessing of candles will take place at the beginning of daily Mass. Please bring any candles, old or new, that you would like to have blessed. These may be placed on the table at the entrance of the church before Mass and retrieved as you leave.



## Readings for the Week of January 31, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
<b>Monday</b>	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Mk 5:1-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</b> Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;</b> <b>Saint Ansgar, Bishop</b> Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11; Mk 6:7-13
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b> Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc; Mk 6:14-29
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Memorial of Saint Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b> Heb 13:15-17; 20-21; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mk 6:30-34
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



## Healing Prayer Corner: Lord, Open My Ears and Heart!

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” That admonition in today’s Responsorial Psalm is something we need to regard with great solemnity. We can’t say, “I’ve never heard his voice.” If we listen to the words of the Gospels, we hear his voice. But we must really listen. If we listen to the voices of the Prophets in Scripture, we hear his voice. But we must really listen. If we hear an inspired homily, we hear his voice. But we must really listen. How do we know we’re hearing his voice? In today’s Gospel, we hear proclaimed, “The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.” Position doesn’t necessary mean authority. The Spirit empowers whom he empowers. Authority means authoring life. When you hear a voice and your spirit (not necessarily emotions and certainly not your biases) is quickened, ask, “Holy Spirit, are you speaking to me?”

Listen! Listen! Listen! Then amazing things can happen.

## The Dating Project: Event for Young Adults

Attention young adults! Does this sound like you...

Exhausted discerning the vocation of marriage and impatient about finding the right person? Frustrated at seeing everyone in your life getting married while your life feels like it's at a standstill? Annoyed that Covid has made dating and finding the "right person" even harder than it already was?

If this sounds like you, join us on **February 8th at 7:00 pm!** We will be hosting a screening of The Dating Project, which has been called "the most important documentary of our time". Admission is free. Please RSVP on our Facebook page.



## Theology on Tap – Winter Series

Join us for this Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s and 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship and faith. Tuesdays from 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at Bar Louie, 7320 Aspect Drive, Granger. Series theme: Who is my neighbor? For more information and list of speakers, go to [diocesefwsb.org/tot](http://diocesefwsb.org/tot).



## Called and Gifted Virtual Series

Discovering your charisms is key to living out your God-given mission and vocation. The Called and Gifted Discernment Process is designed to help you learn about charisms and lead you through the process of discovering your own. Starting Tuesday, Feb. 23, from 7-9 p.m., this process will be offered as a 5-week video series with small group breakout discussions. Cost is \$20 per person, which includes a printed copy of the participation guide, the Spiritual Gifts Online Inventory, and 6-month access to the videos. Please register by Wednesday, Feb. 10, to allow time to receive your materials in the mail before the start of the series. For registration, go to [www.diocesefwsb.org/gifted](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/gifted)

## Empowering FISJC

In the past two weeks, we were introduced to Faith in Indiana St. Joe County (FISJC). Little Flower is a partner, along with 20 other faith communities: Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and local organizations. Little Flower is enriched by that partnership by supporting an organization that represents the helpless, the poor, and the afflicted.

The Little Flower Social Justice Commission appeals to parishioners to join them in financially supporting FISJC in the crucial work they're doing. You may do so by one of the following means: (1) put a check or cash donation in a separate envelope in the offertory box in the entry way of the church, designating it for FISJC; (2) send a check to Little Flower, designating the donation on the memo line to FISJC; (3) you may bring a donation to the Little Flower office. We're asking that all donations be received in the month of February. Thank you!

## Church Renovation Announcements:

### Weekday Mass

Monday-Friday: 8:30am in the Parish Center

### Weekday Adoration + Confession

Monday, Wednesday & Friday Adoration will be held from 9:00am to 10:00am and Confession from 9:00am to 9:30am in the Parish Center

### Personal Prayer

The church is not available for private prayer at this time. You may ring the bell at the Parish Center (during regular business hours) to spend time at the "chapel" in the gym.

**If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us!**



## Catholic Social Ministry Gathering

For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering annually has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. Topics and presentations this year include: A presentation by Cardinal Luis Antonio Gokim Tagle, Archbishop of Manila; also workshops on racial healing, healing within the Catholic Church, and migrant worker justice.

Consider participating in the (virtual) gathering, February 6-9, 2021. Registration fee is \$50.00. Scholarships are available. For more information and the link to register, visit [littleflowerchurch.org/social-justice-commission](http://littleflowerchurch.org/social-justice-commission).



## February Food Pantry Dates

The Little Flower Food Pantry will be open on **Tuesdays, February 2nd, 9th, 19th, 23rd** from **1:30 pm to 3:15 pm**.

Details -

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



Whatever you do...



## 2020 Outreach Report

\$103,971.70 to 464 families! That is what was distributed in 2020. You made that possible because of your great generosity. The income for the Whatsoever You Do Outreach Programs comes in part from a parish tithing of \$1,500 monthly and an annual organizational donation to Little Flower that is directed to Outreach. But the bulk of donations is directly from you through the green envelopes or the other giving methods. **Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!!** You have changed lives. You have told folks, most on the bottom of the economic ladder, that someone cares. You have relieved people of stress. You have given people hope.

The story of one man you recently helped: His only income is SSD, barely enough to cover his rent. He is solely responsible for the care of his ten-year-old son after the death of his wife last year, but is dealing with all sorts of medical issues. Under the care of four doctors, he has recently had two surgeries on his elbow, a surgery on his leg, and currently can't use his left hand. He wants to work, but can't. And during Covid, he has had to provide extra care and supervision for his son. His story is unique, but not the challenges.

## The Marriage Course Online

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Based on a beautiful, brand-new film series featuring "regular" couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free 8-week program will take place online over Zoom from 8-10 p.m. on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 4 through March 25. There is no group discussion, but rather, time built right into each session for you and your spouse to discuss topics in the privacy of your own home using prompts from The Marriage Course Journal. For more information, or to register, visit [diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course](http://diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course).



## Fine Arts Scholarship Available

The Chopin Fine Arts Club scholarship forms are now available to any senior interested in Liberal or Fine Arts. The student must be a student in St. Joseph County or a senior residing in St. Joseph County. These forms are available in the counselor's office in any high school in the county or you can receive a form by sending an email to: [chopinsouthbend.com](mailto:chopinsouthbend.com). The form needs to be received by February 28, 2021. If you have any question call Delores at 574-259-7001.

## Prayer to St. Joseph

from Pope Francis' apostolic letter *Patris Corde*

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.  
 Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil.  
 Amen.



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