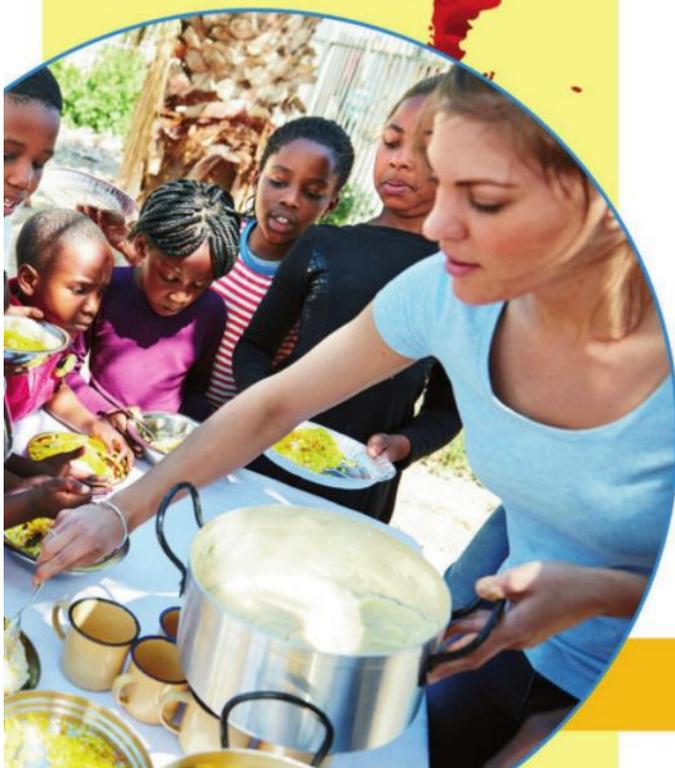
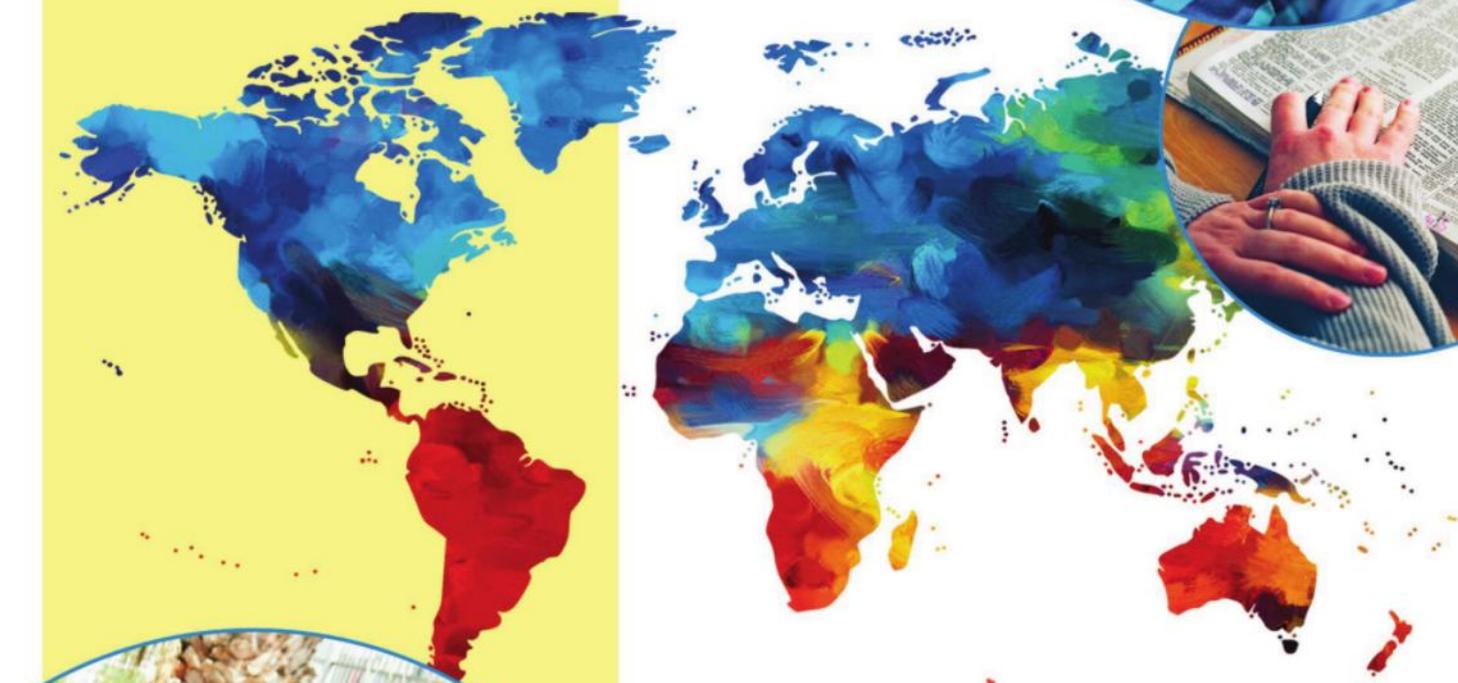


WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Here I am, send me



The celebration of World Mission Day is aimed at supporting the missionary work carried out in my name by the Pontifical Mission Societies, in order to meet the spiritual and material needs of peoples and Churches throughout the world, for the salvation of all.

~Pope Francis

My beloved parishioners,

The request of blind Bartimaeus was simple but direct: "Master, I want to see." He had no time for stories, but went straight to the heart of his desire. He gives us an example for our own prayers – be simple, but straight to the point! Like Bartimaeus, we all have desires that have been planted in our hearts by God. And we are all crying out to Jesus to be the fulfillment of our desires. We might not be physically blind, but our needs are by no means small. More than anything, what we are crying for is Jesus. And there is a part of receiving Jesus that can only be received in a Christian community. If we want to live a full life in Christ, we must be open to communion with our brothers and sisters. Like the early Christians, we need authentic Christian community to share this communion. Even in monastic life, we see the importance of communal living. A brother or sister who wants to become a hermit must first prove himself or herself capable of living in community. Despite the pressure from the crowd, Bartimaeus did not stay silent; he knew that only in Jesus would his desire be met, so he kept crying and shouting out. We too must cry and shout out to the Lord in the face of the many voices around trying to shut us down. We have many good, holy desires within us. And one of those desires is for a real and authentic community, for real friendship with one another. The world tells us to keep those desires quiet. It might sound something like, *"Don't ask for so much from others," "Don't be a burden," "There's no perfect community," "There are sinful people everywhere so why bother," or "I don't want to risk being seen by others or risk that they might not accept me," "Don't expect so much from God, or especially from Christians, they'll just let you down," or "Real friendship doesn't exist."* Bartimaeus could recognize the lies in the voices that were trying to keep him from reaching out to Jesus. Do we see the lies in the voices telling us not to reach out to Jesus or to our brothers and sisters? What are those desires the Lord has placed in your heart? Do you think they cannot be fulfilled? We must remember, as our heavenly patroness, St. Thérèse said, the Lord does not inspire a desire that is impossible. God has never given a desire that he cannot fulfill.

Like the Psalmist, who sang the praise of God who had done great things by setting the captives of Zion free and bringing them back to their homeland, the Lord has begun something new in our parish. They are called HOUSEHOLDS. In the early days of the church, the disciples of Jesus met weekly in house churches, that is, in the homes of believers, to break bread and share the Word. Today, we are being called to small communities of believers to fellowship together and to share the love of the heart of God with our brothers and sisters. Even though we share meal together and fellowship with our brothers and sisters, these are not social gatherings; neither are they civic associations, political groupings, or exclusive clubs. Their sole purpose and focus is Jesus. We come together to witness to our love for Jesus and our love for one another. We will share our joys, sorrows, laughter and tears. We will be free to be ourselves without giving offense to anyone or taking offense ourselves. In these households, everyone is invited, and everyone is valued and loved. By our coming together, we will bear witness of God's love and goodness to the world. I therefore invite you all to be open to this movement of the Holy Spirit, to deepen our communion with one another and to grow in our witnessing to Jesus and to the gospel.

This weekend is World Mission Sunday. The church is by nature missionary. And we all contribute to this mission by our time, talents and treasure. I ask that you be generous as you are able, to the Mission Sunday second collection this weekend for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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



Bishop's Appeal Update

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. We have received \$39,303 in pledges toward our goal of \$81,445. We still need \$42,142 to reach our goal. If you have not donated yet, 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. The parish is still responsible for the total \$81,445 to the diocese. The amount short will be taken out of the parish general fund. Any overage will be used for capital improvements. Thank you!



Text of the Propers— 30th 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: “Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice; seek the Lord and be strengthened; seek his face for evermore.” (Psalm 105:3-4)

Offertory: “O Lord, grant me life according to your word, so that I may learn your commandments.” (Psalm 119:107, 125)

Communion: “We shall rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of the Lord our God shall we place our pride.” (Psalm 20:6)

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 24, 2021

Sunday	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52
Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-5, 6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 6:12-16
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

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



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Healing Prayer Corner: New Voices on Healing

Completing our celebration of ten years of this column, here are gems from the Encounter Conference in January, 2020 which was attended by many folks from our parish and diocese.

Mary Healy: "Factual reality can blind us to spiritual realities." "God wants to open the eyes of our hearts." "A tsunami of the Spirit is here." "We need to come to Jesus in our powerlessness." "There's no place for pride, fear, insecurity." "We need 20/20 vision with the spiritual realm."

Fr. Matthias Thelan. President of Encounter Ministries: "The power of the Holy Spirit is not about you. It is about those we are called to reach."

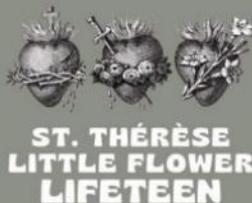
Jim Baker, Senior Leader at Zion Christian Fellowship: "The biggest hindrance to healing is mindsets." "Healing is not my idea, healing is God's idea. I'm not trying to convince him, he's trying to convince me."

Dr. Randy Clark, Global Awakening: "Be willing to show up. If we don't pray for healing, there are people who won't be healed."

October 11, 2020: Finally, the words of Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm, on our patroness: "St. Thérèse was very human. She had all the human struggles, aches and pains that we all have – in fact, they were magnified by her hyper-sensitivity. Sometimes we forget that when we hear her story. Her life was a struggle of surrender and healing. That is why I believe she is so powerful as an intercessor and heavenly friend. She understands what we are going through and our need for healing today."

Culver's Restaurant "Share the Event" Help our Youth Group Night!

Culver's Restaurant at 5520 N. Main St, Mishawaka, IN 46545 is offering our parish the opportunity to support our youth group! From 5 - 8 pm on Monday, November 8th, volunteers from St. Thérèse Little Flower will bus tables, greet Culver's guests and share in Culver's profits for that time period! The more support we have from YOU, the greater the benefit to our youth group. PLEASE show your support, treat yourself, dine-in or drive-through. You'll be greeted by your friendly fellow parishioners for a carefree evening and good food!



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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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Blood Drive

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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 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 levertt@diocesefwsb.org for the Zoom meeting link and password.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

BOXES OF JOY

Our Religious Education Classes will be packing Boxes of Joy for Cross Catholic Outreach. These boxes will be shipped as Christmas gifts to children in developing countries. For many of these children, a Box of Joy was the first Christmas gift they ever received.

We need items to place in shoe size boxes!

<p>TOYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handheld toys • Small plush animals • Small balls (tennis, etc.) • Ball (deflate) with pump • Cars / Trucks • Dolls • Mini puzzles • Finger puppets • Silly putty • Bean bag / Hacky sack 	<p>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pencils, colored pencils • Solar calculator • Sharpener • Small board books • Erasers • Pencil case • Crayons • Pens, markers • Ruler • Glue stick (no liquid) 	<p>HYGIENE / HOME</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comb / Brush • Forks & Spoons • Cup / Bottle with lid • Bar Soap • Toothpaste (in the box) • Toothbrush and floss • Bandages • Hand wipes (no gels) • Tissues • Lip balm
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Each box need to be sent with \$9 to cover the cost of shipping, so we will be accepting monetary donations as well

Please bring donations to the parish by Friday November 7th.



You're Invited!

Right to Life Michiana Benefit Dinner on Thursday, November 11th at Century Center. Enjoy a talk and performance by keynote Mark Schultz. Register at www.prolifemichiana.org

Project Rachel

Project Rachel is a post-abortion reconciliation program offered by the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. This ministry offers hope and healing for all those who suffer from the pain of abortion and its aftermath. If you are hurting, know that your Church cares and understands. God is loving and forgiving and in His name the Church reaches out to you with compassion and concern. For more information, please see visit the website at diocesefwsb.org/projectrachel, call toll-free 1-855-RACHEL HOPE (1-855-722-4354) or contact projectrachelhope@gmail.com

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Red Mass

Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades invites you to the Annual Red Mass on Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 5:15 p.m. at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the campus of Notre Dame. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, there will not be a reception following the Red Mass this year. First celebrated in France in the 13th Century, this ancient rite annually asks God's blessing on all those who serve as lawyers, judges, civil government officials, teachers, and students of the law and political science.

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!

The Marriage Course Online

Strengthen your marriage from the comfort of your own home with The Marriage Course Online! Featuring "regular" couples and relationship experts from around the world, this free 8-week program will take place online over Zoom on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. from October 26 through December 14. There is no group discussion. Instead, time will be built into each session for you and your spouse to discuss the topic in the privacy of your own home using prompts from The Marriage Course journal. Topics include strengthening connection; the art of communication; resolving conflict; the power of forgiveness; the impact of family; good sex; and love in action. The program will conclude with a Q & A panel discussion session with other Catholic couples. For more information and to register, please go to diocesefwsb.org/marriage-course.



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