



February 7th, 2021 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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



Our Mission

Driven by the missionary zeal of St. Thérèse,
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This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 6

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

Monday, February 8

8:30 am †Carol Horan

Tuesday, February 9

8:30 am †Mary Brown

Wednesday, February 10

8:30 am †Anna Zent

Thursday, February 11

8:30 am For Biblical proportion miracles for Katie Schwab
through the joint intercession of our
Blessed Mother & Bl. Basil Moreau

Friday, February 12

8:30 am Intentions for healing of Gabe Daley

Saturday, February 13

8:00 am †Cecilia Bauters
5:30 pm †Greg Calhoun

Sunday, February 14

9:00 am The Parish Family of
St. Thérèse, Little Flower
11:30 am Intentions of Libet Kuehn
8:00 pm For Christopher & Paula Romanoski – for
rebuilding after a fire

From Father Terry

We are going to look more deeply into each priority of the pastoral plan. Today I want to focus on our third priority, **“Accompaniment: Growing Together.”**

Why “accompaniment?” This pastoral priority (which is also a core value) is something that Pope Francis has stressed since his first days in the role of universal shepherd of the church. He models it beautifully himself, and his teaching in *Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel), especially paragraphs 169-173, gives us a helpful and convincing picture.

Pope Francis is right to stress this practice that was also clearly important to Our Lord. Jesus Christ was accused of “eating with tax collectors and sinners,” for example his time with Zacchaeus or Matthew. On the other hand, he also conversed with a Roman centurion when he sought him out. Moreover, he did not separate himself from the pharisees who wished to converse with him, including Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea (also a member of the Sanhedrin). He also wanted his disciples to practice this. The 12 were invited for a specific mission, but the first three years of that mission were primarily about one thing: to be with Jesus (Mk. 3:14), as any disciple would entrust themselves to their rabbi-teacher. Being with Jesus also meant they were with each other - all the time. The same goes for how we are to live.

Another reason: we know that the faith is lost when we don't have community. If Christianity is something you get from someone else (like a cold), then you need those others to help you, especially when times get tougher.

Accompaniment creates an environment where people can feel loved and valued.

I surmise that every Christian community feels that they can increase in their interconnectedness. We have evidence of the need in our parish. From the Disciple Maker Index survey, we know that less than half of parishioners feel close to another parishioner: most responded against the phrase “I have a close friend in the parish.”

Finally, we know that small groups are essential to the success of Christian life. Our lives are transformed when we share the journey with others. The book “Rebuilt,” published by Ave Maria Press, dedicates an entire chapter to how essential this is for setting parishes on fire with life and with mission. Probably many of you can think of experiences in your life where a small group format was transformative. For me, I think of my parents' small Christian community (one of many in my childhood parish), and of my parish youth group which eventually led to a small group of men supporting each other in faith. This is accompaniment in its most powerful form!

If we could foster this in our parish, then our parishioners will know that they are loved and valued, by God and by each other. This is a beautiful ideal to pursue!

St. Thérèse, you who loved and valued everyone, even the most difficult sisters in the convent, pray for us!



Update on the Parish Pastoral Plan

As Fr. Terry has noted in the past several bulletins, implementation is getting underway for our process with Next Generation Parish from Catholic Leadership Institute. The team has been formulated, comprised of our pastor, Lenny Strzelecki and two leaders for each priority. The leaders of the three Priorities are:

Accompaniment: Tami Goy and Kerry Wallace

Evangelization: Mikel Hogan and Abby Kyle

Discipleship: Jerry Espiritu and Daniel Tucker

As we move forward, these Priority Leaders will be recruiting other parishioners to join in part of the process of implementation in their specific area of focus. Each of the three teams will be taking time to understand the Priority and the Goals for each Priority. Then, each Team will determine the necessary Strategies and Action Steps to achieve the Goals.

We ask that you prayerfully consider joining one of these teams. Contact a Team Leader with your interest.

Please pray for the success of the Priority Teams and for our Parish.

St. Therese, pray for us!

Cover art: Healing of Peter's Mother in law, 1660 – Rembrandt

Text of the Propers— Fifth 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: “Come, let us worship God and bow down before the Lord; let us shed tears before the Lord who made us, for he is the Lord our God.” (Psalm 95:6-7)

Offertory: “Render my footsteps secure in your paths so that my feet do not slip; incline your ear and hear my words; display your wonderful mercies, O Lord, savior of those who place their hope in you.” (Psalm 17:5-7)

Communion: “A multitude with diseases, and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, came unto him, because a power emanated from him which healed them all.” (Luke 6:17-19)

National Marriage Week

Feb. 7-14 is National Marriage Week. This annual observance is a great opportunity for everyone to reflect on the gift that marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year’s theme is “To Have, To Hold, To Honor.” For more information and resources, including a seven-day at-home marriage retreat, visit www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week.

A rosary for married couples will be led by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and live-streamed on Friday, Feb. 12, at 3 PM on the USCCB Facebook Page.

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2021

Sunday	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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
Monday	Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20–2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Scholastica, Virgin Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Our Lady of Lourdes Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31–11:1; Mk 1:40-45



Healing Prayer Corner: Reach Out

A recent phone conversation with a close friend began with him saying, “I’m preparing my funeral.” He has gone through a year of suffering, including two bouts with Covid, much physical pain, little appetite, and loss of weight. He says his mind is only on the kingdom of heaven, not this world. Today’s First Reading from Job reminded me of our conversation. “Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” “So I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me.”

Sickness, poverty, hunger aggravate these feelings. The pandemic has awakened or exacerbated these thoughts in many. Yet, we hear in the Responsorial Psalm, “Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted,” who “binds up their wounds.” We see Jesus do that in the Gospel with Peter’s mother-in-law who was sick with a fever. He “grasped her hand, and helped her up.” And the fever left her. And he “cured many who were sick with various diseases....”

May our faith be steadfast. May we be the hands and feet of Jesus and reach out to the brokenhearted and the sick.

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.



From the Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ! This month, we wrap up Ordinary Time and begin the season of Lent. This penitential season begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for approximately 40 days (not counting Sundays). It is marked by the three pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Regarding Ash Wednesday, the Vatican's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has released special guidelines for how the distribution of ashes is to take place in light of the pandemic. Rather than using ashes to make the Sign of the Cross on each person's forehead, the minister will instead sprinkle a small amount of ash on each head. This method of receiving ashes is rather foreign to us, but it is both biblical (see Nehemiah 9:1) and customary in other parts of the world (such as in Europe). In light of the fact that the ashes will be sprinkled, I would advise you against wearing light-colored clothing!

As he has in past years, Fr. Terry will again be celebrating Mass ad orientem (facing liturgical east) on Fridays during Lent. If you have never experienced this, I invite you to consider making daily Mass on Fridays part of your Lenten observance. The experience of the priest and people both turned toward the Lord helps us to deepen our prayer and reminds us that we all—priest and faithful alike—are part of the same Body of Christ, focused on our Eucharistic Lord and imploring His mercy in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



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.

Knights of Columbus Family of the Month Award

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.

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 wyotechben@gmail.com or Jerry Zent at jerrymzent@gmail.com.

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.



February Food Pantry Dates

The Little Flower Food Pantry will be open on **Tuesdays, February 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



Thank You for Your Support

Last Sunday, members of the Social Justice Commission spoke at Masses about our partnership with Faith in Indiana St. Joe County. Andre Stoner, community organizer of FISJC, spoke eloquently at the 9:00 Mass. You can hear his words spoken after Communion by viewing the recording of the January 31st Mass on our YouTube channel (St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church South Bend)

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!

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.



Job Posting

Catholic Charities is seeking part-time clerical assistance for some evening and Saturday hours. Interested individuals may fill out an application for this position at 1817 Miami Street, South Bend or submit a resume online at www.ccfwsb.org/careers. We are also seeking a full time Community Services Manager and are accepting resumes only through our website at www.ccfwsb.org/careers.

The Year of St. Joseph

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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