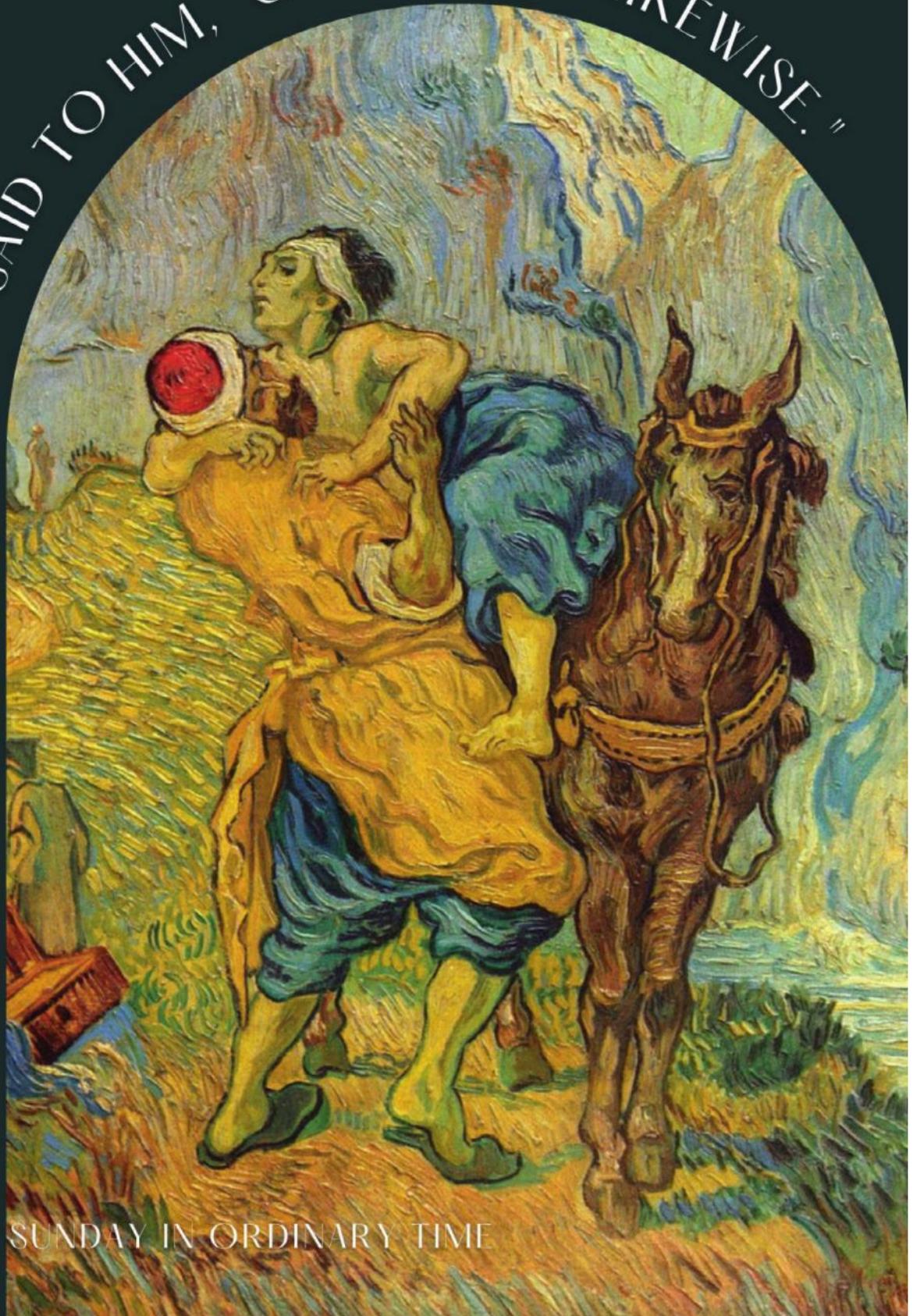


LUKE 10:37

JESUS SAID TO HIM, "GO AND DO LIKEWISE."

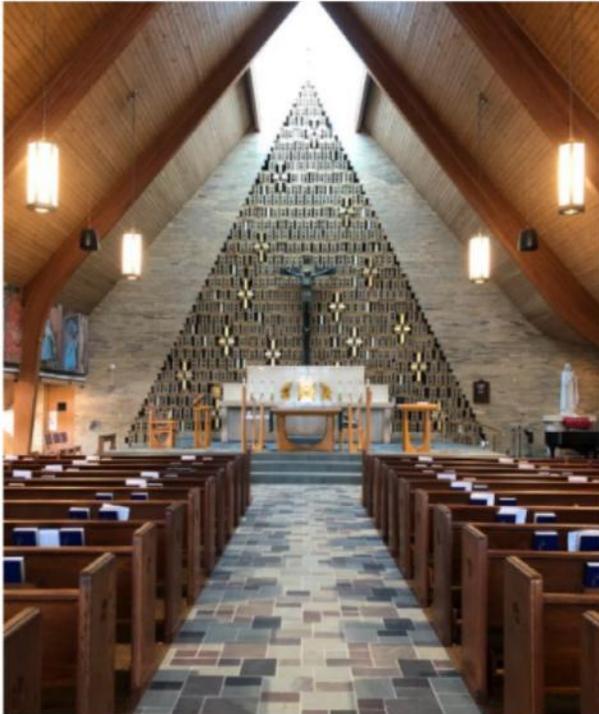


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## Letter from the Pastor

Beloved parishioners,

We thank the Lord who continues to show us his love by writing his commandments within our hearts. We do not have to go too far to seek them out as they are very near to us. In the First Reading for this weekend's liturgy, Moses urges the people to obey God's commandments. This is prerequisite for enjoying the land into which God has brought them. He is the good Samaritan who sees us beaten, stripped of our possessions, and abandoned by the roadside for dead, on account of our sins, yet he does not discriminate. He comes down from his exalted position, reaches to save us, and pays the costly price for our redemption. In the Gospel selected for this weekend, Jesus concludes his teaching with the following words, "Go do likewise." This is a commandment to go love like the good Samaritan. It is a command to go love as Christ loves us. It is a command to obedience to God's laws.

In my experience, this is the most challenging part of discipleship. I want to control my reality and determine the cause of my life. In a word, I want to be my own God. But obedience entails surrendering my will to that of another. It means living on another's terms. This other is the Superior Other, to whom I owe the very substance of my being. Obedience is the defining characteristic of a disciple. Discipulus, the Latin for disciple, can be interpreted as student. The disciple learns from the teacher, didaskalos. Jesus is the ultimate teacher of our faith. He teaches us how to obey God's commandment. But more often than we would like to admit, we do not often listen to Jesus, but yield to the teachings of other false teachers – the culture, the media, friends/families, political ideologies, etc. Any teacher other than Jesus will certainly lead us to doubt and disregard God's sovereignty over us. This has implications for discipleship. If God is not sovereign, he lacks the authority to command my obedience. And if God does not command my obedience, who does? If I am honest, I might find that I sometimes am an authority to myself, making laws for myself, and perhaps imposing same laws on others. Any supreme teacher other than Jesus will seek to promote their own death-dealing

## God is Pro-Freedom

We often say God is pro-life. We are right. God is the creator and source of all life. God sustains all life. God does not create and abandon. God is neither an absentee Father nor a disinterested landowner. On the contrary, God is interested in the whole of creation and particularly interested in human beings and in our flourishing. But then, isn't God similarly pro-choice (pro-freedom)? Isn't God the source of human freedom, that is, the human ability to choose and self-actualize ourselves through choices? As Christians, we believe God has not only given us freedom but radically respects our freedom. God wants us always to make our choices freely. God never

ends. They will exaggerate the difficulty involved in keeping God's commandment and seduce us to take the easy way out, the way of disobedience. We must be cautious, because scripture tells us that there is a way that seems right to human beings but the end thereof is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Our world celebrates dissidence and the complete disregard for God's laws. We live in a time when everyone with internet access constitutes themselves as law-givers, and determiners of beliefs. We create our own value systems, even when they contradict God's laws, and we sugar-coat them as gospels requiring others to live by those values. Unfortunately, our generation, and that of those who have gone ahead of us, could easily fit the description of Proverbs 30:12, a generation wise in its own eyes yet not purged of its filth.

But it is not all gloomy. Our world, once redeemed by Christ, can still be healed of its self-inflicted wounds. This will only be through obedience. It is how we prove our love for God. And we will be saved only by love. Love is foundational for living authentic Christian lives. Jesus shows us how to love by laying down his life for the life of the world. He says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it in abundance" (John 10:10). Let us ask him to teach us to love everyone, even the stranger within.

We are grateful to Msgr. Michael Heintz and Fr. Augustine Onuoha from St. Pius X parish, Granger, for helping us out this weekend. During the week, we will have the opportunity of welcoming Fr. Brian Carpenter, who would be providing priestly ministry here at our parish in the coming weeks. Please make them welcome.

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



*Fr. Augustine*

forces us against our free will. But then God wanting us to always make our choices freely does not mean that God does not have a clear plan for each and everyone of us. God is pro-choice with an agenda. The freedom God offers us a freedom for and never just freedom from. While respecting our choices, God always wants and expects us to make the right choice. For instance, God wants us to always choose life.



**Fr William Orbih**

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## Scripture Readings For the Week of July 10, 2022

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14,17,30-31,33-34,36,37  
or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Col 1:15-20; Lk10:25-37

### Monday- Memorial of Saint Benedict, Abbot

Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 & 23;  
Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday-** Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8; Mt 11:20-24

### Wednesday- Memorial of Saint Henry

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10,  
14-15; Mt 11:25-27

### Thursday- Memorial of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab & 15,  
16-18, 19-21; Mt 11:28-30

### Friday- Memorial of Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd,  
16; Mt 12:1-8

### Saturday- Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5; Col 1:24-28;  
Lk 10:38-42

## Weekly Rosary for Our Children

A group meets in the chapel/quiet room of the church every Wednesday at 1:30 PM to pray the Rosary and a chaplet of Divine Mercy. This group started 20+ years ago to pray for our children and grandchildren, many of whom are away from the church. Everyone and all intentions are invited.

## This week's Mass Intentions

### Saturday, July 9

5:30 pm Janet Kenney

### Sunday, July 10

9:00 am Kathy L. Buszkiewicz

11:30 am Della Stayback

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

### Monday, July 11

8:30 am †Dorothy Putz

### Tuesday, July 12

8:30 am Danny Smith

### Wednesday, July 13

8:30 am †Catherine Griffin

### Thursday, July 14

8:30 am Sandra Tito

### Friday, July 15

8:30 am 5th Wedding Anniversary of Tim & Sarah  
(Schwab) Walsh

### Saturday, July 16

8:00 am †Bob Harper

5:30 pm Alexis & Alex Duffy on their 6th Wedding Anniversary

### Sunday, July 17

9:00 am †Dale Kroll

11:30 am †Paul Zimbrakos

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

## Healing Prayer Corner: Who Is My Neighbor?

If we're going to be disciples of Christ, our neighbor includes everyone we refer to in our Parish Mission Prayer: the hungry, the sick, the suffering, the stranger, the imprisoned, the lonely. As the scholar and preacher, Fr. Walter J. Burghardt said, "If to be a Christian is to put on Christ, then to be a Christian is to clothe yourself in his compassion." Indifference is the opposite. That was the reaction of the priest and the Levite in today's Gospel. "I'm too busy" doesn't cut it. The Samaritan traveler in today's Gospel likely was busy, but he stopped.

There are many people we encounter who are "victims to robbers," in the sense of being ignored, neglected, diminished. Let us stop, look, and listen – hear their stories and respond. If they are suffering, let us comfort them. If they are sick, let us give them our heartfelt prayer. If they are hungry, let us feed them. If they are lonely or imprisoned, let us visit them. Doing so will put us in touch with the compassionate God within us.

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## REASONS TO BELIEVE



### THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

July 11, 2022 | 6:30-7:30 pm

Have you ever wondered what evidence there is for God's existence? Have you heard an argument from an atheist that caused you to doubt? This presentation will offer three of the best arguments for the existence of God, and then answer your pre-submitted questions on the topic!



### THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST

July 18, 2022 | 6:30-7:30 pm

C. S. Lewis famously claimed that Jesus is anything but a great human teacher - he must be either a liar, a lunatic, or the Lord. If you'd like to learn more about the Scriptural evidence for the divinity of Christ, this presentation is for you!



### THE ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC, & APOSTOLIC CHURCH

July 25, 2022 | 6:30-7:30 pm

What are the differences between Christian denominations? Why should I be a Catholic as opposed to Protestant or Orthodox? Isn't it enough that we all believe in Jesus? Find the answers to questions like these and more at the third and final presentation of the Reasons to Believe series.

Shape the content of the presentations  
by submitting your questions in advance here:  
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## 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](mailto:megan@littleflowerchurch.org). You can also email with any questions. Thank you!



## June + July Household Dates

*"The Church is a family of families, constantly enriched by the lives of all those domestic churches." - Amoris Laetitia, 87*

YOU are an important part of this "family of families"! Whether you are single, married, divorced, widowed, a parent, a child - you are welcome to join us as we eat, pray, and do life together.

### Jireh

Wednesday, July 13th, 6:30 pm

### Rooted in Love

Monday, July 11th, 6:00 pm

### House of Praise

Friday, July 29th, 6:30 pm

Email [abby@littleflowerchurch.org](mailto:abby@littleflowerchurch.org) for locations or with any questions.

## Theology on Tap Summer Series

**Tuesdays beginning July 19th, 6:30 pm,  
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All young adults are welcome, Catholic or not, devoted or distant, single or married, divorced or widowed, kids or no kids. Children are welcome at our Theology on Tap events.

Learn more by visiting: [littleflowerchurch.org/for-young-adults](http://littleflowerchurch.org/for-young-adults)

## June Outreach Report

In June, the Outreach Program provided \$8,966.57 in assistance to 37 families or individuals for 40 accounts. We had the highest volume of calls ever, over 300. There's a reason. All government sponsored assistance programs have been terminated or suspended. For many elderly, disabled, or sick, employment is not possible. For many employable people, especially single moms with children, childcare is not available or affordable. Many live in fear of eviction.

One woman, with grandchildren in her home ages one to six, suffered a heart attack, then her kidneys shut down. She had just gotten out of the hospital and then suffered a slight stroke. She's getting homecare and receives some help from her son who works out of town. Another woman with one child was severely beaten by her husband. She was confined to her house, and he told neighbors that she killed herself. Before all this, her husband worked and she was going to school for social work. The husband was arrested; the woman is on her own with no financial support.

Thank you for your continued generosity. You are saving lives.

## A Commitment to Helping & Empowering Women in need

As a parish we are committed to helping anyone in need. In light of the Supreme Court decision we are renewing our commitment to serve women in need - pregnant, mothering, or otherwise.

Visit [littleflowerchurch.org/need-help](http://littleflowerchurch.org/need-help) for a list of parish resources and resources in our community if you need help or know someone who does.

We encourage all parishioners to familiarize themselves with these resources in order to love and help any women in need they may encounter.

## Request for VBS Donations

We are getting excited for our week long VBS, July 24-29th! Please consider donating any of the following items:

- empty paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- maps you are no longer using/want to recycle
- mini water bottles
- play-doh (any color)
- colored pencils
- printer paper
- glue sticks
- green and blue plastic table cloths
- brown craft paper
- green, blue, and brown streamers
- cardboard boxes, all sizes
- blue, green, brown, and white paint

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during office hours or in the marked container in the church vestibule.

Thank you!

## Religious Goods From the Holy Land— Weekend of July 16/17

Samer Awwad representing the Bethlehem Christian Families; a nonprofit organization through Land of Peace will be with us speaking about the Christian situation in the Holy Land and selling Crucifixes, religious artwork, and rosaries- all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help many organizations and Churches in the Middle East. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please browse and buy some articles. It is for a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

## Helping St. John the Evangelist Parish

St. John the Evangelist Parish is seeking volunteers to park cars at the Elkhart County Fair, July 22-30. They need 400 more volunteers. Each volunteer will be given one ticket per shift to enter the fair for free. Each shift is \$30 dollars. We have three shifts, first shift: 6:30am-11am, second shift: 11am-3:30pm, third shift: 3:30pm-8pm. I hope that you can support our brothers and sisters of St. John's.

Blessings!

Jonathan Evangelista Rios

Pastoral Associate, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church  
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