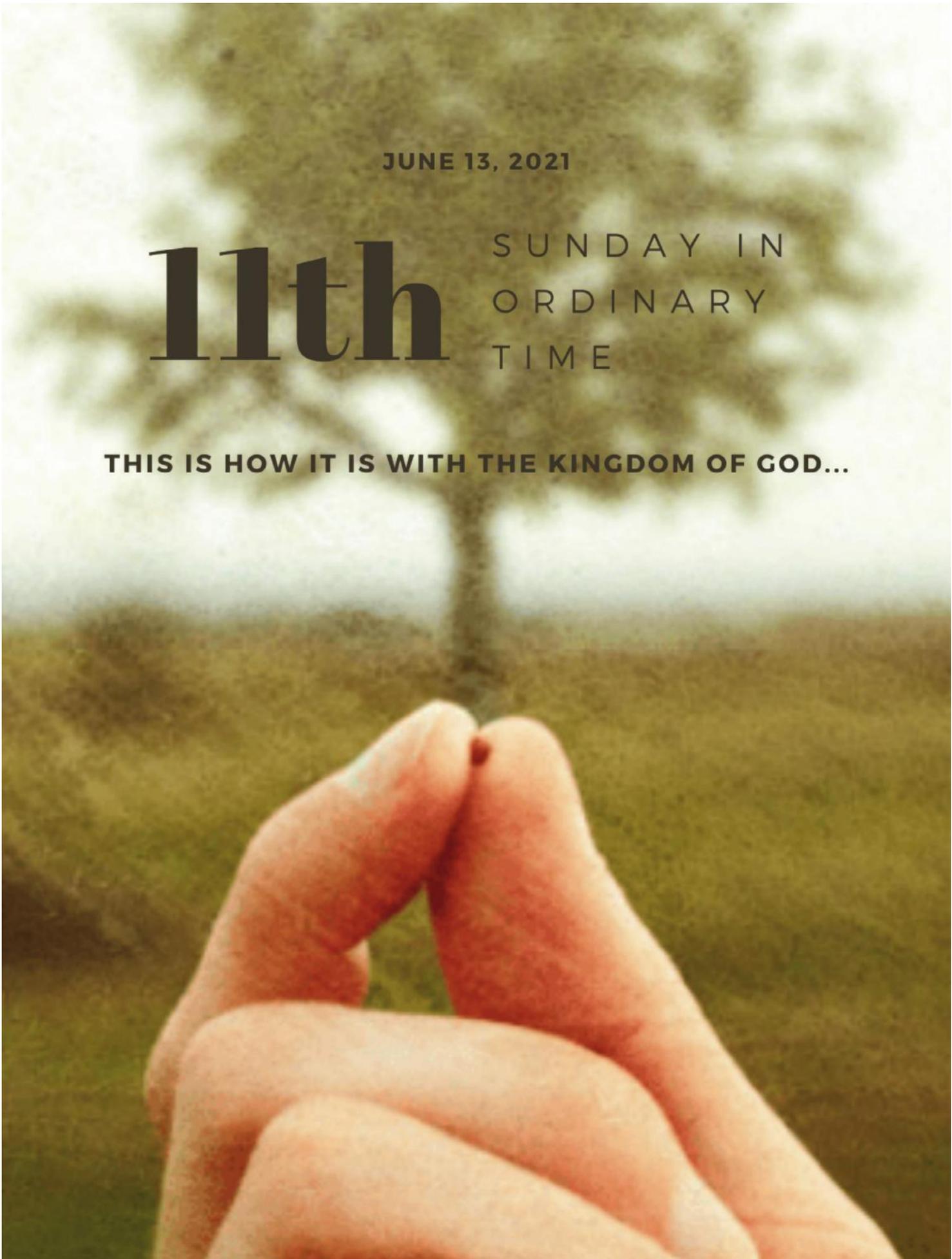


JUNE 13, 2021

11th

SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME

THIS IS HOW IT IS WITH THE KINGDOM OF GOD...





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

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Saturday..... 8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm
(Or By Appointment.)

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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, June 12

8:00 am †Bryant Smotherman
5:30 pm †Greg Calhoun

Sunday, June 13

9:00 am †Corine Knitter
11:30 am †Clem Tafelski
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, June 14

8:30 am †Betty & Greg Gough

Tuesday, June 15

8:30 am †Erika Danson

Wednesday, June 16

8:30 am †Brother Paul Rosonke

Thursday, June 17

8:30 am †Leonard & Rosemarie Buszkiewicz

Friday, June 18

8:30 am †Brother Peter Martin CSC & Catherine Griffin

Saturday, June 19

8:00 am †Armando & Adelia Royeca and Felipe Domantay
5:30 pm †Linda Molenda

Sunday, June 20

9:00 am †Clem Tafelski
11:30 am †Kevin McCombs
8:00 pm †Patricia Tighe Sheridan

Here we are. This is my last weekend at the parish and my last bulletin column. It is hard to believe. There are many beautiful memories that I will carry in my heart from the past years (almost five) at this parish. I thought I'd try to make a list even though it will be hard to do well. Still, I believe G.K. Chesterton is right in saying, "If a thing is worth doing, it is worth doing badly." (Just like newlyweds should dance at their reception whether trained experts, amateurs, or novices, and parents should teach their kids about life and common sense whether expert psychologists or no.)

So here we go: I will remember so many weddings, funerals, baptisms, and other pivotal moments in the lives of parishioners. I will remember Simbang Gabi and other Filipino celebrations. I will remember visiting people in the hospitals or their homes to anoint or bring Holy Communion. I will remember Vicki Schwab and Brian Garland, who passed away while still on staff for the parish. I will remember parish picnics and having some silly fun in front of everyone, and the parish feast days. I'll remember All Souls' day Masses. I will remember the amazing work of both our Food Pantry and the Whatsoever You Do program. I will remember embarking on a capital campaign and the boiler stopping on the weekend before a Monday Christmas (yikes!). I'll remember the families I was able to spend an evening with for dinner or some other celebration, including house blessings, etc. I won't forget working with other staff and volunteers to put new flooring down in the upper room and two of the parish center rooms. I will remember traveling to

Steubenville with the youth group and doing local mission weeks at the parish. I'll remember young adult events and programs. I will never forget the joy of helping Redeemer Radio's apostolate and collaborating with Forever Learning Institute. I certainly will always remember the church renovations and starting our own Knights of Columbus council at the parish. And of course, I'll remember the seminarians who lived with me, and my housemate Fr. William. Okay, I'm gonna stop my list there, knowing I could put more but confident there would be more still overlooked.

But the reason all those memories are fond to me is all of you. The priesthood is a joy because lives are shared and God is met in a myriad of ways in and through others. I have grown to call this place home and to know of you as family, as brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you again for your love and support over the years and despite my imperfections. Know that you will be with me at all times in the mystical union we have in Jesus Christ. If death does not separate us, certainly distance will not. This is part of the great blessing of the Eucharist: the Communion of the Saints is not only for heaven but for us here on earth, for all who are united in Christ. May Jesus Christ continue to keep us close as we journey towards heaven.



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Text of the Propers— 11th Sunday in 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: “Hearken, O Lord, unto my voice which has called out to you; deign to be my help, forsake me not; do not despise me, O God my Savior.” (Psalm 27:7, 9)

Offertory: “I will bless the Lord who has given me understanding. I have set the Lord always in my sight; since he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.” (Psalm 16:7-8)

Communion: “One thing have I asked of the Lord, this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” (Psalm 27:4)

Please note the following updates to our mask policy:

Beginning this weekend, at the 5:30 pm Saturday vigil Mass the chapel will be a “masks required” area.

The Church (and gym on weekdays) is split into a “masks optional” and “masks required” areas for Masses; please refer to the signs at the entrances.

Thank you for all of your cooperation and patience during this past year full of changes and adjustments to our normal routines as a Parish!

Readings for the Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday	Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34
Monday	2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8, Mt 6:7-15
Friday	2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday	Saint Romuald, Abbot 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Job 38:1, 8-11; Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41

Parish Livestreaming Coming to a Close

With the lifting of the General Dispensation for the Sunday Mass on June 12, 2021 **our Parish livestream of the daily and 9:00 am Sunday Masses will end effective June 12, 2021.**

For those parishioners whose situations do not allow for them to attend Mass in person, we recommend the following resources:

Televised Sunday Mass

10:30 am: WNDU 16 | Comcast 8 | DirecTV 16 | Dish 16

Daily Mass from EWTN

Monday – Friday at 8 am, noon, and 7 pm

Stream daily Mass online at ewtn.com/tv/watch-live or watch on your local cable/satellite provider.

Daily Mass can be found on-demand at video.ewtn.com/daily-mass.

Home Visits

If you are comfortable with visitors and would like to receive Holy Communion or Confession, please contact the office (574-272-7070) and we will work with you to set up a home visit with an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist or Fr. Julius.

Nothing can replace the power of Jesus present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the Holy Eucharist!

A letter from Fr. Julius

My dear parishioners,
Greetings of peace and goodwill to all of you!

I want to quickly reach out to you all in this season of transition. When on April 14th bishop Rhoades requested to meet with me after our priests meeting, I had no idea what the purpose of the meeting was. It was at that meeting that he announced to me that he was assigning me to St. Thérèse, Little Flower as Pastor. My first response was surprise. And he could see that written all over my face. I felt unworthy, but at the same time, in my heart, I knew I was willing. My initial response quickly changed to wonder. Even though the bishop had asked me a number of times in the past about my availability for ministry as Pastor, I was surprised that he trusted me enough to thrust me from my humble parish in Lakeville into a big parish such as Little Flower. I had been here at Little Flower in the past to help Father Tom Shoemaker with confessions, and once preached missions here for my home diocese in Nigeria during Father Terry's time. As such, I had been here before, and met with some of you. But to now be assigned to be your Pastor came as a surprise. My wonder, among other things, had to do with how the resumption date would fit with an already scheduled travel. So, I asked the bishop about it. He was gracious in offering for me to make arrangement for a substitute while I am gone. And I thanked him for that. I know many of you are hoping to see me next weekend, but this letter is intended to anticipate that and to let you know that I would be out of town for a cousin's wedding and other prior commitment that I am unable to change. I will definitely miss you next weekend, but I look forward with patient hope to meeting you in person next weekend. I have requested the help of Father William and he will be celebrating the Holy Mass here at the parish while I am away. Our staff will also be on ground to ensure smooth running of parish affairs.

Transitions, such as those occasioned by the transfer of priests, signal both losses and gains. Whereas one community loses someone very dear to them, another gains whom the other has lost. No doubt, while we look forward with anticipation for the new things ahead, we also feel some sense of loss. For me, and perhaps for Father Terry, there are various layers of losses I have to mourn. Although the changes seem to come quickly and I have been busy trying to move my belongings in order to

make room for my successor, as well as giving him orientation, I have not had plenty of time to mourn. However, I have been intentional with not being in denial and to continue to name my losses so they are not in the shadows.

I must tell you that the pain of separation, of saying goodbyes, is real. It is also true that no two individuals feel exactly the same way in any given circumstance. And because of the uniqueness of our experiences and emotions, it is appropriate that we express those feelings to trusted friends or family or in safe communal spaces. I am sure our parish staff is providing such opportunities for everyone to own and express their feelings. I would hope that anyone who needs professional support would avail themselves of such.

Thank God, it is not all about losses. There are gains as well. I am grateful for the blessing of now belonging to a new family within the larger family of the church. While I am leaving my former parish to take residence in Little Flower, I bring with me the love and goodness my former parishioners showed me. And I hope to maintain the friendships formed. So, I can say that my family has just been enlarged by virtue of my becoming part of yours. I am excited about meeting you and sharing in the good works you are already doing.

Transitions of this kind also give expression to the catholicity of the Church and oneness of her mission at large, which is, 'to go make disciples of all peoples' (Matt 28:18-20). This mission, to my mind, is at the heart of transfers of priests. We are all called in baptism to participate in this mission. And priests, in our little ways, contribute to this mission of the church by the little efforts we make. I am grateful to Father Terry and all of you for the good work you have done together and are still committed to doing for our parish as she contributes to this mission. I pray Father Terry receives all the graces he needs to be faithful in his new assignment.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. May Jesus bless you, and may our Lady protect you!

With blessings from my heart,



*St. Thérèse, pray for us!
Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us!*

Opportunity to Serve

Are you interested in helping a Boy Scout with his Eagle Scout Project while helping the parish? Brian Gring will be repairing the deck and seating area behind the pavilion out behind the church. He is asking for volunteers to help paint on Saturday, June 19 starting at 9:00 am. Donations will be accepted to cover cost of materials, and lunch will be served. For more information, email Brian Gring at briangringrocks@comcast.net.

Knights of Columbus Seminar

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Seminar entitled "Insurance 101". This session will be conducted by the Stackowicz Agency of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights is a Catholic Men's Organization and provides many benefits to KofC members. All men of the Catholic Faith are invited and encouraged to attend this seminar. I have attached the link where you can register to attend. I encourage all to view this very informative session on Insurance. Simply click the following link to register and please place our Council Number 17043 where asked to do so.

Date: June 21st 7:00PM EST/6:00PM CST

Registration: see the event page on the parish website for the Zoom registration link

Ben Janczewski,
Grand Knight

Green Commandment 7: Learn a New Way of Dwelling in Our Common Home

"According to the pope, we need a new economy, not one which is built on the myth of infinite growth and excludes the poor, but one which respects the cycles of nature and is at the service of the whole of humanity. We will need new politics, not subservient to economic interests and power lobbies, but at the service of the common good."

"As Naomi Klein has pointed out, 'Our economic systems and our planetary system are now at war.' The crisis of our common home 'is a civilizational wake-up call. A powerful message – spoken in the language of fires, floods, droughts, and extinctions – telling us we need an entirely new economic model and a new way of sharing this planet.'"

"In Laudato Si', Pope Francis is critical of the present political culture in relation to the protection of the natural environment within which human societies exist. Present-day politics, according to the pope, often lacks a long-term view of environmental protection, as it is mostly driven by the consumerist trend for immediate gratification."

--Summary statements by Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam from his book, "The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si'".

Climate Myth: Climate change solutions are too expensive.

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Another Voice:

"Our society's deep, unwavering faith in economic growth rests on the assumption that focusing on infinite growth is both possible and good. But neither is true. We can't run the expanding economic subsystem (take-make-waste) on a planet of fixed size indefinitely: on many fronts, we're perilously close to the limits of our finite planet already. Infinite economic growth, therefore, is impossible. Nor has it turned out to be, after the point at which basic human needs are met, a strategy for increasing human well-being." – Annie Leonard, The Story of Stuff

Work for RTL Michiana

Can you give 3 hours to the pro-life cause this summer? Right to Life Michiana needs volunteers to staff our fair booth at the St. Joe and Elkhart County 4-H Fair. Visit prolifemichiana.org or call (574) 232-5433 to sign up for a shift.



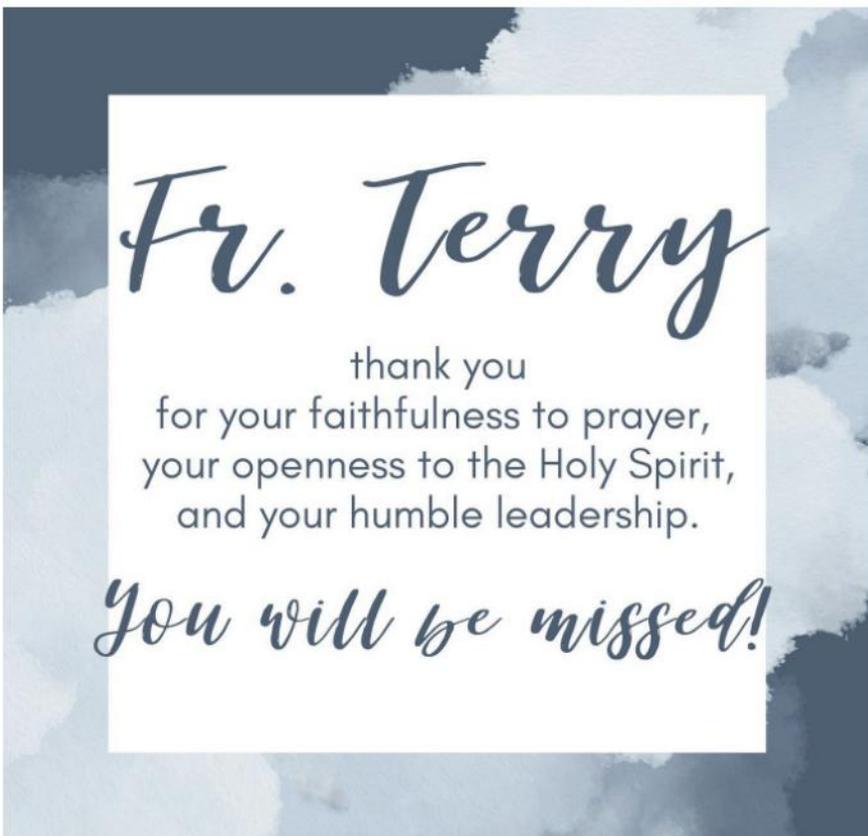
Praising God for the gift of Fr. Terry...

Healing Prayer Column: In Gratitude

As Fr. Terry goes off to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Fort Wayne, for sure no longer a “baby pastor,” let us remember. For many, perhaps the most vivid memory of his achievements will be his overseeing the new worship area. But perhaps his truly most significant achievement was coordinating the development of the Parish Pastoral Plan. And although the word “healing” is not mentioned, the Plan has everything to do with healing, in the broadest sense of the word.

The mission and vision statements and the core values stated in the Plan speak directly to our hearts and minds. It is there that healing truly is needed, always, always, always. We pray for healing of our bodies and our circumstances, as we should, but without deeper inner healing, little is likely to change in our bodies and circumstances.

Fr. Terry leaves with our gratitude, for the many blessings he has brought to us, individually and collectively. May the seeds that he has planted grow mightily, like the seeds in today’s Readings.



Dear Father Terry,

Thank you for welcoming me to your house. I always felt at home. Thank you for your support throughout the two years we have lived at the rectory together. Thank you for encouragement and inspiration. Thank you for being an elder brother in the priesthood. I always admired your diligence and complete self-giving to your priestly work and how you still always prayed even when you got home late. May God continue to sustain you in your life as a Christian and in your vocation as a priest. May you find joy and fulfillment also in your new assignment. Amen.

Father William Orbih

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