



We cannot feel
“alright” when any
member of the human
family is left behind
and in the shadows.
The silent cry of so
many poor men,
women and children
should find the
people of God at the
forefront, always and
everywhere, in efforts
to give them a voice,
to protect and
support them in the
face of hypocrisy and
so many unfulfilled
promises, and to
invite them to share
in the life of the
community.

Pope Francis

World Day of the Poor
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dearly beloved parishioners,

We are at the penultimate Sunday in our current Liturgical Year. And the end of a liturgical season is a great time to ponder on the end of time, as well as our own end. The cosmic events spoken of in our First and Gospel readings this weekend are not intended to generate or even validate speculations as to the hour when these would happen, but to call us to focus on Jesus who is the Lord of history, and in whom human history has been and is being redeemed. Whereas the first reading from Daniel speaks of events during the tyrannical reign of Antiochus IV, and the gospel could have been a prediction of events to precede the destruction of Jerusalem, they both serve to encourage the people that God is Lord of history, and that he is at work even in the worst of situations.

As we prepare for the season of Advent, we are invited to ponder on the Lord's return and our readiness for that great day. The belief in the parousia, or the Second Coming of Christ is central to our confession as Christians. We profess faith in this truth when we say, "From thence he will come again to judge the living and the dead." We believe that the Second Person of the Trinity became man for our sakes and our salvation. In obedience to the Father's will, he suffered the consequence of humanity's sin, taking on himself the iniquity of us all (Isaiah 53:6; 1 Pet 2: 24). But thanks be to God, that was not the end of the story. He was raised from the dead on the third day, and ascended into heaven where he now sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us. This Jesus, before he departed this world, promised to return. He spoke of the imminence of his return to John in his vision, as recorded in the book of Revelation (22:20) The two men in white who appeared to the apostles after he ascended into heaven spoke of his return just as he went into heaven (Acts 1:11-14). In fact, the bible ends with the anticipatory words "Come Lord Jesus" (Revelation 22:20). The Letter to the Hebrews, from where our Second Reading has been taken, speaks of his return not to take away sin, because he already did that at his first coming, but to reward with salvation those who have been waiting for his return (Hebrews 9:28). Although Jesus has conquered sin and death through his death and resurrection, his return in glory would be a time for him to achieve the definitive triumph of good over evil. Then he would reveal the secret desires of our hearts, and would repay each one according to his acceptance or refusal of grace (Catechism of the Catholic Church par. 681-2).

As the Liturgical Year gradually comes to an end, the readings for this weekend seem appropriate for focusing our attention on the end of our lives. If there is anything that we cannot deny, it is the fact of the contingency of our existence. Today we are here, and tomorrow we are gone. Our death in this world of material existence is only a prelude into another realm of existence; it is our translation into the eternity we have always hoped for. But this eternity would either be to life or to horror and disgrace, depending on whether our names are found in the book of the Lamb. The glory we shall have at the resurrection, when our bodies would rise again, would be determined by whether we lived for God or for ourselves, whether the Lord was our inheritance or we allowed created goods to be our inheritance.

Our responsibility is not to speculate about cosmic events or when the anticipated return of the Lord would be. Our responsibility is to be vigilant at all times and stand ready to receive Christ when he eventually comes again. We must strive to live holy lives, through worthy reception of the sacraments and living active lives of charity and at the service of our brothers and sisters in need. Our Catholic faith offers us countless opportunities for acquiring grace. Let us not miss the opportunities available to us to prepare ourselves for that great day that is not known to any human being but to God alone.

In light of the above, I wish to encourage all our parishioners to reach out to me or our parish office to let us know of any parishioner who is homebound or sick, and in need of the sacraments. Please do not wait until you are certain that a person is dying to call a priest. I try to be available whenever I am called, but you never know, I might be a minute late. It is not my prayer that anyone should be deprived of the consolation of receiving the sacraments before they take their last breath. The best time is not when the doctor recommends hospice care; the best time is as soon as a person begins to be gravely ill. Remember, the Sacrament of the Sick can be repeated multiple times; it is not Last Rites, as we popularly refer to it.

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



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Text of the Propers— 33rd 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: “The Lord says: ‘I am pondering thoughts of peace and not of affliction; you shall call upon me, and I will hear you; and I will bring you back from all the lands where you are held captive.’” (Jeremiah 29:11-12, 14)

Offertory: “Out of the depths have I cried to you O Lord, Lord hear my prayer; out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord.” (Psalm 130:1-2)

Communion: “Amen I say to you, whatever you ask in your prayers, believe that you shall receive it, and it shall be granted unto you.” (Mark 11:24)

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 November 14, 2021

Sunday	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32
Monday	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude, Virgin 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Rosary Before Mass

Sunday, November 21st, 11:00 am

Parishioners will gather to pray the Holy Rosary before the 11:30 am Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join in asking our Blessed Mother to intercede for us!

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SUNDAYS
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UPPER ROOM

Kingdom Builders November Gathering: Heights of the Holy Spirit

Thursday, November 18, 7:00 pm

The Lord is inviting us to reach for Him. Come join us to claim the name of Jesus, the goodness of our God, and the heights of the Holy Spirit.

All women are invited to join us at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church for a Scripture based teaching, Eucharistic Adoration, and an opportunity for Confession.

Evening of Healing: This Friday

Friday, November 19th, 6:30 pm

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 Friday evening, November 19, at 6:30 pm. We invite you to come and join Fr. Patrick as he brings his infectious joy, inspiring faith, and passion for healing to our community.

Healing Prayer Corner: Get Ready for Friday

As we approach this coming Friday an evening of teaching, healing and renewal led by Fr. Patrick Gonyeau, this column is given over to words of Pope Francis.

“In order to be ‘imitators of Christ’ in the face of a poor or sick person, we must not be afraid to look him in the eye and to draw near with tenderness and compassion, and to touch him and embrace him.”

“Jesus asks you for a gaze that does not stop at the outward appearance, but that goes to the heart; a non-judgmental gaze – let’s stop judging others – Jesus is asking us to gaze not judging, but welcoming. Let us open our hearts to welcome others. Because only love heals life.”

“At times we are content to observe some precepts and to repeat prayers – many times like parrots – but the Lord waits for us to encounter him, to open our hearts to him, for us, like the woman, to touch his garment in order to heal. Because, by becoming intimate with Jesus, we are healed in our affections.”

Into the Breach

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Into the Breach is a program established by the Knights of Columbus geared to Christian Men. It is an open dialogue and discussion regarding being a Catholic Christian Man. The program will be a Five Week program and will meet every Wednesday starting November 10th in the parish center. We will not meet on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving week. This is open to all men that wish to become more connected to the faith and family. We highly encourage all men to check this out. If you are interested or simply wish to learn more please contact Grand Knight – Ben Janczewski at wyotechben@gmail.com. If you plan to attend please RSVP via the same email so we can be sure to have enough materials.

Scripture Study: Jewish Roots of the Bible

November 18th at 7:00 pm

All are invited to participate in a study on the Jewish roots of the Bible beginning on Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 pm in Room 2 of the Parish Center. Reach out to Elijah Coburn-McDonald with any questions at 574-520-8327.

Spiritual Impact Bootcamp

Friday, December 3rd, 6-9pm

Saturday, December 4th, 10am - 5pm

A Spiritual Impact Bootcamp is a weekend designed to train, equip, and strengthen you for your mission in the world. It will include a retreat element, but the primary objective is to equip you with the necessary evangelization skills in your arsenal to be an effective apostle in the world.



Registration is required and the deadline is Monday, November 29th. Register here: <https://forms.gle/8nCryBxHtwoL7KEJ8> or by scanning the code.

Reflections for World Day of the Poor

From the writings of Servant of God Dorothy Day

“We must talk about poverty, because people insulated by their own comfort lose sight of it.”

“Those who cannot see Christ in the poor are atheists indeed.”

“What we would like to do is change the world--make it a little simpler for people to feed, clothe, and shelter themselves as God intended them to do. And, by fighting for better conditions, by crying out unceasingly for the rights of the workers, the poor, of the destitute--the rights of the worthy and the unworthy poor, in other words--we can, to a certain extent, change the world; we can work for the oasis, the little cell of joy and peace in a harried world. We can throw our pebble in the pond and be confident that its ever widening circle will reach around the world. We repeat, there is nothing we can do but love, and, dear God, please enlarge our hearts to love each other, to love our neighbor, to love our enemy as our friend.”



Knights Fund Raiser

Sunday, December 5th, 12:30–2:00 pm

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser. It will be free will offering and will include Spaghetti, Salad and Garlic Bread. We will also offer take out meals.

Diocesan Mission

All Masses the weekend of November 20th & 21st

Each year our Diocese is asked to host a mission appeal. Next weekend, Fr. Cyril Fernandes, Pastor of St. Patrick’s and St. Hedwig’s church, South Bend will be here to ask your help for the Damien Social Welfare Center (DSWC), leprosy hospital in India. Damien Social Welfare Center is named after St. Damien, the Leper Priest of Molokai. Fr. Damien served the lepers of Molokai from 1864 to his death in 1889. At the age of 49, Fr. Damien had become a victim of the dreaded disease in the course of serving the lepers. DSWC is located in Dhanbad district of north India. If you wish to know more details about Leprosy Hospital (DSWC) see: damiensocialwelfarecentre.com. Please do what you can next weekend as we welcome Fr. Cyril Fernandes to our Parish.

Whatsoever You Do October Outreach Report

In October, the Outreach Program provided \$6,440.08 in assistance to 28 families or individuals for 32 accounts.

One woman was working, but a significant portion of her wages were garnished each week because of a medical bill from the past. An at-home mom’s husband had just had his hours shortened drastically at a place he worked for over two decades. Now she is interviewing. Another woman had taken in her sister and her seven children who were in a domestic violence situation. The woman has her own pre-school child and receives the child tax credit and SNAP, but is dealing with serious car issues, in addition to all the usual expenses. Another woman was panicky about having her utilities shut off. Both she and her husband had Covid and other illnesses and were out of work. Their reserves had dried up. Our assistance provided relief, but sharing faith and praying with her reached her heart.

Thank you for your faithfulness and continued generosity.

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving: October

Adult Collection	\$43,974.01
Loose Collection	<u>\$ 6,519.16</u>
Total Collections	\$50,493.17
(Under)/Over Budget	(\$ 7,840.16)
Year to Date Under Budget	(\$12,100.43)

Capital Campaign	\$ 7760.88
Food Pantry	\$ 700.00
Whatsoever You Do	\$ 8,842.79

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Upcoming Household Gatherings

House of Praise

Friday, November 19th @ 6:30 pm

Friday, December 17th @ 6:30 pm

Jireh

Monday, December 8th @ 6:15 pm

Rooted in Love

Monday, December 13th @ 6:00 pm

For more details visit

<https://mailchi.mp/littleflowerchurch/household-sign-up>
or scan the code.



Weekly Adoration

Saint Joseph Church South Bend (226 N. Hill Street) offers Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday from 7:30am to 9:00pm. We need at least two people for every time slot to ensure that there are always people in the church throughout the vigil. To sign up for a time slot each week, please go to our website, www.stjoeparish.com and follow the links. Even if the spots are full we still have plenty of space in the Church to worship so please feel free to join in. Entrance is at the handicap door on Hill Street. For more information or to sign up for a recurring weekly time slot, please email adoration@stjoeparish.com.

Staff Spotlight:

Brenda McDonald

Get to know one of our Office Assistants!



What's your favorite activity on your day off?

Mass and Eucharistic Adoration! I love to spend a whole morning in prayer and friendship with the saints.

The Saint that has most recently introduced herself to me is St. Gertrude the Great. She pleased Our Lord by her unlimited confidence in the gratuitous bounty of God and her total surrender to God's will.

What's something people might not know about you?

In my free time, I like to think about cosmological realities beyond spacetime. I find myself lost in wonder for hours about the knowledge we've gained through science and how it informs our understanding of creation and eternity. When I say everything, I mean everything: black holes, quasars, pulsars, dark matter, dark energy, and all the other fun theoretical astrophysics thoughts to wonder about.

What do you love doing?

Being with people. Whoever is in front of me. It doesn't matter who, as long as the conversation is engaging.

My working geniuses are... wonder and discernment.

Christmas Activities

Friday, December 19th

The Knights are excited to partner with the Little Flower Social Committee for this years Christmas Party. The event will be a Christmas Party / Bazaar please watch the Bulletin for more details.

Keep Christ in Christmas

We must never lose focus on why we celebrate Christmas to begin with. In today's world it appears that Christmas is simply a reason for a shopping spree. Without the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ we would not even have the celebration. In working to keep the theme Christ, the Knights will be sponsoring an essay contest. This contest will involve families submitting a short written article on their personal celebration of our Lord's Birth. We would like to see an essay of 250 words or less and it may involve pictures drawn up by the children as well as holiday pictures. We would like to see these turned in by **December 7th**. They can be submitted to Jerry Zent at jerryzent@gmail.com or place them in the box or container in the rear of the church. The winner will be presented a very nice Nativity Scene that you can proudly display in your front yard for years to come.

Breakfast with Saint Nick

Sunday, December 12, 10am-1 pm

St. Patrick Parish Center

308 S. Scott Street South Bend

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