

I am the good shepherd.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd...

JOHN 10:11, 14-16



Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 25th, 2021



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,
the Lord anoints us to proclaim
to the poor and broken
the Good News
that Jesus calls us to abundant life in Him.

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Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Saturday 8:30-9:30 am
Most Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 9:00-10:00 am

Additional Sacraments

Baptism & Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office for more information.
Marriage—Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance.

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed Wednesdays 10:00 am-12:00 pm



This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 24

8:00 am †All Unborn Babies
5:30 pm †Clem Tafelski

Sunday, April 25

9:00 am †Norma Miller
11:30 am Living & Deceased Members of
the Christ Child Society
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, April 26

8:30 am Special Intentions of Jenny Waltman

Tuesday, April 27

8:30 am †Kevin Wittenbach

Wednesday, April 28

8:30 am †Intentions of Gianna McDonald on her Birthday

& the Feast of St. Gianna

Thursday, April 29

8:30 am †Brian Sequeira

Friday, April 30

8:30 am †Greg Calhoun

Saturday, May 1

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

Sunday, May 2

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham
11:30 am Kathy L. Buszkiewicz
8:00 pm Special Intentions & Remembrances in the inside
back cover of the bulletin

Our parish's RE program will soon celebrate First Holy Communion for those who have been preparing over the past couple years. I wish to thank Mrs. Duffy for her efforts, especially this past year, to help the families prepare well for this sacrament. A couple weeks ago we had their first Confession, and I also thank the parents who not only brought them here but themselves are also playing a huge role in their children's preparation. It is thus outlined in Canon Law in the section on catechesis (that is, religious instruction and formation): *"Under the direction of legitimate ecclesiastical authority, solicitude for catechesis belongs to all members of the Church according to each one's role.*

Parents above others are obliged to form their children by word and example in faith and in the practice of Christian life; sponsors and those who take the place of parents are bound by an equal obligation." (774)

It is clear that the pastor and his team have to make sure that formation is happening for all in the parish, but we are meant to collaborate with parents, who must clearly concern themselves with this aspect of their children's life. I am so grateful especially over this past year, to all the parents who gave themselves week after week to the work of religious formation, which is bigger than the text book but must encapsulate their entire life.

This is certainly not easy. We as a parish hope to support families more and more in their beautiful mission of being salt and light in our world that is often stale and dark. If you want to continue to grow into this work, a good place to start would be the three online conferences we had titled "3 Big Questions for a Frantic Family." You can find these three meetings on our Youtube page under the playlist for The Year of the Family.

As we get closer to summer, we are looking at other possible events we can offer for families and for children. Please keep your eyes and ears open for things to come.

And continue to pray for the smooth progress of our parish renovations, and for the continued safety of our workers. The bell tower seems to be out of the most dangerous parts of the repairs. Soon the lights will begin to be installed, which means the tile and new carpet can be laid in the remainder of the church. Every weekend things will look quite different, hopefully. We are finally moving forward again!



Core Values : Joyful Receptivity

Learning to hear God's voice.

We live in a society rife with noise and distractions, hindering our ability to hear God's voice or give attention to it. And the pressures of modern life, along with choices we make in utilizing our time, can create a lot of static that deafen us to God's voice. The prophet Elijah in 1 Kings 19 doesn't hear God's voice in a strong and violent wind, an earthquake, or a fire, but in a gentle whisper. That is why being silent and listening in personal prayer is so vital. And that is why hearing the Word of God at Mass and reading and praying with Scripture can be so fruitful. All help us to hear distinguish God's voice from the dissonances of societal voices that vie for our attention and thus for our heart.

Trusting that everything is grace.

Those words – everything is grace – from our patroness St. Thérèse, are so simple and so profound, as is the case of much of what she said. Grace doesn't mean easy, or perfect, or simple, or unchallenging. It means that everything is a blessing from God. If it is something we have prayed for, the blessing is obvious. If it is a misfortune, then the blessing is in the healing, peace, compassion, mercy, understanding, wisdom, discernment, etc. which God may be calling us to on the other side of the misfortune. Grace always calls us to a new place, something new and better, always into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Dreaming God-sized dreams.

How often do we define ourselves by our limitations rather than our possibilities? Or "it is what it is" rather than "it will be what it can be"? In the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." So why wouldn't we want to imagine peace for all? The eradication of poverty, hunger, discrimination, violence, war, and every other form of injustice? A culture of life and love in our homes, community, nation, and world? A God-sized dream imagines Little Flower as a family, not just a parish. A God-sized dream imagines us all as disciples of Jesus, not just ten, or twenty, or thirty, or forty percent of us.

What is a core value?

Our core values answer the question "How do we behave?" It's important for everyone, not just Fr. Terry, the staff, or the Pastoral Plan implementation team, to be familiar with these values. They should guide our interactions, presence, and service of others as members of this parish family. We want people to be able to recognize us as St. Thérèse, Little Flower parishioners by the unique way we live out these values!

Text of the Propers— 4th Sunday of Easter

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: “The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord, alleluia; by the word of the Lord, the heavens were established, alleluia, alleluia.” (Psalm 33:5-6)

Offertory: “O God, my God, from daybreak do I watch for you; and in invocation of your name will I lift up my hands.” (Psalm 63:2, 5)

Communion: “I am the good shepherd, alleluia; I know my sheep and my own know me, alleluia, alleluia.” (John 20:14)

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.

Readings for the Week of April 25, 2021

Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest Acts 12:24–13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Saint Pius V, Pope Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Saint Joseph the Worker Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14 Memorial: Gn 1:26–2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
Sunday	Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8



Healing Prayer Corner: WWJD

If Jesus were present today in our country, what would he be doing? This writer suggests he would be doing the same thing he did two thousand years ago: teach and heal. I can imagine his ministry beginning in some poor area, perhaps the rugged mountainous areas of West Virginia. There he could be healing the many people ravaged by black lung disease. And as he made his way with disciples towards the nation's capitol, I imagine him healing people with all sorts of diseases, from cancer to Covid-19. And hearts and bodies broken from domestic violence and gun violence. And loss of hope from poverty and prejudice. As in today's Gospel, he would be the good shepherd who will lay down his life for the sheep, including the “other sheep that do not belong to this fold.” No one would be excluded. Self-righteous religious and political absolutists, like the scribes and Pharisees of his time, would be rebuked. But to all who would hear, his voice would be one of forgiveness, reconciliation, welcoming, acceptance, hope, and love.

*Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are.
- 1 John 3:1*

The Way of St. Joseph Pilgrimage

Celebrate the year of St. Joseph by participating in a family-friendly pilgrimage from St. Joseph Church in Mishawaka to St. Joseph Church in South Bend on Saturday, May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Way of St. Joseph will begin at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph, Mishawaka, and will wind along the River Walk to St. Joseph, South Bend, where it will end with a prayer service, food and fellowship in the parking lot and playground. There will be three on-ramps along the route for any participants who may prefer a shorter route. The event is free, but registration is recommended at diocesefwsb.org/joseph-pilgrimage.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

The monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast will resume on May 1st after the 8:00 am Mass in Payne Hall. All men are invited to attend!

Family of the Month: The Nolan Family



For the Month of April the Knights of Columbus recognizes Mike and Annie Nolan, along with their children Michael, Mara, Katy, Felicity, Annabelle, Susanna, and Christina as the Family of the Month award recipients.

The Nolan family is committed to living a life that is centered on prayer, whether that be in leading pilgrimages, praying with friends, or praying the Rosary together as a family. Please join us in thanking God for the Nolan family and in asking Him to pour out abundant blessings on them this month and always!

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.

Baptism Preparation

We are launching a new Baptism Preparation program!

1. Register and attend an initial meeting

These meetings happen on a quarterly basis. You will select the date of the baptism, as well as gain all of the logistical information needed for the process.

2. Attend 3 Baptism meditations

These meetings will be the heart of preparing for the Sacrament. Post COVID all 3 meetings will be in person, currently only one is in person and families will complete an at home program.

3. Baptism Weekends

Starting in May, Baptisms will be held on the second Sunday of each Month. We will have both Saturday and Sunday options.

You can start this process before baby is born, especially if you would like to have baby baptized soon after birth.

Knights of Columbus Pulled Pork Dinner Fund Raiser

April 30th, 2021 Friday 4:30PM – 7PM
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Purchase your tickets today!

The Time Is Now!

The sixth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical letter, "Laudato Si" (On Care for our Common Home), is coming in May. The Social Justice Commission is sponsoring a special Zoom event to recognize the occasion.

On May 13, 7:00 p.m., Dr. Philip J. Sakimoto of the University of Notre Dame, will be speaking on "Why Catholics Must Act on Climate Change NOW." Then on May 27, 7:00 p.m., Dr. Sakimoto will moderate a panel discussion on what we need to do now. Panelists will include Fr. Emmanuel Katongole, Professor of Peace Studies and Theology at Notre Dame, Pas Artaza-Regan, National Coordinator of Creation Care Teams for the Catholic Climate Covenant, and Sr. Damien Marie Savino, Dean of Sciences and Sustainability at Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

These are don't miss events. Every parish in the diocese is invited. Registration is required. You may register by going to the Little Flower website – littleflowerchurch.org – and select "Social Justice Commission" under the heading "Serve with Us." There you will find the links. Don't wait.

Additionally, over the next few weeks we will have short articles in the bulletin and website on "The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si."

Stay tuned.

Christ Child Society Diaper Drop

In honor of Mother's Day, the Christ Child Society wants to make the lives of infants, toddlers and Moms in our community better, healthier and safer!

The Christ Child Society will hold its second annual Diaper Drop will be on **Wednesday, May 5, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the Christ Child Society Clothing Center in the Town and Country Shopping Center. Boxes and bags of diapers can be dropped off in front of the building with no need to leave cars. It is a no-contact way to help local Moms.

When a baby cries, one of the first things Mom checks is his diaper. How do you soothe a crying baby if you don't have a clean, dry diaper? Imagine the stress and despair Moms feel when they can't soothe their baby in a most basic way.

Diapers will be delivered to: El Campito, St. Margaret's House, YWCA, the Center for the Homeless, and St. Vincent de Paul Society to be shared with Moms in need. The greatest need is for diapers sizes 3 to 6.



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Job Postings

Catholic Charities is seeking professionals to join our staff and help realize our vision to eradicate poverty and strengthen families to help create Generation Zero—the first generation free from poverty. We are accepting resumes for a full time Manager in the Community Services Department. We are also seeking a part time evening/weekend Clerical Assistant and accepting resumes for full or part time Therapists, license eligible; fully licensed preferred. Job descriptions and a list of minimum requirements can be found at our website: www.ccfwsb.org/careers

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Holy Family Catholic Church is looking for a full or part time Custodian for the school, parish center and church. Position will be afternoon and/or evenings depending on availability. Candidates should send resumes and applications to Lori Andrzejewski, Business Manager at Holy Family Church, 56405 Mayflower Road, South Bend, IN 46619 or email landrzejewski@hfssb.org. Please contact Holy Family Catholic Church if you have any questions at 574-282-2317.

St. Monica's Rummage Sale

St. Monica Catholic Church in Mishawaka is holding their Annual Rummage Sale on Friday, June 18 (\$5 donation to shop the Early Bird Evening from 5-7pm), Saturday, June 19 9-2pm, and Sunday, June 20 (TBA). If you have any items to donate, you may drop them off at Door S6 (entrance to the gym) on Wednesdays and Fridays 3:15-5:15pm, and Saturdays 9-11am.

Accepting clothes (new, nice, or gently worn), small appliances, furniture, dishes, knick knacks, electronics, linens, books, kitchen items, holiday items, toys, kids' items, pictures, art work, yard items, and man cave items.

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