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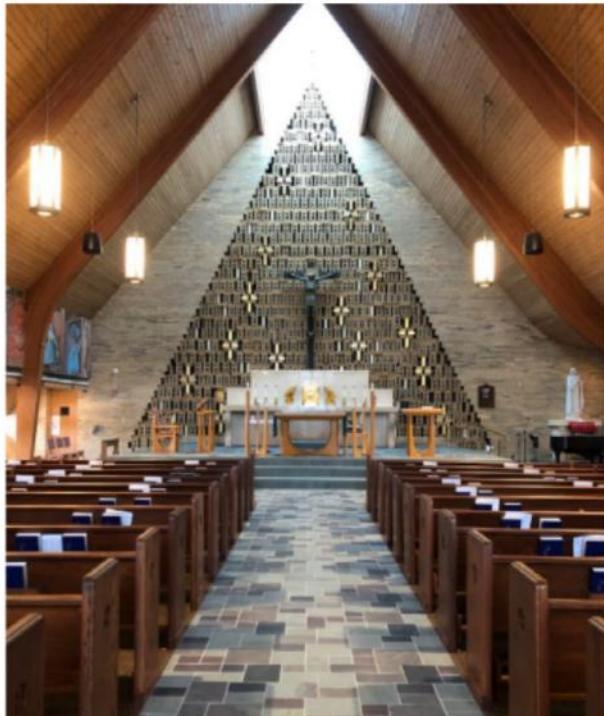
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Letter from the Pastor

Persistence. This is the word that comes to mind as I reflect on the readings for this weekend. Abraham prevails with God until he quits. Imagine what difference his persistence would have made. The man in the Gospel gets his request because he persists. Jesus promises those who ask, seek and knock whatever they need. Persistence gets us what we need. Persistence in prayer says many things. It says what I seek is important; the person from whom I seek it is capable of granting and is willing or has the good will to grant my request; it says I have no alternative otherwise I would not persist. To persist in prayer speaks to our trust in the benevolence of God from whom we seek good things. God knows what we ask for, and is willing and able to give them to us. The lesson in persistence is that God wants us to demonstrate a staying power by persevering. We are accustomed to quick fixes and premature gratifications such that waiting seems outmoded or old fashioned. It seems common for people to quit when things are not going as they want. Sometimes, unbeknownst to us, we quit when we are very near our goal.

While persistence is important in prayer, it is not the main reason we receive what we ask from God. Your children do not receive what they ask simply because they are relentless in their asking. You do not give your children what they relentlessly ask if you know it would do them harm. We do not give in to our friends' request simply because they will not stop asking. We give to our children and our friends because we love them. We receive from God what we ask

because God loves us. We receive from God because he is just and merciful. God wants to give us what we need for our good. Even though we receive what we ask from God because we keep his commandments (1 John 3:22), we do not earn God's gifts. They are gratuitously given; that is why they are gifts. And the gifts speak of the benevolence of the giver.

Jesus wants us to ask without losing faith. But more importantly, he wants us to believe that God is able and willing to grant what we ask. God is better than the best of us. He is just and merciful. And he is willing to give us every gift we ask for, even the greatest of them all – the Holy Spirit.

This weekend, we ask the intercession of Saints Joachim & Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Grandparents of Jesus) for all Grandparents throughout the world. We thank them for their witness of faith, and the example they provide to families, and especially young people. May their old age be filled with joy and laughter, and may they be blessed with health and vitality. Amen.

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



Fr. Julius



Knights of Columbus Announcements

Council Officers Fraternal Year 2022-2023: Council 17043 along with all other Councils around the world elect officers to lead the Council in the upcoming Fraternal year. Council 17043 likewise conducted an officer election in June. We first want to thank all of the officers that gave of their time to lead our Council thru another outstanding year. Your Council here at Little Flower Catholic Church earned the prestigious recognition of being a "Three Star Council! This is a significant accomplishment by the Knights of your parish family! The members elected to lead the Council in this new Fraternal Year are as follows: Grand Knight – Ben Janczewski Deputy Grand Knight – Brian Peterson Financial Secretary – Nevin Siqueira (This position is not an elected position this position is appointed by the Supreme Council and serves a 3 year term) Treasurer – Scott Smithburn Recorder – Dan Boll Chancellor – Jerry Espiritu Inside Guard – Terry Freyer Outside Guard – Agaba (Bobby) Babigumira First Year Trustee – Vince Feck Second Year Trustee – Todd Elliott Third Year Trustee – Frank Fanno. Congratulations to all officers. We thank outgoing officer's Jerry Zent, Recorder, Craig Phillips, Treasurer and Mikel Hogan we are thankful for your service to our Council and Catholic Family. Each of you played a major role in the success of our Council.

Council Installation of Officers: The Knights of Columbus will conduct its Installation of Officer's Ceremony after the 11:30AM Mass on August 14th. We invite all Parishioners to attend this Ceremony. There will be refreshments afterward in the Parish Center all are invited.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT WORSHIPS TOGETHER

Scripture Readings For the Week of July 24, 2022

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Monday - Feast of St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday- Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22; Ps ; 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday- Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday- Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Mt 13:47-53

Friday- Memorial of Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27

Saturday- Memorial of Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 & 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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 23

5:30 pm Mona Reilly

Sunday, July 24

9:00 am Maria & Giuse Hoang
11:30 am Maria & Giuse Hoang
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, July 25

8:30 am †Annette Reynolds

Tuesday, July 26

8:30 am †John & Dolores Peck

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 am †Dorothy Putz

Thursday, July 28

8:30 am †Barbara Herrmann

Friday, July 29

8:30 am †John & Anne Caradonna

Saturday, July 30

8:00 am †Leonard E. & Rosemarie Buszkiewicz
5:30 pm †Sue Allen

Sunday, July 31

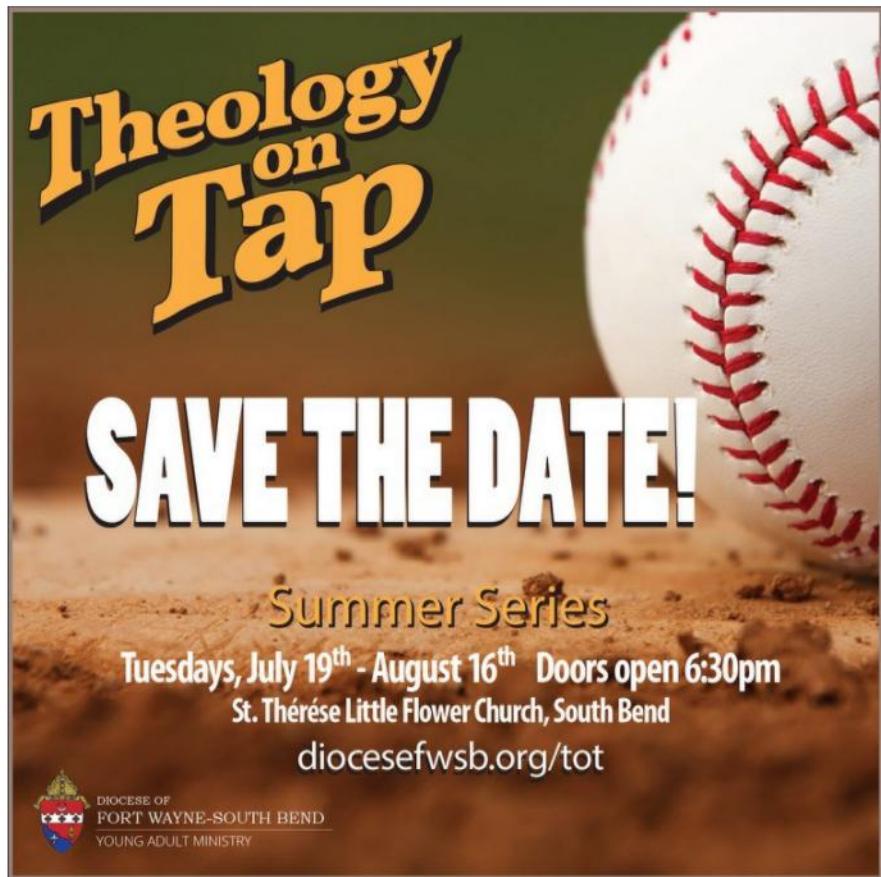
9:00 am †Dale Kroll
11:30 am †For the Healing of Shelia Talamo
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

The Catholic Truth about Angels, Demons, Ghosts and Hauntings

Monday, August 15th, 7:00 pm, in the Church

Please join us for a fascinating talk on what the Church really teaches about angels, demons, ghosts, exorcisms, and hauntings. In this presentation, Dave VanVickle will draw from his extensive experience assisting priests in their ministries of exorcism and deliverance and from his study of Church teaching. Dave clears up the many misunderstandings surrounding this topic during this thorough and dynamic presentation on the world of evil and the unfathomable power of the mercy of God flowing through his priests. After the talk there will be time for questions. You will not want to miss this!

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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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Healing Prayer Corner: What If?

In today's First Reading, Abraham "tests" God. "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people..." Then 45, then 40, 30, 20, finally 10. Why did Abraham stop with 10? If he had had the boldness to continue to 1, what would God's response have been? God, who is infinitely merciful.

In the Gospel, we hear, "ask and you will receive." Does that mean that every time we ask for a healing for ourselves or for someone, it will happen? The evidence would suggest not. Everyone who came to Jesus asking for a healing, or in faith, was healed. Does that mean that when we ask for healing and it doesn't happen that our faith is weak? That we're asking, but not really believing? Hoping, but not confident? And if our faith and hope isn't strong enough, we don't qualify? This I know: The Lord's goodness and mercy is infinite. We should never stop trusting the Lord. "Be strong and steadfast.... He will never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed" (Deuteronomy 31:6).

Never stop asking.

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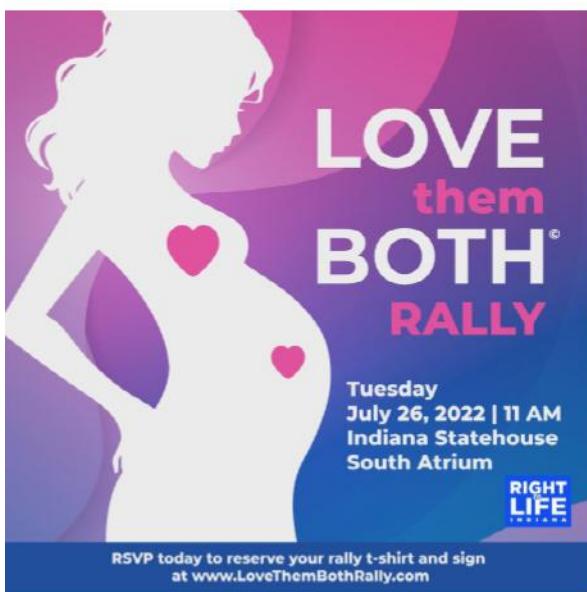
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Thursday, July 28th
at 6:30PM in Payne Hall

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Whatsoever You Do Outreach: Only with God's Grace

A young mother called asking for help with rent. Nothing unusual there; it is a frequent request. Her story, however, still leaves us in awe.

She is the oldest of five children, all of whom, including herself, were abused by their mother, a drug addict who was in and out of jail. She had her first child at a very young age, and two others soon after. She didn't say this, but it sounded like it was the only way she could escape with the father of her children, who was also abusive. She left him and with three children entered into a relationship with another man. It sounded like a recipe for disaster. The new man, also young, was fully employed and they planned marriage. Are you ready for this? The woman, discovering the abuse of her siblings was continuing, was able to take in all her siblings into the home of the young mother and fiancée, and did so with the consent of her fiancée. Not just consent, but blessing. Instantly a family of nine. Will it work? Only with God's grace, and she knows it.

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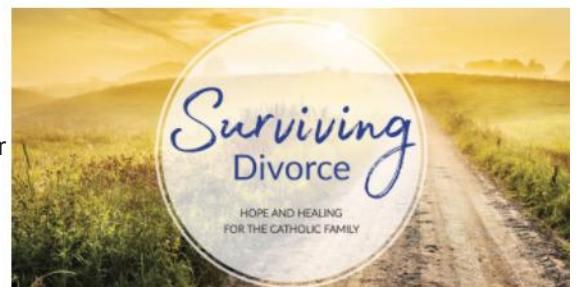
- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce
- Find personal healing and hope
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for them
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share their experiences
- Navigate new concerns like custody issues, court hearings and finances

Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning August 31, 2022 at Christ the King

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Contact: Pam Maxwell - pkmax@comcast.net

christthekingonline.com/surviving-divorce/



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