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to receive power and riches,  
wisdom and strength, honor and  
glory and blessing.

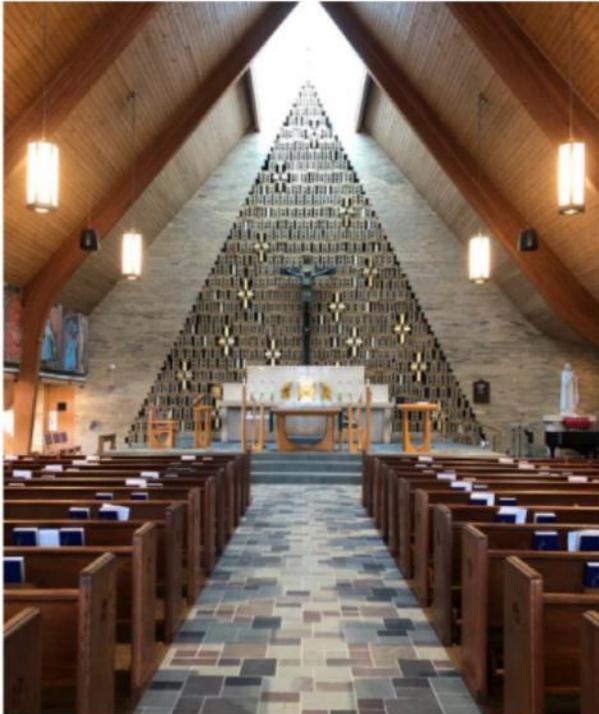
Revelation 5:12

May 1st, 2022 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

# WELCOME!

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church

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## 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.



## *WE WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU!*

Whether you have been here for years or it's your first time through the door, we care about getting to know you!

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## *INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?*

We are happy to answer any questions you may have! All of our contact information can be found on the back page of this bulletin.

Paper registration forms can be found at the entrances or you can register online.



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## Letter from the Pastor

What inspiration can Christians today gain from the defiance of the disciples? They had been instructed by the Sanhedrin not to preach in the name of the risen Christ again. These fearful men, who only some days before, had fled and abandoned the Lord as he went to his death, now stand in defiance before the highest Jewish authority. Where did they get this courage? Of course from the resurrected Christ who breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. These disciples knew the consequence of disobeying the Sanhedrin, yet they remained unwavering in their witness to their faith in the resurrection. Peter declared: "We must obey God rather than men." This episode has become the classic text supporting Christian resistance to misguided authority. The disciples remembered the words of Jesus, "whoever loses his life for my sake will keep it." They were aware that earthly life is not an absolute, and must never be preserved at any cost when one's eternal salvation was threatened. The questions that comes to mind for me include, at what cost is that temporary pass, or relief that I seek? Do I fear losing my life, my livelihood, or membership of any social group? Does the quest to protect my name, reputation or status make me shy away from preaching the gospel, or repudiate God's commandments? Is my politics more important than my faith in God? When push comes to shove, would I privilege the policies of whatever government over the values of the gospel? The disciples show us today that although every authority comes from God, it is our obligation to obey them only to the extent that they do not ask of us whatever goes contrary to the teachings of Christ and his church. Recognizing that we have no lasting dwelling place in this world, our politics ought to be that of heaven. We must begin now to live like we want to live in heaven. Obedience to God should come first before any other. This is what loving Christ more than these entails.

Christos Anesti  
Alithos Anesti



## Help us Welcome New Parishioners!

Thank you to everyone who has been doing an incredible job welcoming visitors and new parishioners! In the Parish Office we receive comments on a regular basis about how welcoming our parishioners are.

Our **Accompaniment Implementation Team** wants to resurrect the Hospitality Team that was started before Covid, as well as implement new ways of reaching out to new parishioners, helping them get plugged in at the parish. There is something for everyone to help with: greeting people at Mass, phone outreach, New Parishioner Welcome Brunch and more!

If you feel called to put your gifts to use by growing our parish in this way please fill out the forms found at [littleflowerchurch.org/info](http://littleflowerchurch.org/info) or by scanning the code.



The Church will have to initiate everyone—priests, religious and laity—into this “art of accompaniment” which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other.

- Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

**Saturday, May 7th, after 8:00 am Mass, in the Parish Center**

All men are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast to enjoy good food, fellowship and discussion!

Questions? email Charles Ingram  
[hogman63@yahoo.com](mailto:hogman63@yahoo.com)

## Concert to Benefit Our Parish

**Saturday, May 14th, 7:00 pm, Parish Center**

A concert by Spanish Heart Dance Company and Purest Green (Celtic Music) will be held Saturday, May 14 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. All proceeds will go to St. Thérèse, Little Flower Catholic Church.

Tickets for the concert are \$10.00. Food may be purchased separately. For more information, contact Carolyn Hine-Edington 574-329-2977.



## TO THE HEIGHTS

Vacation Bible School

All children  
ages 4-12

July 25th-29th, 2022

Drop off 8 am  
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WORSHIPS TOGETHER

## First Holy Communion Announcements

Please join us in celebrating & praying for the children of our Parish who received Jesus in the Holy Eucharist for the very first time on Saturday, April 30th.

Michael Herold	Gabriel Garcia
Martin Ponisciak	Audra Papson
Luke Sollmann	Avila Markovich
Natasha Njoku	Eleanor Papson
John Brown	Abigail Venegas
Lauren Carber	Erlinda Fonseca
John Gettinger	

*Lord Jesus, may they always remain in  
You, the True Vine! Amen.*

## Scripture Readings for the Week of May 01, 2022

### Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;  
Rev5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### Monday- Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Mt4:4b;  
Jn6:22-29

### Tuesday- Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles

1Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6b, 9c;  
Jn 14:6-14

### Wednesday- Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn6:35-40

### Thursday- Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

### Friday- Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:56; Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday of the Third Week of Easter

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;  
Jn 6:60-69

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rev 7:9, 14b-17;  
Jn 10:27-30

## This week's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 30

5:30 pm †Gregory Calhoun

### Sunday, May 1

9:00 am †Kathy L. Buszkiewicz

11:30 am †Baby Garcia

8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

### Monday, May 2

8:30 am Alexis Duffy

### Tuesday, May 3

8:30 am †Deceased members of the Perkins family

### Wednesday, May 4

8:30 am †Deceased members of the Williamson family

### Thursday, May 5

8:30 am Intentions of Elizabeth Kitkowski

### Friday, May 6

8:30 am †Deceased members of the Williamson family

### Saturday, May 7

8:00 am †Christine Stayback on the anniversary of her

5:30 pm Birthday †Gregory Calhoun

### Sunday, May 8

9:00 am †Jane Tafelski & Barbara Tjarsen

11:30 am †Leonard E. & Rosemarie Buszkiewicz

8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower



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Saturday May 21st

# Bouquets and The Blessed Mother

Flower Crown Workshop • Reflection on Mother Mary • Portraits by Photos by Ruth

\$25 per woman  
1:00 - 3:00pm  
daughters welcome  
scan code to RSVP

## Healing Prayer Corner: Do You Love Me?

In today's Gospel, three times Jesus asks Peter, "Do you love me?" The actions that will prove it – feed my lambs, tend my sheep, feed my sheep – are striking. Why three times. Perhaps to "cancel out" the three times that Peter denied Jesus. The love that Jesus refers to is not the first three loves that C.S. Lewis is famous for enunciating – storge (familial), philia (friendship), eros (romantic), but more like the fourth, agape (charity, God-like). The resurrected Jesus was challenging Peter to a call to action.

The same challenge is for all of us. It is described in our vision statement. "We will be a vibrant and loving community, joyfully living and boldly proclaiming the Gospel, responsive to the needs of the poor and vulnerable, forming disciples and equipping apostles to transform the world." And then our Parish Mission Prayer in which we "accept the call to be the voice, hands, and feet of Jesus in our world today. Be with us as we...."

That is feeding and tending.

# ALLELUIA

praise night

Tuesday, May 10th @ 7 pm

featuring MarySarah Menkaus  
from Damascus Worship

## Evidence for the Resurrection: Part 1 of 3

*"If Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain...If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died."*

1 Corinthians 15:14, 19-20

The miracle of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead is the central historical claim at the heart of Christianity. Some people have claimed that there is no good evidence that Jesus rose from the dead; but in fact, the Resurrection explains the evidence we have better than any other hypothesis.

The central facts of the case are that Jesus 1) died, 2) rose from the dead, and 3) ascended into heaven. This week, we're taking a look at the evidence for Jesus' death. Some people claim that Jesus didn't die on the cross, but merely passed out or fainted. It seems nearly impossible for Jesus to have survived being beaten, scourged, crowned with thorns, asphyxiated and exsanguinated on the cross, and then pierced through the heart with a spear. But even if he did survive all of that, this hypothesis doesn't explain how he would have been able to roll away the stone and escape the tomb, let alone ascend into heaven in the sight of the apostles.

Next week, we'll explore the arguments for and against his Resurrection and the subsequent appearances he made to the apostles.



Daniel Tucker  
Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy

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## Christ Child Society Diaper Drop

In honor of Mother’s Day, the Christ Child Society wants to make the lives of infants, toddlers and Moms in our community better, healthier and safer!

The Christ Child Society will hold its third annual Diaper Drop on **Wednesday, May 4, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at the Christ Child Society Clothing Center in the Town and Country Shopping Center. Boxes and bags of diapers can be dropped off in front of the building with no need to leave cars!

When a baby cries, one of the first things Mom checks is his diaper. How do you soothe a crying baby if you don’t have a clean, dry diaper? Imagine the stress and despair Moms feel when they can’t soothe their babies in a most basic way - and inflation has impacted the price of diapers, too.

Diapers will be delivered to: El Campito, St. Margaret’s House, La Casa de Amistad, YWCA, the Center for the Homeless, and St. Vincent de Paul Society to be shared with Moms in need. The CCS program, Foster Hope, will also provide diapers to babies entering foster care.

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Our Catholic faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children and youth from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse](http://diocesefwsb.org/prevent-child-abuse).

## Christ Child Society Plans Informational Coffee

The Christ Child Society of South Bend clothes approximately 4,000 children annually with new winter coats, hats, mittens, shoes, underclothing, school uniforms and layettes for children birth through age 14. They also have educational and literacy programs. Volunteer opportunities for every interest!

Would you like to learn more or tour the new Clothing Center? Are you interested in hearing about volunteer activities? Consider joining this all-volunteer organization focused on making the lives of St. Joseph County children bright and hopeful. There are no membership requirements other than annual dues.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 11th at 9:30 AM at 2366 Miracle Lane, Mishawaka, in the Town and Country Shopping Center. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Pat Falvey, [pwfalvey@gmail.com](mailto:pwfalvey@gmail.com) or call (574) 288-6028.

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## Join the Knights!

Council 17043 is inviting All practicing Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus and in particular Council 17043 – We meet right here in your parish center on the 1st Tuesday of every month. You must be a member of the Order to attend our meetings. If you want to be a part of an organization that **strives to make a difference**, we invite you to join us!

Please see any member of the Knights, scan the code, or visit [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and select join –> Council 17043, use the code [mcgivney2020](https://www.kofc.org/qr-codes) when asked for payment – joining is free at this time!



## Household Life: May Dates

**Upcoming Household dates:**

**Rooted in Love** – Monday, May 9th, 6:00 pm

**Jireh** – Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm

**House of Praise** – Friday, May 27th, 6:30 pm

Households are medium-sized communities that gather monthly to eat in homes to "do life together".



Sign up for the Household newsletter to receive monthly gathering details by scanning the code or visiting [bit.ly/3dK45oi](http://bit.ly/3dK45oi)



# Notre Dame Club Hesburgh Lecture

Thursday, May 5, 2022, 6:30pm, 101 Jordan Hall, Notre Dame Campus

The 2022 Supreme Court rulings expected this spring could have the most profound impact on the Life movement in the last 50 years. Join us to hear Law Professor O. Carter Snead, one of the world's leading experts on bioethics, discuss the philosophy of the Pro Life movement, the issues before the Supreme Court, and how the rulings could change our society.

Professor O. Carter Snead is a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, the principal bioethics advisory body to Pope Francis. Prof. Snead is the Director of the de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, and is a member of the Notre Dame Law Faculty, with a concurrent appointment as a Professor of Political Science.

The lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley, and co-sponsored by Right To Life Michiana, Belles For Life, and The Thomas More Society. For more information, contact Mark Rolfes at markrolfes@ntsource.com.

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**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

# Celebrate God's Mercy: Concert at Holy Cross Parish

Recording artist, songwriter and author Amanda Vernon returns to Holy Cross Parish. 920 Wilber Street, to offer a concert on the theme Celebrate God's Mercy on Sunday, May 15th, at 6:30 pm in the church. Amanda has released eight albums of religious, spiritual and liturgical music. Her style is described as "soulful pop with gospel and jazz roots." Be sure to invite family, neighbors and friends to this special evening of song, prayer and praise. For more information on Amanda, visit [www.amandavernon.com](http://www.amandavernon.com). A free-will offering will be taken at the concert.

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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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