

Whoever wishes to be  
great among you will be  
your servant;  
whoever wishes to be  
first among you will be  
the slave of all.  
For the Son of Man did  
not come to be served  
but to serve and to give  
his life as a ransom for  
many.

A. EVELFELT

Mark 10:43-45



This weekend's Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews suggests that it is Jesus' human experience of suffering that puts him in full solidarity with the rest of humanity, and especially qualifies him as mediator. Because Jesus felt hunger, he is able to relate to our struggle with our own hunger or the hunger of our world; because Jesus felt rejection, especially from his own people, he is able to relate with us when we cry to him about how rejected, unloved, and unwanted we feel. We certainly have a God who does not stand aloof or apart from our experiences; he enters into the very depth of our mess and becomes one like us in everything, *though without sin*. There was a saying that stuck with me when I was studying to become a healthcare chaplain: "you do not heal what you do not feel." This saying seems to suggest that unless one has felt hurt one couldn't really understand how another who is hurting feels.

The saying of St. Paul in 2 Corinthians 1:4 is instructive: "He (God) comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." According to St. Paul, we help and support others who are vulnerable because we ourselves experience similar vulnerabilities. The recognition that we are as fragile, broken, fallen, sinful, in need of a Savior, like others, should help us to understand with others and be kind to one another. At his Incarnation, our Lord Jesus entered into solidarity with the whole of humanity. When he took on human flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary, he, who is God, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, takes on what was originally alien to him (human nature) in order to elevate this assumed nature to the status of divinity and to make us by adoption what we were not by nature (children of God). To be in solidarity with us means that Jesus experienced all that we experience on a daily basis. He was tested in every way as we are, but did not sin. He therefore offers us an example of how to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters. My heart turns to the many brothers and sisters of ours who go to bed hungry, who have no beds to go to at the end of the day, who have no food on their plates, or are unsure of where the next meal would come from, our brothers and sisters who have to flee their homelands because of war, bad government or in search for a meaningful life. To be in solidarity with them is to acknowledge our common humanity, advocate for the protection and promotion of their dignity, and do whatever we can to ameliorate their condition.

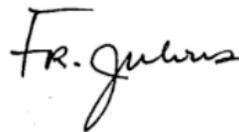
To be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters is to journey together with them. Solidarity is necessary for efficient evangelization. We must be willing to stop, listen and encounter people where they are. Like some of you, I sometimes get too busy to stop to listen or encounter someone who needs my attention. We focus too much on our work or business that we do not notice the needs of our

brothers and sisters. One of the things I have learned from my ministry, as priest, is that people are hurting, and just want to talk to someone. I know they do not expect me to have answers to all their questions, but they appreciate that they are important enough for me to stop and listen. We must be willing to encounter the person right in front of us, suspending whatever other agenda we might have to listen to that brother or sister of ours. This is **Authentic Accompaniment**, one of our parish's Core Values. As important as projects might be, as urgent as it might seem to fulfill our tasks or be faithful to our job descriptions, the human person in front of us is even more important. We must prioritize the person over any other concern, and do all we can to respect and promote their dignity.

Last Sunday Pope Francis declared the opening of a Synod on Synodality for the universal church. This consultation and spiritual discernment process will last from 2021-2023. The Holy Father calls the church to a new way of encountering and discernment. At the heart of the synod is a recognition that the church must listen anew to the Holy Spirit. We are being invited to be a listening church. This is essential to authentic encounter and discernment of what the Holy Spirit is doing in our church, and what the Lord is calling us to in this age and time. Let us all be open to learn to listen in a new way. Come Holy Spirit!

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

With blessings from my heart,



## Text of the Propers— 29th 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:** “I have called out because you answer me, O God; incline your ear and hear my words; keep me, O Lord, like the apple of your eye; protect me under the shadow of your wings.” (Psalm 17:6, 8)

**Offertory:** “I shall meditate upon your commandments which I greatly love; I will extend my hands towards your commandments which I love.” (Psalm 119:47-48)

**Communion:** “O Lord our governor, how admirable is your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:2)

## 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 17, 2021

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist</b> 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs</b> Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest</b> Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Lk 12:39-48
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 12:49-53
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saint John Paul II, Pope</b> Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Saint John of Capistrano, Priest</b> Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

## 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](mailto:cburke@diocesefwsb.org)



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THE ROSARY**  
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We are a community that builds and sends disciples...

The community has always been the instrument that the Spirit uses to bring about the great renewals throughout the history of the Church.

Today it is the community that should be the lampstand on which the great light, the Holy Spirit, is placed, so that it gives light to all in the house.

FR. RANIERO CANTALAMESSA

JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND FOR  
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*October 23rd & 24th*



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## October Kingdom Builders Gathering: Surrender ~ Make Room to Bloom

All Women are invited to join us on Thursday October 21 at 7:00 pm 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.



## Experience The Healing Love of Christ



A prophetic and healing evangelist from the Archdiocese of Detroit and Pastor, Corpus Christi Parish in the inner city of Detroit, Fr. Patrick Gonyeau will be leading an evening of teaching, healing and renewal at Little Flower Friday evening, November 19, starting at 6:30 p.m. We invite you to come and join Fr. Patrick as he brings his infectious joy, inspiring faith, and passion for healing to our community.

## Stay Connected

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for daily posts and reflections, testimonies, and periodic parish updates.

Visit the "Connect" page on our website to sign up for our parish email newsletter or to get the bulletin sent directly to your email.



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## 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](https://diocesefwsb.org/march-for-life)

## You’re Invited!

Right to Life Michiana Benefit Dinner

Thursday, November 11th at Century Center

Enjoy a talk and performance by keynote Mark Schultz

Register at [www.prolifemichiana.org](http://www.prolifemichiana.org)

## Whatsoever You Do:

### September Outreach Report

In September, the Outreach Program provided \$6,865.10 in assistance to 30 families or individuals for 33 accounts. It would have been much more, except that we referred a number of folks to the Emergency Rental Assistance Program administered by the county.

There is a confluence of circumstances that describe many folks who approach us with need.

Those revolve around Covid, children, and job availability. One woman, a caregiver for elderly people in their homes, has lost clients because of Covid or fear of Covid. She now provides care for a grandchild in her home so that the child’s mother can work. Another woman, a mother of three teenagers, lost her job because the business closed because of Covid and has not yet reopened. Additionally, she has suffered the loss of her husband two years ago and her mother earlier this year.

It bears repeating to say that people associate Little Flower with compassion and generosity. Using an automobile analogy, we are the engine, but you, the parishioners, are the fuel. Whatsoever You Do Outreach goes nowhere without you. Always, always, always...thank you for your generosity.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 10 men have experienced some sort of domestic abuse. If you are living in an unsafe home, please reach out to an area WYCA for help:

South Bend area: 866-YES-YWCA (bilingual services available)

You can also chat at <https://buff.ly/2MBenai> or text START to 88788.



## Blood Drive

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

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



St. Joseph, pray for us to have servant hearts like yours; that we may always be ready to answer God’s call; and that our lives may be lived with humble obedience to the Will of God. Amen.

We are a community that extends the Kingdom of God.



Healing Prayer  
Corner: Margaret  
Schlientz &

Fr. Richard McAlear

Continuing our celebration of ten years of this column, here are more gems from the past.

November 1, 2015: "God doesn't need our time, he needs our hearts. Don't be anxious about results, we just need to be a loving presence." (Margarett Schlientz, at the retreat that began our celebration of the canonization of Zélie and Louis Martin.)

From The Power of Healing Prayer, Fr. Richard McAlear, in anticipation of his healing retreat at Little Flower in March, 2018:

February 25, 2018: "In any healing process, a time of decision is necessary. The suffering person must decide to reject infirmity and choose health. In cases where such a decision is lacking, sickness can become an identity and in time a trap."

March 4, 2018: "Forgiveness is an act of the will, a decision to let go of a hurt. It is a choice of forgiving over resenting. Whether the other person acknowledges wrongdoing or not, the person who chooses to forgive frees his or her own heart from anger and bitterness and finds wholeness spiritually and as a person of integrity. With forgiveness come peace and wholeness. The forgiving heart is free to love in a way that an angry heart cannot."

## Ava's Grace

If you have faced the loss of an infant before or after birth, you are not alone. Ava's Grace is a diocesan ministry that offers spiritual, emotional, and practical support to families who suffer miscarriage, stillbirth, and infant loss. The website [diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace](http://diocesefwsb.org/avasgrace) contains a wealth of information to help families face the loss of an infant before or after birth with the support of the rich resources of our faith – from funeral rites and burial services to inspirational articles and blog posts on grief, healing, and Catholic spirituality. A monthly online support group meets on the third Wednesday evening of the month from 8 - 9:30 p.m. over Zoom. Anyone interested in attending can email Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org) for the Zoom meeting link and password.

## 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/>

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