A young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue and red plaid shirt, is shown from the chest up, looking down intently at an open red book he is holding with both hands. The background is a soft-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting with foliage. The lighting is natural, highlighting the boy's face and the texture of the book.

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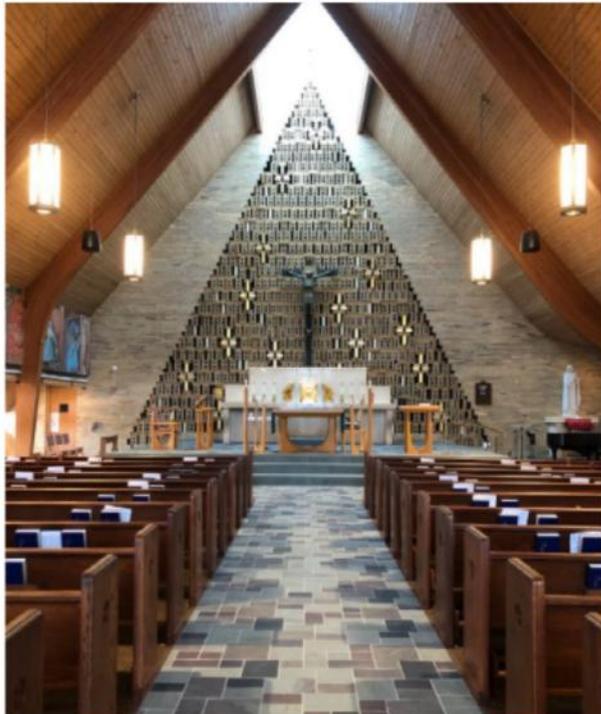
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Letter from the Pastor

Dearly beloved,

The First reading for this weekend narrates a dramatic victory won by the Israelites against the Amalekites. Moses positioned himself on a hill, a posture of prayer and held up the staff of God, a symbol of his authority. As the reading narrates, Israel had the better of the fight for as long as Moses' hand was held up. And to ensure this was the case, they stationed two younger men, Aaron and Hur on both sides to support Moses' hand. While we do not have a record of whatever else, if any, Moses was doing as he stood on that hill, it might not be an overstatement to suggest he was praying, as it would seem contentious to ascribe Israel's victory to the simple gesture of holding up a staff. Our responsorial psalm offers us the interpretive key. Israel's victory did not just come from Moses' hand or from the staff; Israel was helped by the Lord who made heaven and earth who both the staff and hand are directed to. God gave victory to this aggregate of people whom he had chosen as his own. It was not on account of anything they had done, but because God wanted a relationship with them.

Each day and every week we gather as a community for the Eucharist, yet we can never overemphasize the importance of personal prayer. It is at the heart of our relationship with the Lord. And this is foundational to who we are as disciples of Jesus. This relationship, which comes from our loving communion with the Lord in prayer, is nourished by our participation in the Eucharist, and deepened by Eucharistic adoration. Jesus taught us the importance of personal prayer by his example. He would wake up early and spend some time in prayer before the day began. All of his preaching and miracles flowed from this communion with the Father. He therefore calls us to follow his example by spending some time in prayerful communion with him.

Second Collection This Weekend

Bishop Rhoades has asked that a special collection be taken up in all parishes on the weekend of **October 15-16** for the humanitarian, long-term recovery, and significant Church needs arising from the calamities of Hurricanes Ian and Fiona.

The funds collected will become part of the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the relief efforts of Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services in the affected areas and to aid dioceses in those regions.

I have found that spending time before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has been a huge source of spiritual comfort for me. Many saints have also shared their experiences of how much sweetness and comfort they derived from this practice. There have been times when I did not have the right words; in fact, no words are adequate. Only silence suffices in the face of the mystery of the Eucharist. Jesus wants us to be with him. Preoccupation with having the right words should not prevent us from seeking this communion. I have experienced consolation and peace from troubling situations, especially when I have come to my wits end with no resolution in view. I have received inspiration, guidance and direction just from sitting in silence before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

As the Church in the United States is already in the first year of a 3-year Eucharistic Campaign, I want to propose Eucharistic adoration to you, especially those who have not explored this devotion of the Church. Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, writes in his Sacrament of Love (Sacramentum Caritatis, no. 66), quoting St. Augustine, "No one eats that flesh without first adoring it; we should sin were we not to adore it." Eucharistic adoration flows from and perpetuates the Eucharistic celebration. If we truly love Jesus we would spend more than just one hour a week with him. Love grows more by fellowship and communion. Take some time this week to do a holy hour. Jesus deserves and desires it.

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



Staff Announcement

Our Director of Sacred Music & Liturgy, Daniel Tucker, will soon be taking a new position as the Director of Liturgical Music & Organist at the Cathedral of St. Matthew here in South Bend. Several months ago, Daniel was approached by the Cathedral hiring committee, who sought him out for the position specifically because of his dedication to authentically Catholic liturgical music. He will succeed Mike Mittleman, the Cathedral's current music director, who is retiring after more than 50 years of service to our diocese. We are grateful for Daniel's years of service to our own parish family, and we wish him all the best in his new position! If you would like to contribute to a spiritual bouquet we are putting together for Daniel please add your prayers to the list in the back of the church.

In Christ,
The Parish Staff

Scripture Readings For the Week of October 16, 2022

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Monday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5;
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17 b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18;
Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday Memorial of Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Memorial of Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19;
Lk 12:49-53

Friday Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Paul II, Pope

Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Lk 13:1-9

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Weekly Rosary

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, October 15

5:30 pm †Dorothy Putz

Sunday, October 16

9:00 am †Benedict Janczewski

11:30 am †John Heck

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

Monday, October 17

8:30 am †Elmer Boll

Tuesday, October 18

8:30 am †Timothy Griffing, Jr.

Wednesday, October 19

8:30 am †Raymond & Donna Schmidt

Thursday, October 20

8:30 am Intentions of Elizabeth Knippel

Friday, October 21

8:30 am †Pete Rafferty

Saturday, October 22

8:00 am No intention at this time

5:30 pm †Gregory Calhoun

Sunday, October 23

9:00 am †Ron Jaicomo

11:30 am †Patricia Ruane

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

Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child

A Memorial Mass for those who have lost a child, including through miscarriage and abortion, will be celebrated on Friday, Oct. 14, at 7 p.m. at Christ the King Parish, South Bend and on Friday, October 28 at 5:45 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne. All are welcome, including siblings and grandparents. You will have the opportunity to record your child's/grandchild's name in a Book of Remembrance, to take home a silk rose in honor of him or her, and to pray together with others who have suffered the loss of a child. Sponsored by Marriage & Family Ministry, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. For more information, please contact Lisa Everett at 574-234-0687 or email leverett@diocesefwsb.org. diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace

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However, community is first of all a quality of the heart. It grows from the spiritual knowledge that we are alive not for ourselves but for one another. Community is the fruit of our capacity to make the interests of others more important than our own. The question, therefore, is not 'How can we make community?' but, 'How can we develop and nurture giving hearts?'
- Henri Nouwen

Come develop and nurture a giving heart with us!

Friday, October 21st @6:30 pm - **House of Praise**

Scan the code or visit bit.ly/30YoCpc to receive the monthly newsletter with locations and updates.

Have questions about Households? Want to learn more? Email Abby, abby@littleflowerchurch.org!

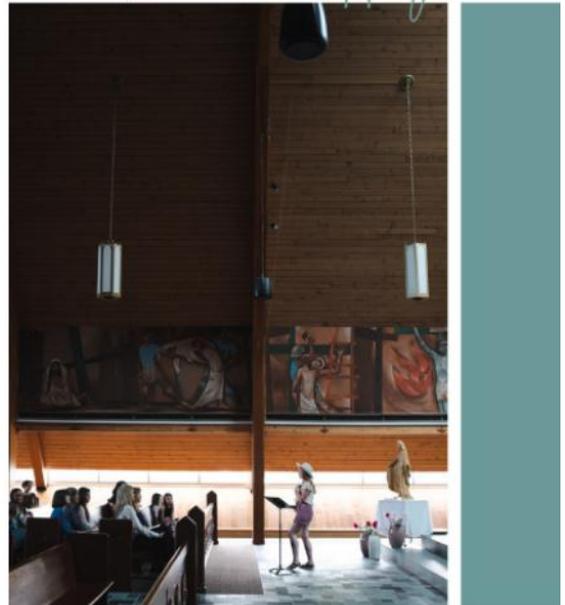


Healing Prayer Corner: Jesus Is Ready and Wanting To

Hearing today's Gospel, the parable of the persistent widow and the dishonest judge, one could think that if I don't "call out to him day and night," God will be "slow to answer" me. It is best understood as being present to God throughout one's waking hours. The closing statement, "when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?", in tandem with the closing statement of last Sunday's Gospel, "your faith has saved you" (referring to the one leper who thanked Jesus for his healing), helps us to further understand.

Just as Jesus healed the leper, he is always ready and wanting to heal us. When we're present to him during all our waking hours, thanking him first, last, and in between, it is an expression of faith. When we give praise to God throughout the day when we see beauty and goodness, it is an expression of faith. When we see ugliness, selfishness, indifference, and ask God for forgiveness and for repentance, it is an expression of faith. When we act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly (Micah 6:8), it is an expression of faith.

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Questions? ablazemission.org/groups
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Meals on Wheels Needs You

Meals on Wheels has been serving St. Joe County for decades, but is facing a crisis. The program is in danger of not being able to deliver meals because of a shortage of volunteers to deliver the meals. You can help. If it's one route per week, an hour or two per week, typically between 10a.m. and 1p.m., MoW can use your help. I have been delivering meals for ten years, ever since I left employment at REAL Services. I can testify that it is a most gratifying experience. The clients are overjoyed to see you.

To sign up or for more information, email volunteer@realservices.org or call Sandy at 574-284-7138. Feel free to call me, 574-273-1702. -- Bill Odell

Christ Child Society Needs Your Help!

The Christ Child Society of South Bend is in desperate need of gently used fall/winter children's clothing, shoes, boots or outerwear (given in addition to NEW clothing, coats and shoes), especially sizes 8-10. Please drop clothing in the Christ Child Society box at church or bring it to the Christ Child Clothing Center in Town & Country Shopping Center on any Tuesday or Wednesday morning (to the loading dock on the north side). Call 574 288 6028 to arrange a pick up if needed.

Work with Catholic Charities!

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Refugees Update

So much has happened. The family from Congo, mother and two young adult sons, have been introduced to various grocery stores, including one that specializes in African foods. They've been taken for medical appointments. They've learned the busing system and discovered a convenience store in walking distance. Recently, they received curtains for their windows, something they requested. Thank you, Tess. Colorful curtains is very African. They have a very nice TV, thank you Jennifer for providing and Don for installing. Thank you, Luke, for the donation of clothes. Thank you for the donations to the refugee fund that enables us to purchase more needed clothes (cold weather is a shock to their systems). Also, your donations are making it possible to purchase bicycles for them, something on their wish list.

Also, the family from Guatamala. Some four months ago, we furnished their home and one of our volunteers, thank you Marilyn, has done much for them and helped us to stay connected. Last Sunday, we (including Spanish speaking Cesar, Jorge, and Kevin) took the family to New Buffalo so they could have an experience of Lake Michigan, dinner in New Buffalo, and Oink's. It's the first time they've been out of South Bend. Lovely family. Great day.

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Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving: September

Adult Collection	\$ 40,858.00
Loose Collection	\$ 7,886.06
Total Collections	\$ 48,744.06
(Under)/Over Budget	\$ (9,589.27)
Year to Date Under Budget	\$(29,348.49)
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,493.00
Food Pantry	\$ 867.50
Whatsoever You Do	\$ 5,153.51

Thank you for your sacrificial generosity!

Holy Family School Alumni Mass and Dinner

Holy Family will be hosting a School Alumni Mass and Dinner on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm. After the Mass there will be a dedication ceremony at the school celebrating the Felician Sisters that have served our parish. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Lagodney at 574-289-7375 or hfalumni@hfssb.org. RSVP are due by October 21, 2022.

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