

Brothers and sisters:
Indeed the word of God is living
and effective, sharper than any
two-edged sword,
penetrating even between soul
and spirit, joints and marrow,
and able to discern reflections
and thoughts of the heart.
No creature is concealed from
him, but everything is naked
and exposed to the eyes of him
to whom we must render an
account.

HEBREWS 4:12-13



OCTOBER 10TH, 2021
28TH SUNDAY OF 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,
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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Reconciliation Times

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00-9:30 am
Saturday 8:30 to 9:30 am, and 4:30 to 5:00 pm
(Or By Appointment.)

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday 9:00-9:30 am
Saturday 8:30-9:30 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, October 9

5:30 pm †Jim Eppert

Sunday, October 10

9:00 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham
11:30 am †Paul Erp, Jr.
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, October 11

8:30 am †Jim Cieselski

Tuesday, October 12

8:30 am †Linda Molenda

Wednesday, October 13

8:30 am †Jim Cieselski

Thursday, October 14

8:30 am †Ken Dempsey

Friday, October 15

8:30 am †Karl Wolz

Saturday, October 16

8:00 am †Thomas Policinski, Sr.
5:30 pm †Cliff Perras

Sunday, October 17

9:00 am †Norma Miller
11:30 am †Jack Schoenrock
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

We have given up everything and followed you...

Peter's question to our Lord in the latter part of our Gospel reading for this weekend echoes a series of questions that many of us might have asked when a request is made of our time, talent or resources. It is not difficult to hear people ask, "what is in it for me?" You invite me to help out at the food pantry, what do I gain from it? Will my children acquire service hours by helping at a parish event? Would participating in a retreat be worth my time? What would I benefit from hours of work on a parish project, or serving in a committee? How would my life be improved by coming to Mass every weekend, or even daily? What is in it for me? These questions, as common as they are, express the human desire for validation. We all want our effort to count, and be recognized. Doing good for the sake of it even when not applauded doesn't always appeal to everyone. Our Lord acknowledges this need for gratuity, and does not dismiss Peter's question. He gave his all to save humanity without asking what was in it for himself, as scripture tells us, he 'emptied himself...(Philippians 2:7). This same Jesus promised that his disciples would have a hundred times over whatever they had sacrificed to follow him. This is only possible because God cannot be overdone in generosity. And because he knows what sacrifices we make to do anything good and worthwhile, he knows what rewards are appropriate.

I recently listened to a conference talk from Amazing Parish. The keynote speaker shared a quote from Nicky Gumbel that spoke to me, and I have been reflecting on this since I heard it:

"The Church is often like a football game. 22 people desperately in need of a rest, watched by thousands of people desperately in need of exercise."

In the past weeks I have been inviting all our parishioners to be more engaged in our parish life. Your pastor and parish staff are willing, but cannot do it all. The parish is a family of believers, who have been gathered by the risen Lord in order to sanctify them and send them out to help gather others into the fold. We are saved to help save others. And we do this through joyful proclamation of the gospel, living lives of authentic witnessing and service to our brothers and sisters. Our parish family, like any family, would function better when every member contributes to making it work. The point I am trying to make is that the mission of the church to bring everyone to the knowledge of Christ is enhanced when everyone plays their part. God has entrusted to each one of us, as diverse as we are, gifts he has not entrusted to another. And these different gifts are entrusted to us to be used in building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12). This is how

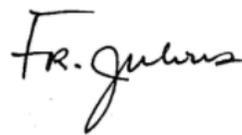
we witness to **SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY**, one of our core values. We recognize that we all have gifts to give, and are willing to give them in the service of God and of his church. I know firsthand how difficult it could be when the work of the many is left to a few. Some of our parishioners want to be engaged but don't know how to. Some are not sure what needs to be done, but would jump right in if invited. Some are tired of waiting to be asked to do something, and some are exhausted from doing so much already; some feel undervalued and underappreciated and as such do not offer to help. Whatever group you identify with, I want you to know there's a lot to be done, and we need you. One gift we all can give is the gift of our presence. Just showing up goes a long way. No one gives God anything without having it multiplied and returned to them a hundredfold. If you would like to be more involved but don't know how, our parish staff or members of our Parish Pastoral Council would be more than glad to point you in the right direction. You can find a list of our parish staff on our website: www.littleflowerchurch.org and published in our weekly bulletin, and on the bulletin board at the back of the church. You can find a list of the members of our Parish Pastoral Council below:

Mike Jasper
Christine Gaffney
Lynn Handley
Daniel Flowers
Joseph Torma
Francisca Flores
Ron Miller
Nevin Siqueira
Craig Phillips

This weekend I am preaching missions at Corpus Christi. Please pray for its success. Also make welcome the visiting priests Fathers Dominic Verner and George Ike who would be celebrating our weekend liturgies. We thank them for coming to celebrate for and with our parish community.

May Jesus bless you, and may Our Lady protect you!

With blessings from my heart,



Text of the Propers— 28th 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: “O Lord, of you were to take into account our iniquities, who would withstand the test? But forgiveness abides with you, O God of Israel.” (Psalm 130:3-4)

Offertory: “Remember me, O Lord, you who dominate all authority; put the right words on my lips, so that my speech may be convincing in the presence of the King.” (Esther 14:12-13)

Communion: “Remove from me all scorn and contempt, for I have kept your commandments; from your law is the object of my meditations.” (Psalm 119:22, 24)

St. Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God cast into Hell Satan
and all the evil spirits who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday	Saint John XXIII, Pope Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child

If you have lost a child before or after birth – whether recently or long ago – please join us for a special Memorial Mass on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 pm at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish, celebrated by Fr. Julius Okojie. Siblings, grandparents, and other family members are also welcome. Sponsored by Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

For more information, please contact Caty Burke at 260-422-4611 or cburke@diocesefwsb.org

Bishop's Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. The parish's goal for this year is \$81, 445 and we still need **\$50,700** to reach our goal. Please consider supporting this year's appeal. You can drop your pledge/payment in the collection basket at Mass or mail/drop off at the parish office. Thank you!

We are a community that builds and sends disciples...

THURSDAY NOV. 4TH
6 - 9PM



THE ONE
RETREAT
FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Jesus goes after the one until He finds it.

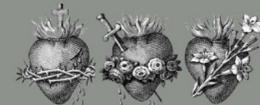


Is this busy person's retreat only for young adults?

No! The Holy Spirit is for everyone. This retreat is for everyone.

Our busy person's retreat will be led by Damascus missionaries: seven young adults who have given two years of their lives to bringing Jesus to parishes and schools. If you find yourself tempted to think you don't have anything to gain from this retreat led by young missionaries, call to mind this verse from Matthew 18: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven". The young often are the best teachers of the Kingdom! Jesus also said "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart."

If you're unsure about this retreat, give it a chance! God is never outdone in generosity. Give Him three hours on a Thursday evening, and see what He'll do.



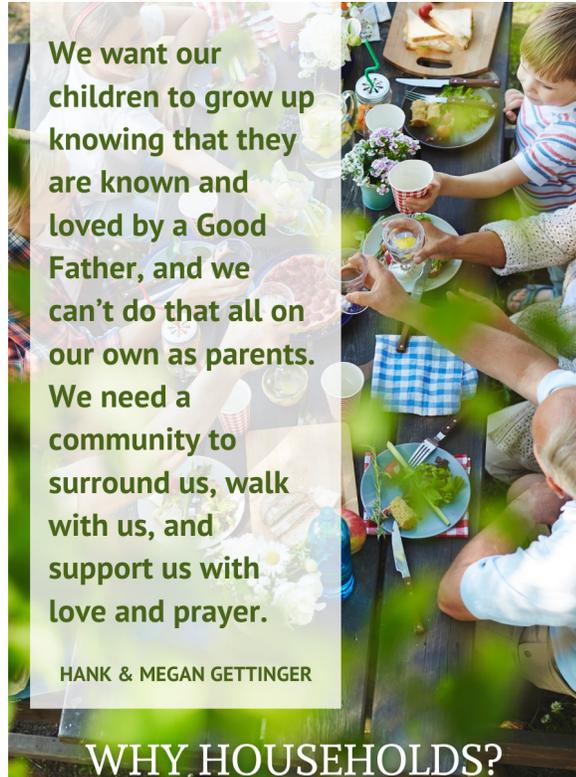
**ST. THÉRÈSE
LITTLE FLOWER
LIFETEEN**

**SUNDAYS
6:30-8PM
UPPER ROOM**

October Kingdom Builders Gathering: Surrender ~ Make Room to Bloom

All Women are invited to join us as we allow the Lord to reveal the beauty of our designs and discover how He has created us to bloom! We surrender it all to Him. Come and be loved by your Heavenly Father.

Thursday October 21 at 7:00 pm

We want our children to grow up knowing that they are known and loved by a Good Father, and we can't do that all on our own as parents. We need a community to surround us, walk with us, and support us with love and prayer.

HANK & MEGAN GETTINGER

WHY HOUSEHOLDS?



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FAITH AT HOME

Visit formed.org and search for our Parish to access tons of free content!

Christ Child Society Boot Collection this weekend

The Christ Child Society annually provides new warm winter coats, shoes and clothing for thousands of children in our community who lack resources. One thing parents often request is boots to help make shoes last and keep tiny feet warm.

Please donate your gently worn boots or buy an extra pair when you purchase boots for your own children. A collection box will be available in the church vestibule during the weekends of October 9-10 and 16-17 to collect the boots. All sizes are needed!



National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter, "When I Call for Help."

If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours); 800-787-3224(TTY), www.thehotline.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



Miriam's Blessing

Miriam's Blessing is a diocesan peer-mentor ministry that provides comprehensive support to parents who receive a difficult prenatal diagnosis, whether it is the detection of a chronic condition like Down Syndrome, Spina Bifida, or Cystic Fibrosis, or a life-threatening disorder like anencephaly, Trisomy 13, or Trisomy 18. Support for parents carrying to term spans the pregnancy, the birth, and the postpartum period. Peer ministers and volunteers are screened, trained, and work in teams. To expectant parents, they offer unique insight and sensitivity regarding such difficult issues as mourning the loss of the anticipated baby, maintaining hope when a prognosis is poor, and neonatal critical care. For more information, go to diocesefwsb.org/miriamsblessing.

March for Life

The 2022 Diocesan March for Life Pilgrimage is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 20 – Sunday, Jan. 23. Due to the uncertainties caused by the pandemic, we are allowing students and adults to "Save a Seat" on the bus. Space is limited, so don't wait! We expect hundreds of high school pilgrims, adult leaders, priests and religious to join Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades from our diocese as we pray and march for the protection of human life! Learn more and reserve your spot:

diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life

Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is looking for volunteers through October - on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday too. This may not be specifically on the Matthew 25 home but they will assign volunteers where there is the biggest need before the colder weather sets in.

<https://www.hfhsjc.org/volunteer/>

As always, any monetary donation is appreciated any time that you build. Even if you are unable to help build, please consider donating and sharing this with others to help spread the word. Don't need anything for your birthday? Consider a fundraiser to support Habitat.

<https://www.hfhsjc.org/donate/>

We are a community that extends the Kingdom of God.



Healing Prayer Corner: More Remembering

Celebrating ten years of this column, last week we began to look at some gems provided to us. First, Kevin, the presenter at our “Praying for Our Children” workshop in 2012. “When you get over the hurdle of praying with people, you experience such love when you do it.”

June 10, 2012: “In order to pray for healing, either for yourself or for others, you have to go out on a limb – because that is where the fruit is!” – The Forgotten Touch, Reverend Nigel Mumford. And from Bill Johnson, The Essential Guide to Healing.

July 1, 2012: “Many people miss out on a move of God because they are not hungry enough.” – Also, “Most seem to want a move of God without problems or messes. Moves of God just do not come that way.”

July 8, 2012: “I must accurately represent Him until I can accurately represent Him.”

July 29, 2012: “Freedom from disease is God’s will on earth. Period. God has not commanded us to pray for healing in order to frustrate us. Neither is prayer a spiritual exercise created to make us hungry for eternity.”

Photography talent needed!

Do you have an eye for taking beautiful photos? Whether you are skilled with a professional grade camera or your iPhone camera we would be grateful if you would share your gifts with our parish! We are building up our parish photo library for use in communications and simply to record the life of the parish. If you are interested in helping, simply take photos at parish events and share them with Megan via email megan@littleflowerchurch.org. You can also email with any questions. Thank you!




Every **2 seconds** someone in the U.S. needs blood.
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Blood Drive

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

Payne Hall
54191 Ironwood Rd
South Bend

Wednesday, October 27
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving: September

September	
Adult Collection	\$42,649.50
Loose Collection	\$ 8,343.84
Total Collections	\$50,993.34
(Under)/Over Budget	(\$ 7,339.99)
Capital Campaign	\$ 8,535.88
Food Pantry	\$ 977.50
Whatsoever You Do	\$ 4,916.44

Thank you to our bulletin Sponsor of the Week:

Holy Cross Village

(See their ad on the back cover)