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through the
narrow gate,
for many,
I tell you,
will attempt
to enter
but will not be
strong enough.

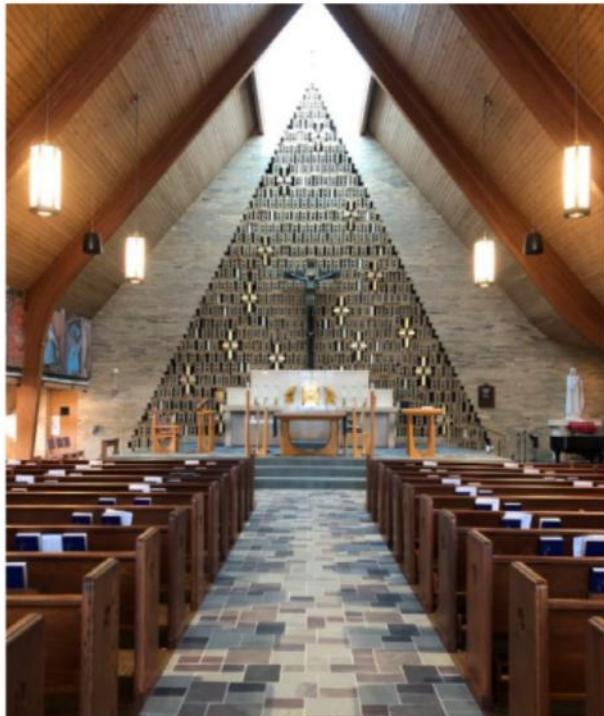
Luke 13:24

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Sacrifice of Christ

8. To begin to comprehend the tremendous gift offered by Christ through his Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection, that gift that is made present to us in the Eucharist, we must first realize how truly profound is our alienation from the Source of all life as a result of sin. We have abundant experience of evil, yet so many of us deny the cause of much of that evil—our own selfishness, our own sins. As St. John wrote in his first letter, If we say, “we are without sin,” we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us (1 Jn 1:8).

9. Sin is an offense against God, a failure to love God and our neighbor that wounds our nature and injures human solidarity.⁹ The capabilities, talents, and gifts we have received from God are meant to be used for good—not the false and illusory good that we in our self-centered desire create for ourselves, but the true good that glorifies the Father of goodness and is directed for the good of others and, in the end, is also good for us. When we misuse the gifts of creation, when we selfishly focus on ourselves, we choose the path of vice rather than the way of virtue.¹⁰ This self-centeredness is an inheritance of the Fall of our first parents. Without the grace of Christ received at Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and nourished by the Eucharist, this selfishness dominates us.

10. In Christ, however, what was lost by sin has been restored and renewed even more wondrously by grace.¹² Jesus, the new Adam, “was crucified under Pontius Pilate,” offering himself up as a sacrifice so that we may receive the inheritance that was lost by sin. By freely offering his life on the cross, Christ allows us to become the children of God (Jn 1:12) and to inherit the Kingdom of God. St. Peter reminds us, Christ himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed (1 Pt 2:24).

11. At the Last Supper, celebrating the Passover, Jesus makes explicit that his impending death, freely embraced out of love, is sacrificial: While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins” (Mt 26:27-28). In the words and gestures of the Last Supper, Jesus makes it clear that out of love for us he is freely offering his life for the forgiveness of our sins. In doing so, he is both the priest offering a sacrifice and the victim being offered. As priest, Jesus is offering a sacrifice to God the Father, an offering prefigured by the offering of bread and wine by Melchizedek, Priest of God Most High (Gen 14:18; see Ps 110:4; Heb 5-7 passim). Anticipating his Passion in the institution of the Eucharist, Christ has indicated the forms under which his self-offering would be sacramentally present to us until the end of time.

12. Why is it so important that we understand the Eucharist as a sacrifice? It is because all that Jesus did for the salvation of humanity is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist, including his sacrificial Death and Resurrection. Christ’s sacrifice of himself to the Father was efficacious and salvific because of the supreme love with which he shed his blood, the price of our salvation, and offered himself to the Father on our behalf. His blood, shed for us, is the eternal sign of that love. As a memorial the Eucharist is not another sacrifice, but the re-presentation of the sacrifice of Christ by which we are reconciled to the Father. It is the way by which we are drawn into Jesus’ perfect offering of love, so that his sacrifice becomes the sacrifice of the Church. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote,

The remembrance of his perfect gift consists not in the mere repetition of the Last Supper, but in the Eucharist itself, that is, in the radical newness of Christian worship. In this way, Jesus left us the task of entering into his “hour.” “The Eucharist draws us into Jesus’ act of self-oblation. More than just statically receiving the incarnate Logos, we enter into the very dynamic of his self-giving.”

To read the full reflection visit diocesefwsb.org/eucharistic-reflections/#august or scan the code.



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Scripture Readings For the Week of August 21, 2022

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13:22-30

Monday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5;
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13;
Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday Feast of Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;
Jn 1:45-51

Thursday Memorial of Saint Louis of France

1 Cor 1:1-9; PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7;
Mt 24:42-51

Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21;
Mt 25:14-30

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11;
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14



August Household Dates

House of Praise— Friday, 8/26, 6:30 pm

Scan the code or visit bit.ly/3OYoCpc to receive the monthly newsletter with locations and updates.



This week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 20

8:00 am †Naty Bayot
5:30 pm †Anne Graf

Sunday, August 21

9:00 am †Maria & Vincent Dinh
11:30 am †Paul Marz
8:00 pm The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower

Monday, August 22

8:30 am †Pat Guzzi

Tuesday, August 23

8:30 am †Janet Reiter

Wednesday, August 24

8:30 am †Eugene Ostrowski & the Intentions of Adrianna & Allan Lebbin on their Anniversary

Thursday, August 25

8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Christ Child Society

Friday, August 26

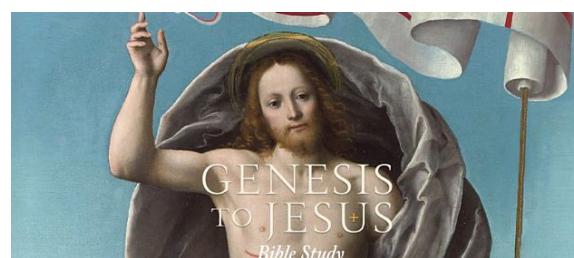
8:30 am †Matthew Vu Phong Pham

Saturday, August 27

8:00 am †Sue Allen
5:30 pm †Paul Erp, Jr.

Sunday, August 28

9:00 am †John & Dolores Peck
11:30 am The Parish Family of St. Thérèse, Little Flower
8:00 pm No intention at this time



Registration now open!

Mark your calendars! This fall we will begin a Journey through Scripture! Discover your place in the story of salvation from Genesis to Jesus! Weekly meetings will be held on Friday mornings beginning September 16th.

Scan the code or visit bit.ly/3SWfDbk to register!
Email Brenda with questions—Brenda@littleflowerchurch.org.



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Save the date!

Deacon Greg's Retirement celebration will be held on
Sunday, September 25th after the 11:30 am Mass
in the Parish Center

Welcome.

CRHP 2.0
There is More to Life

A few years ago, when asked to consider attending the Welcome retreat, I thought to myself, "A whole weekend---ah man, I'll miss watching the football game".

Now I think to myself, "I sure hope the Holy Spirit sparks all men reading this to attend." I know it sounds corny but this retreat profoundly changed me. My relationship with Christ has never been deeper. My relationships with the men of the parish have never been stronger. My relationships with my spouse and family have never been more loving.

Christ wants you to experience what I experienced.
Please pray about it.

- Lenny Strzelecki

All men of the parish are encouraged to join us for
this life changing retreat!

New date: September 17th & 18th

Visit littleflowerchurch.org/retreats to learn more
and register



Healing Prayer Corner: Be Encouraged

In today's Second Reading, we hear: "So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed." What does this mean?

Discouragement saps the spirit. Pessimism, and even more hopelessness, can make us blind and deaf. Weakness and half-heartedness in belief make us lame. So, what to do? First, pray to the Holy Spirit. We cannot muster hope and encouragement all on our own. As the father of his tormented son pleaded: "I do believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24) Then, cooperate with the Spirit. Decide that you will not be dragged down by adverse circumstances. Decide to be encouraged. Then, trick the evil one. Encourage others. Oftentimes it's easier to do for others what is harder to do for yourself. In Hebrews 10:24, we read: "We must consider how to rouse one another to love and good works." By rousing others, we can overcome our resistance to do so for ourselves.

Be healed by encouragement.

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT SERVES THE POOR

SOUTH BEND-AREA AUTHOR LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING w/author Aimee Murphy

Rehumanize: A Vision to Secure Human Rights for All

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, August 24 @ 7:30P
WHERE: "The Upper Room" @ St. Therese Little Flower Parish Center, 54191 N Ironwood Rd, 46635

RSVP: bit.ly/3JM4Axw

The Christ Child Society Clothing Center is open!

Families at or below 130% of the poverty level are eligible for free, NEW winter clothing, coats and shoes. Each family must obtain a referral form from a local agency (e.g. St. Vincent de Paul Society and Women's Care Center) or their children's school. A complete list of referral agencies and information about the clothing program can be found at www.christchildsb.org or by contacting info@christchildsb.org.

Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms who face difficult or unexpected circumstances in our communities do not have to look far to find help. The Diocese of Fort Wayne—South Bend is participating in the national campaign, Walking with Moms in Need. The purpose of this campaign is to better equip each of us to identify and communicate available resources to women who might be struggling with a difficult pregnancy or parenting circumstance. The websites list, describe, and provide links to many of the resources available in our area to support and assist pregnant and parenting moms in need:

English: walkingwithmomsfwsb.com

Spanish: caminaconmadresfwsb.com

Court Appointed Special Advocate Program of St. Joseph County by the numbers:

Staff and volunteers are currently serving 539 children with 90 children on the waitlist for a CASA.

To date in 2022, staff and volunteers have served 719 children, spending over 8,000 hours advocating for these children.

In the three volunteer training sessions thus far in 2022, a total of 10 new volunteers have been sworn in. The goal for our program each year is to swear in 40 volunteers total.

CASA programs across the country are seeing a decrease in volunteerism, our program is no exception. The need for volunteers becomes more dire with each child added to the waiting list.

How can you help?

Sign up to become a CASA Volunteer by visiting: <https://in-stjoseph.evintosolutions.com/VolunteerApplication>

Ask for more information on the volunteering process by emailing: casa@sjc.org

Spread the word! CASA needs volunteers!

Host an informational seminar, at your work, school, church, or with friends and family. To set up a seminar, contact CASA's Recruiter/Trainer Amanda at: abuchholz@jjconline.org

WE ARE A COMMUNITY THAT EXTENDS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Sacrificial Generosity: How can YOU serve the Parish Community?

We have several needs around the parish that may be met by your gifts and talents! Don't see anything you are called to this week? Check back often as our needs are always changing.

Current needs:

Collection Counters— This ministry is part of the process of ensuring that the Parish stewards well the monetary contributions of all parishioners. We need people to count on Monday mornings in the office, supervised by Gail Waltman, our Business Manager.

Funeral Luncheon— This ministry provides comfort, nourishment, and accompaniment to families as they lay their loved ones to rest. We need both people who are willing to make and to drop off food for the luncheons and people to help at the luncheon itself.

If you are interested and feel called to either of these ministries of service to our parish please contact the parish office: 574-272-7070. Thank you!

St. Francis Convent Job Openings

Full- or Part-time Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse or CNA. Experience in long-term care of the elderly preferred. Work shift consisting primarily of evening shift, 3:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. with weekend rotation and holiday coverage as needed.

Full-time Cook/Sanitation position - someone with cooking experience for a large family or parish or community functions. Shift is a combination of 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with weekend rotation and holiday coverage as needed by the Dietary Department.

Part-time Dietary position - someone who prepares salads and desserts and assists with other duties. Primary shift is 6:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. every other weekend and possibly some weekdays 8:00 - 4:30 p.m.

These positions require excellent work ethic, trustworthy, reliable character who gets along well with others and would appreciate working in a pleasant setting and of being of service to the Sisters and guests in our home.

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Saturday 8:30-9:30 am

Additional Sacraments

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