



HE SAID TO HER,

*“Daughter, your faith
has saved you.
Go in peace and be
cured of your
affliction.”*

MARK 5:34

June 27, 2021 | 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Letter from our Pastor

My dear parishioners,

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus to you and your household!

Have you ever been in a situation where words were inadequate, inappropriate or simply unnecessary? From my own life and relationships I have seen that just as words can either heal or harm, so can silence. I am constantly learning to know when to speak and when to be silent; what to say when I speak and what not to say when I am silent. It seems to me that sometimes presence, rather than words, is all that matters. This weekend my reflection is on faith in the power of Jesus' presence.

As you might know, I am a trained hospital chaplain. The chaplain's ministry is often described as a 'Ministry of presence.' As a hospital chaplain there have been times when I visited with patients and their families who just received news of a difficult diagnosis or are in an end of life situation, and there were no words adequate, appropriate or even necessary. I just show up. Contrary to what many might think, that, by itself, seemed to be sufficient in the moment. In our Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrated that ministry of presence. He was present to Jairus as he sought help for his dying daughter. He was also present to the woman afflicted with hemorrhages. Jesus was present to the disciples as they struggled against the storm. This same Jesus is present to us always. He never leaves us because the going is tough; rather, he accompanies us. To us he directs those same words he addressed to the synagogue official: "Do not be afraid; just have faith."

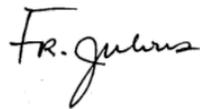
This theme of faith ties with our readings from last weekend. We were offered the opportunity to reflect not just on the storms in our lives, but the power of Jesus' presence. I invited us to fix our gaze on Jesus who is able and willing to calm the tempest just by speaking peace into the heart of the storm. This gaze does not in any way suggest we deny the existence of storms in our lives. Neither does it mean we avoid acknowledging their rage. On the contrary, it means trusting that the Lord is in solidarity with us, and accompanies us with his presence even in our darkest moments, shining the radiance of his light on our path. Faith in Jesus is the key to peace in the face of any storm. It is this faith that brings life rather than death.

How is it that the disciples who sailed for a living, and who would have weathered so many storms in their lives, be afraid

of 'one of those storms'? Was there something about this particular storm that terrified them, or was this how they reacted in the face of every storm? Why, in the first instance, would a storm arise in the disciples' boat while Jesus was present? Did Jesus know about the storm before it happened? Could he have prevented it? If yes, why did he not do so? These questions bring to mind a rather similar question posed by the Jews who had come to console Martha and Mary at the passing of their brother, Lazarus. Those who saw Jesus weep, observing how much he loved him, asked, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" (John 11: 37). Like the lesson in the story of Lazarus, Jesus does not prevent the storm in order to demonstrate his power over creation. He said, 'this sickness will not end in death. No, it is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it' (v. 4) ... and for your sake I am glad I was not there so that you may believe (v. 15). It seems logical therefore to reason that Jesus' question to the disciples about their lack of faith might have been to teach them the significance of faith in the power of his presence. As if rehearsed, both Martha and Mary verbalized faith in the power of Jesus' presence over death when they said, "Lord if you had been here my brother would not have died" (John 11: 21 & 32). They understood that the presence of Jesus was the antidote to death. Jesus is the source and sustainer of life. The one who came that we might have life in abundance (John 10:10) would not allow death steal that life from us. This life, which we have in Christ, begins even now while we are on earth with bodily health. As much as we call on Jesus to heal our souls, we must not neglect to ask him to heal our bodies as well. He underwent the ignominy of his own creatures and endured torture at the hands of those he fashioned with his own hands in order to save not just our souls but also our bodies. As Isaiah affirms, 'by his stripes you are healed' (Isaiah 53:5).

Faith is essential to discipleship. If we must follow Jesus, we must believe that he never abandons us when the road is rough and dangers abound. Dearly beloved, the storms in our lives may be strong, but even stronger are his words, "QUIET! BE STILL!"

May Jesus bless you, and may our Lady protect you!
With blessings from my heart,



Text of the Propers— 13th 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: “All nations, clap your hands; shout unto God with a voice of joy.” (Psalm 47:2)

Offertory: “As a holocaust of rams and bullocks, and of thousands of fatted lambs, so let our sacrifice be in your sight on this day, that it may be pleasing unto you. For there is no shame for those who put their trust in you, O Lord.” (Daniel 3:39-40)

Communion: “Lend your ear and make haste to rescue us.” (Psalm 31:3)

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 June 27, 2021

Sunday	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday	Memorial of Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11; Mt 8:18-22
Vigil:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Tuesday	Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Saint Junipero Serra, Priest Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29
Sunday	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a



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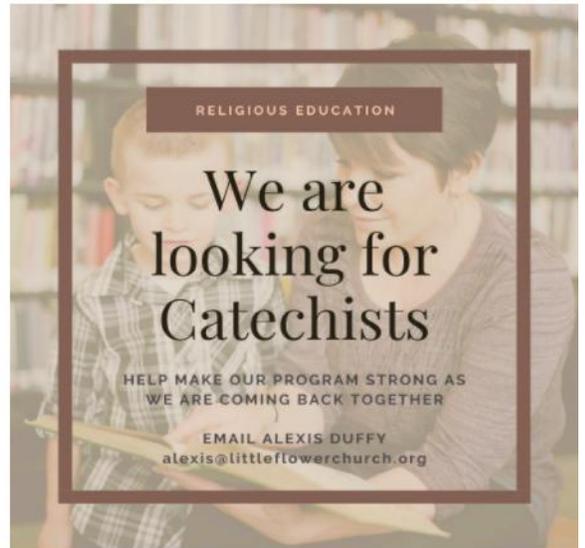
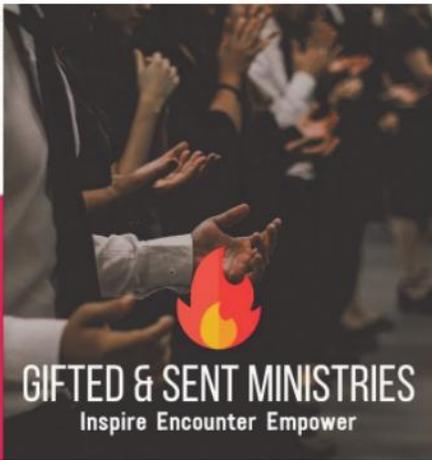
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TUESDAY, JULY 13TH AT 6:30

Keynote: *Come Holy Spirit...Whoever You Are*

Pope Benedict said that "The Holy Spirit has been in some ways the neglected person of the Blessed Trinity", yet, it was the Holy Spirit that breathed life into the Church! A relationship with the Holy Spirit can be transformative in our spiritual lives and can empower us to use our giftedness to share the faith. Come and spend some time getting to know more the Holy Spirit of Jesus and learn how to let Him breathe life into you.

Presenter: **Jessica Smith**

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Empowered to Heal

The Gospel tells us two beautiful stories: the woman afflicted with hemorrhages and Jairus' daughter who Jesus raises from death. In the First Reading, we hear, "God did not make death, nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living.... For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of his own nature he made him." Do we believe that? Or are these "truths" we have romanticized.

With death all around us and a world filled with violence and decay, it's hard to believe that the two Gospel stories are more than stories to inspire us to believe in Jesus. They are that, of course, but what is the "more"? The more is that Christ is in us (Colossians 1:27). That is not only a Scriptural truth and theological statement. It is a statement of empowerment. Empowerment through grace that is the glory of God in us. That empowerment takes form in love, which is expressed by compassion, kindness, generosity, gentleness, and joy. That empowerment enables us to share the Good News...and to heal.

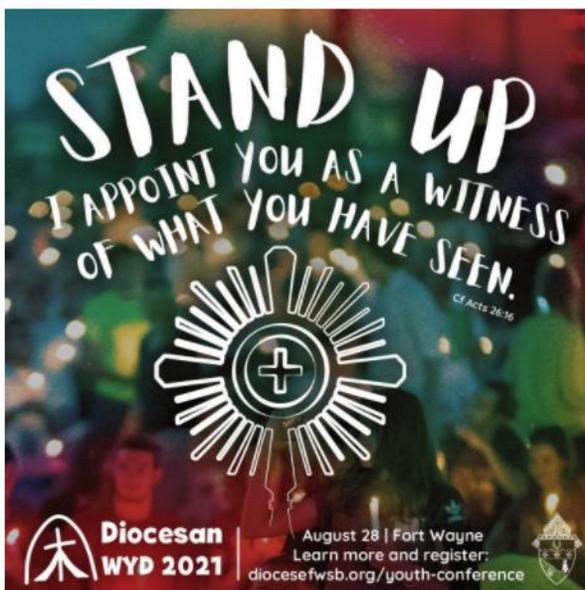
Theology on Tap – Save the Date!

Tuesdays, July 20 - August 17, 6:30pm

St. Therese the Little Flower Church, South Bend

Join us for a Catholic speaker series for young adults in their 20s & 30s, single and married, to share in food, fellowship, and faith!

We will gather in-person and outdoors for the summer series. The church grounds include a nice grassy area for spreading out. Each speaker session will include live music by talented local young adults, a food truck, and an engaging talk followed by discussion.



How to Respond to Anyone Asking for Money on Parish Grounds

In the past few weeks there have been families/ individuals asking for money in the parking lot or inside the church after weekend Masses. Please do not give individuals requesting assistance money, but refer them to call our Outreach Program (Whatsoever You Do) at 243-3437.

The Whatsoever You Do program is funded by parishioners and is set up for the purpose of helping those truly in need. Our program requires that everyone is to call the Outreach phone number to request assistance, this allows us to assist applicants equally and fairly, as well as to recommend other agencies and provide spiritual support. Our program is not equipped to help on the spot. There are other organizations in our community to help in emergency situations.

Within the next couple of weeks, the parish will have reference cards to hand out to those seeking help with phone numbers to call for assistance. Thank you for your help.

A Big Learning Opportunity

Did the two virtual talks on climate change or the series on the Ten Green Commandments running in the bulletin encourage you to learn more about this crucial issue? If so, plan on participating in "Laudato Si' and the U.S. Catholic Church: A free virtual conference on Our Common Home," sponsored by Creighton University and Catholic Climate Covenant, July 13-15.

To select the link for more information or to register, go to the Little Flower website - littleflowerchurch.org -- and select "Social Justice Commission" under the heading "Serve with Us."



Green Commandment 9: Embrace an Ecological Spirituality

"The ecological crisis becomes 'a summons to profound interior conversion.' The encyclical 'does not so much ask for changes in terms of fixing problems, but for changes in terms of converting the hearts.'"

"Just as the consequences of human sin falls on the land, apart from befalling the human community and their relationship with God, the repentance of the people of God will and can also lead to the healing of the land.... When people return to God and keep his covenant, then God will heal the land" (see 2 Chronicles 7:14).

"An authentic spirituality cannot but flow into life. It is all the more true in the case of an ecological spirituality, which is about learning to live responsibly and joyfully our existence in our common home. As the medieval mystic Hildegard of Bingen wrote, God created humankind so that we might 'cultivate the earthly and thereby create the heavenly.'"

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

Climate Myth: Climate is chaotic and cannot be predicted.

Science Says: Weather is chaotic, but climate is driven by Earth's energy imbalance, which is more predictable.

Pope Francis, Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI:

"Joined to the incarnate Son, present in the Eucharist, the whole cosmos gives thanks to God. Indeed the Eucharist is itself an act of cosmic love. 'Yes, cosmic! Because even when it is celebrated on the humble altar of a country church, the Eucharist is always in some way celebrated on the altar of the world.' The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, 'creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself.'"

(Laudato Si, 236)

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Knights of Columbus Happenings

We want you! We will begin a new Fraternal Year on July 1st. We are always seeking new members to join our order. If you are a Catholic gentleman of the age of 18 or older, I ask this question: Why haven't you joined the Knights of Columbus? The Knights offer a chance to grow in your faith and serve your fellow Brothers and Sisters in serving one another. See any Knight if you wish to join, we would be glad to have you on our team. You can also visit kofc.org and join online, be sure to list Council 17043 as the Council you wish to join and we will reach out to you!

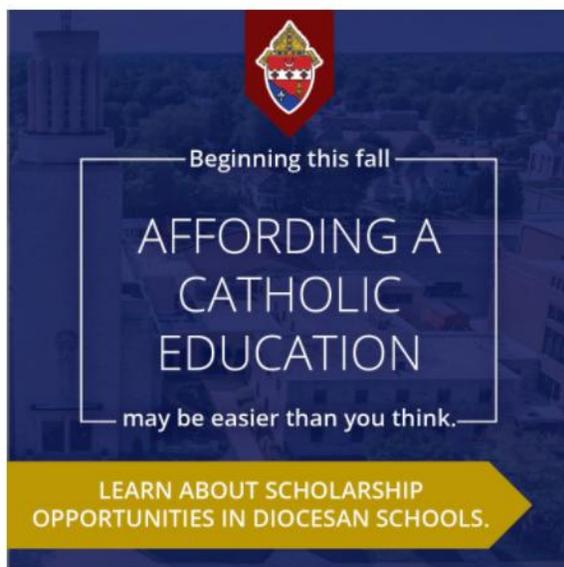
Website – Thanks for the expertise of Brother Knight Mikel Hogan our Council 17043 St Therese Martin Little Flower now has its own website. We invite you to visit our webpage littleflowerkofc.org!



Join Redeemer Radio 95.7FM for an evening of food, drink and Bocce on Monday, August 2nd at St. Joe Farm in Granger. Create your own team and compete against Bishop Rhoades and other area Catholics in the 4th annual Redeemer Radio Viva Bocce Classic. Dinner and open bar comes with each ticket! Young adults 21-35 are half price. For those that can make it, there will be a Mass before the event celebrated by Fr. Jacob Meyer and Fr. Ben Muhlenkamp. For more information and to signup, visit <https://www.redeemerradio.com/bocce2021sb/> or call 574-855-1587.

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