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LENT WEEK 1
For "everyone who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved."
Roman 10: 13

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Beloved parishioners,

Every year, on the First Sunday of Lent, the church gives us the opportunity to reflect on Jesus' desert experience. Immediately after his baptism the Spirit leads Jesus into the desert where after fasting for forty days and forty nights he was hungry, and was tempted by the devil. Imagine for a second what forty days' worth of hunger might feel like. The devil comes in Jesus' most vulnerable moment and tempts him with what he needed the most at that time, food. He tells Jesus to use his divine power to solve his human need, which is akin to asking him to deny his human experience while displaying his divinity. Hunger is a reality in our world. It can either make one vulnerable to evil or open one to God. Like Jesus, we too could be hungry. But the questions that follow are: What are you hungry for? How do you relieve your hunger? Would you satisfy your hunger by worshipping the devil or doing his bidding? Do you have any questions in your heart that Jesus could provide for his own needs? If he could turn water into wine, and multiply loaves and fish to feed thousands, could he not make bread for himself out of stones? Of course he could. But why didn't he? Because he does not take orders from the devil. If Jesus does not, so we must not.

Notice that the devil does not stop after being unsuccessful with the first temptation; rather, he goes on and on, in hopes of getting Jesus to do according to his request. And when he fails, he leaves Jesus and returns at an opportune time. In our own lives, we too are faced with one temptation after another. We are victorious in some cases and victims in others. The tempter does not stop, because he believes that some day we will give in to his suggestions. But thanks be to God, we have the victory in Christ Jesus, who is our head and example. Just as the temptations of Jesus are archetypical of the temptations that we go through every day of our lives, his victory is an example for how we too can triumph over Satan and his lies.

We too go through our own desert experience every day; but most especially during these forty days of Lent. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we should strive to renew and re-dedicate ourselves in following the Lord closely. The desert is not only a place where our faith will be tested; it is also where we encounter God and our faith is perfected. If we allow Jesus to accompany us on our journey, our desert will blossom into a green land with rich vegetation. Let us be vigilant about the temptations and suggestions of the evil one. These suggestions could come in various forms. The devil is cunning enough to know when we are going through difficult times, when we are at our weakest, and when we are most predisposed to fall. Watch out for those moments when you do not have the desire to pray or to meditate on God's Word. Watch out for those times when going to Mass is more a chore rather than a strong desire to be in God's house. Watch out for those times when getting even with those who offend you seems to be the best you can come up with. Watch out for those times when friends are verbally unkind about others and they invite you to join in. Watch out for those times when old bad habits you have worked hard at changing begin to seem pleasant to your eyes. Watch out for those times when the desire for a sense of belonging overrides the desire to do what is right, when saying no to bad company makes you feel left out.

May our Lenten journey of forty days bring about in us a metanoia, a sincere repentance and conversion of our hearts. Amen.

With blessings from my heart,



Please pray for our elect and candidates as they enter into this final period of preparation during Lent. We look forward with them to their entering into the Church at Easter!

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT WORSHIPS TOGETHER

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 06, 2022

Sunday—First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Monday—Memorial of Saints Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday—Memorial of Saint John of God, Religious

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5,6-7,16-17,18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday—Memorial of Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday—Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday—Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday—Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119: 1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday—Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.; Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3: 20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent, 5:30 pm, in the Church

All are invited to enter into Lent with this traditional prayer of Church. This year we will be reflecting on the themes of Catholic Social Teaching as we pray the Stations.



This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5

5:30 pm †Norma Miller

Sunday, March 6

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

Monday, March 7

8:30 am †John Peck

Tuesday, March 8

8:30 am No intention at this time

Wednesday, March 9

8:30 am No intention at this time

Thursday, March 10

8:30 am For the recovery of Park Shropshire

Friday, March 11

8:30 am †Vincent Giuse

Saturday, March 12

8:00 am No intention at this time
5:30 pm †Vincent Giuse

Sunday, March 13

9:00 am †Mr. & Mrs. Doan Dinh
11:30 am No intention at this time
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

The Light is on for You

Tuesday, March 8th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Are you searching for peace and forgiveness in your life? On Tuesday, March 8 from 6-8 pm, parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, our doors will be open, and our light will be on for you to return to the mercy and forgiveness of the Father. Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/light.

Weekly Adoration

Saint Joseph Church (226 Hill St. South Bend) offers Eucharistic Adoration each Thursday from 7:30am to 9:00pm. Entrance to the church is on Hill Street at the handicap door. 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 web page, www.stjoeparish.com. For more information please email adoration@stjoeparish.com or go to our web site www.stjoeparish.com.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT BUILDS & SENDS DISCIPLES

Lenten Reflection Series: Into the Desert

It is strange for Christians to retreat into the desert every year during Lent. We are broken, tired, and wounded. Work's demands have worn us thin. Family life's constant rubbing of personalities has chafed us raw. Spiritual commitments drain us—we either feel guilty about not fulfilling them, or despise them as another chore to cram into a busy and hectic day.

So why the desert? Last I checked, the desert is a harsh environment. Wouldn't it be better for a world-worn soul to treat itself to something nice? I don't need prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. What I need is to wrap up in a blanket, kick my feet up, eat some ice cream and watch my favorite show. Then I'll feel better. Then my wounds won't hurt as much.

Although relaxation may sound like the cure, Lent tells us otherwise. God wants us to enjoy the promised land of milk, honey, and ice cream. It's not as if our soul does not need these and other spiritual consolations, but their enjoyment will enrich our soul in proportion to the ease with which they direct us to God, their source. The desert strips away all luxuries—spiritually beneficial as these might be—to remind us that God is always there, even when consolation is not.

In the desert, our brokenness looms before us. There is no escape; it must be confronted, it must be made whole. The stakes are life and death. The Israelites, bitten by poisonous snakes, had to look at the serpent on the pole in order to be healed. Christians, doomed to death by sin, can only be saved by looking upon the one who has borne every sin. Christ was lifted up on the cross, the very incarnation of woundedness, rejection, fear, dread, betrayal, and loneliness. In the desert of Lent, he heals.



Zach Gregor
Parishioner

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FOR THE HEART
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6-8 PM



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Kingdom Builders Gathering

Thursday, March 17th, 7:00-8:30 pm

Ladies, God designed you in His image; you are carved upon the Palm of His Hand. Join us at a KB Gathering this Lent to simply receive. Come and feel the warmth of His gaze and fullness of His embrace, as you look up at the Face of Love. All women are invited for a Scripture-based talk, Eucharistic Adoration, and the opportunity for Confession.

Healing Prayer Corner: The Lord Is Our Refuge and Fortress

There's so much in today's Gospel that speaks to the precarious situation our world is in at this writing. But I can only pray, speaking in the third person, from Psalm 91 in the voice of all who seek justice, peace, and healing in our world.

We will say of the Lord, "You are our refuge and our fortress, our God, in whom we trust.... We will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday. A thousand may fall at our side, ten thousand at our right hand, but it will not come near us. We will only observe with our eyes and see the punishment of the wicked. If we say, 'The Lord is our refuge,' and make the Most High our dwelling, no harm will overtake us, no disaster will come near our tent.... We will call on him, and he will answer us."

Let us pray in earnest for mercy and protection.

Ablaze Bible Study—Lenten Edition

*Wednesdays, March 2 – April 13, 7-8:30pm,
St. Thérèse Little Flower Parish Center*

Join in this weekly Bible Study for young adults (age 18-30s) to explore the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday Mass, focusing on how they relate to you and your life. Bring a Bible if you have one, any version.

Contact: Sean Allen
sallen@ablazemission.org or 858-354-9006

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Life Defenders Boot Camp

Join Right to Life Michiana for the Kloska Family Life Defenders Boot Camp on Saturday, March 26th from 9:30am- 3:00pm at Geddes Hall, Notre Dame. This is a pro-life training for youth and adults (recommended age: 7th grade and up) that will teach you how to defend life confidently and compassionately. Breakfast, snacks, lunch, t-shirt, and all training materials are included for only \$15 (many scholarships available). Register at prolifemichiana.org/bootcamp.

Service and Charity Survey

The deadline for responses is Monday, March 14.

Fill out a printed copy; copies are on the table in the gathering space. Return them next Sunday in the drop-in box in the gathering space. If you wish to mail in the survey, there are stamped addressed envelopes available at the drop-in box.

OR

Go to the parish website - littleflowerchurch.org, select "Serve with Us", then Social Justice Commission, then click the button to the survey, fill it out and submit. Or you can simply scan the code below to go directly to the survey.



Indiana Climate Legislation Update

The February 22 edition of Today's Catholic posted a report entitled, "Environmental Advocates Find Unfavorable Climate at the Statehouse." Two important bills submitted by the Indiana Catholic Conference, the policy voice for the Indiana bishops, were not passed. Read details by going to todayscatholic.org or by accessing the article through this link: <https://bit.ly/3tkh2wx>

Afghan Resettlement Program

This Friday, John Pinter from the United Religious Community will speak on the social justice theme of welcoming the refugee and the Afghan Resettlement Program. He will follow the soup supper, approximately 6:45, in rooms 2/3 of the Parish Center.

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Household Life at St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

The motto of household night is: "Be loved and be fed," and all welcome.

Upcoming Household dates:

Jireh—Wednesday, March 9th, 6:30 pm

Rooted in Love—Monday, March 14th, 6:00 pm

House of Praise—Friday, March 25th, 6:30 pm

Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting bit.ly/3dK45oi



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We are looking for regular volunteers to help in the parish office. The greatest need is Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons, but any help is welcome! Come share your talents with us!

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Questions? Ready to help? Please contact Gail via gail@littleflowerchurch.org

St. Patrick Day Celebrations

Saturday, March 12th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, St. Patrick Hall, South Bend

Corned Beef or Chicken Dinner Tickets \$14 each
 Potato Soup and Soda Bread \$6 each
 Drinks available for purchase
 Live Irish Music and dancers
 Tickets may be purchased at the door
 For more information call 574 287-8932.

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Benefits Night

March 10th, 7:30 pm

This session is open to all. Joe Jordan, an award-winning author, financial thought leader and Brother Knight host a session on "Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies" during his session Joe will discuss 1) How will you spend your time in retirement? 2) How will you pay for it? These are questions that are pertinent to all of us, whether near or far from retirement. Register today!

Registration Link: bit.ly/KofCJoelJordan (put this address in your search bar)
 When asked for a Council you can enter our Council Number 17043



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



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

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Baptism & Anointing of the Sick—Contact the office for more information.

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 Closed Wednesdays..... 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon

Will you give today to provide spiritual hope to those in most need? St. Therese Little Flower Parish will be on the Redeemer Radio Spring Sharathon on **Wednesday, March 16 from 3-4pm**. Pray, pledge and listen to 95.7FM. Help Redeemer Radio in their mission to share Christ!

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