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Psalm 40:1-3

I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 2025

Our Mission:

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish exists to **rescue** people from the poverty of an identity outside of **Jesus**.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:30pm

Sunday

9:00am, 11:30am, 8:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Saturday

8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays

5:00 am - 10:00 am

7:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday 5:00am-10:00pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 9:30am

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

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Thurs - Fri 9:00am - 4:00pm

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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday, August 16

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11, Mt 19:13-15

8:00am: Rita Rucano

4:30pm: Esther Dollie & Ann Graf †

Sunday, August 17 | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

9:00am: Codty Pierce †

11:30am: Mary O'Hearn †

8:00pm: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

Monday, August 18

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

8:30am: David Shock †

Tuesday, August 19

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

8:30am: Sr. Mary D'Souza †

Wednesday, August 20 | Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

8:30am: Mary O'Hearn †

Thursday, August 21 | Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

8:30am: Linda Konecny

Friday, August 22 | Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

8:30am: Howard & Corinne Johnson †

Saturday, August 23

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

8:00am: Ellen Emerick

4:30pm: David Shock †

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

An Abridged History of St. Therese, Little Flower

One day in 1937, two seminarians from Moreau Seminary, Patrick Peyton and Jack Haley, were sent in search of the seminary horse that had run away. They found it grazing in the area of town known as the Morningside Addition, ('Dog Patch' as it was sometimes called). More importantly, these seminarians also found a small settlement of nominal Catholics that were living in appalling poverty. They knew something had to be done for these people. They spoke with their provincial and convinced him that these people needed help: food, clothing, housing, as well as a place of worship and religious instruction. The residents of the Dog Patch did not feel they had appropriate clothes to attend Mass at Sacred Heart, Notre Dame, their parish. The seminarians felt that if the people were unable to come to the church, the church should come to them. So they did and the seeds of Little Flower Parish were planted.

Patrick and Jack started giving religious instruction in the Morningside area and urged their brother CSC priests to help. Enthusiasm was building and so was the need for a building. The area where the run away horse was found was the site of the new chapel building.

The new chapel was completed in August, the first liturgy was held on the Solemnity of the Assumption, August 15.



Venerable Patrick Peyton

Hear the story of how Venerable Patrick Peyton founded our parish and learn how God worked through the rest of his life.

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**Saints
Alive**



Venerable Patrick Peyton

Seminarian Patrick Peyton went on to be a great evangelist for our nation. He traveled from Notre Dame to Hollywood and started a radio show to encourage families to pray. He came up with the famous slogan, "the family that prays together, stays together!"

Patrick had developed a deep devotion to the Blessed Mother due to an earlier miraculous healing through her intercession. Father Pat began the Family Rosary Crusade, getting volunteer students and Brothers and Sisters from Vincentian Institute to assist him writing letters to Bishops asking their help to organize a Rosary campaign. He went on to create many Christ-centered movies and facilitate billboard campaigns advertising his famous slogan as well as a new one, "A world at prayer, is a world at peace." He began hosting Rosary Rallies across the world continuing his goal to bring the Family Rosary to 10 million families.

In spite of Father Peyton's passion and the extraordinary energy which he expended in traveling, speaking, organizing and planning for the growth and expansion of his ministry in the 1990's, his health began to fail. After a few months of failing health his life began to slowly ebb away. On the evening of June 2, 1992 he was unable to finish his Rosary, and was told by those at his bedside that they would finish the prayer for him. He died peacefully at 5:20 a.m. on June 3, 1992 his final words were, "Mary, my Queen, my Mother."

Ways to meet God this week

New Parishioner Brunch

Sunday | 10:00am
Parish Center Gym

Small Group Bible Study

Sunday | 10:10am - 11:25am
Parish Center, Room 1

Missionary Families of Christ

Sunday | 1:30pm
Payne Hall

Becoming Catholic

Sunday | 4:00pm
Parish Center, Room 5

Men's Prayer Group

Monday | 6:00pm
Parish Center, Rooms 2/3

Senior Group

Monday, August 18 | 11:00am
Payne Hall

Fit for Life

Tues & Thurs | 8:00am – 10:00am
Wellness Center

Young Mom's Book Study

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:00pm
**Email Abby@littleflowerchurch.org
for location*

Ablaze Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Parish Center, Room 1

Mass for the Sick

Thursday, August 21 | 6:00pm
Chapel



"The whole company of saints bear witness to the unfailing truth that without real effort, no one wins the crown." ~St. Peter Claver

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

Exploring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Before heading off to college, I read on Pinterest the idea that, instead of asking a child what they want to be when they grow up, a person should ask them what they would like to see change in the world; what they would like to change in the world. Then the child can grow up to do what they believe will make the difference they want to see happen in the world. I wanted to touch hearts and heal hearts through God; for, God is the only one who can truly heal our hearts. I had originally wanted to do this by becoming a counselor, but God has had other plans. God has put me in a place where I can help foster healthy hearts that are rooted in a deep loving relationship with Christ through Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd meets the needs of the children at their different age levels. It enflames the child's heart with a love for God and fosters a relationship with God. The children in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd are a blessing to all around them. While the catechist helps to foster the relationship between the child and Christ, Christ is the one who teaches the child and forms a relationship with the child. The child has such openness and love for Christ. It inspires the catechist to have a deeper, more sincere relationship with Christ.

During my time in formation, I received many presentations that opened my eyes to a new way to reflect upon scripture. One beautiful presentation gave me a new perspective on death and dying to self. Within the presentation you watch a wheat seed grow into a stalk with many seeds. During this growth, it reveals how the seed slowly goes away, becoming a hollow shell and then disconnecting from the plant altogether. The seed dies so that the plant might have abundant life. It really gave me a new perspective on how dying to oneself or death itself can bring forth abundant life.

Along the same lines, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd teaches and requires that the catechist to forget themselves and look towards the needs of the child for their flourishing.

~Amelia Schade, Director of Catechesis and Family Ministry



**CATECHESIS
OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Level I: ages 3-6
(Sundays 10-11:30 am)

Level II: ages 6-9
(Saturdays 10-11:30 am)

Level III: ages 9-12
(Sundays 10-11:30 am)

Register Now!
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Meet Pope St. Pius X *Patron Saint of First Holy Communicants*

June 2, 1835 – August 20, 1914 | Feast Day: August 21

In the days of the early church fathers, it was the custom of the Church that young children be able to receive even the tiniest crumb or drop of the Precious Body or Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. In the 13th century, the custom changed and the age of those able to receive the Eucharist was pushed back to 12 or 14 depending on local custom so that the young people would be better able to recognize right from wrong and make a proper confession before receiving Jesus in the Eucharist. The emphasis of human sinfulness became prevalent in the church at the time for all the faithful and frequent reception of the Eucharist fell out of practice.

In 1910, Pope Pius X published *Quam Singulari* to encourage the faithful to once again frequently come to Jesus in the Eucharist and to lower the age of reason that had been established so that little children could come to the table and participate in the Heavenly Banquet of the Eucharist. He wrote, "The pages of the Gospel show clearly how special was that love for children which Christ showed while He was on earth. It was His delight to be in their midst; He was wont to lay His hands on them; He embraced them; and He blessed them...It is clearly seen how highly He held their innocence and the open simplicity of their souls." Because of his passion for the Eucharist and this great decree to allow children to return to the Eucharistic table at a younger age, Pope St. Pius X became the patron saint of First Communicants.



~VENERABLE PATRICK PEYTON.



MARK: *The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter*

Imagine Mark sitting at Peter's feet, writing down all that he had to say about the life and teachings of Jesus.

We sometimes call St. Mark's Gospel "the Gospel of Peter" because Mark put into writing the preaching of St. Peter. Mark's Gospel is filled with concrete details of an eyewitness. It tells us, from the point of view of Peter, what it was like to be with Jesus during the years of the Lord's public ministry. In studying this Gospel, we too can become disciples of Jesus through the eyes of Peter.

FRIDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY

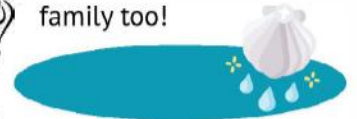
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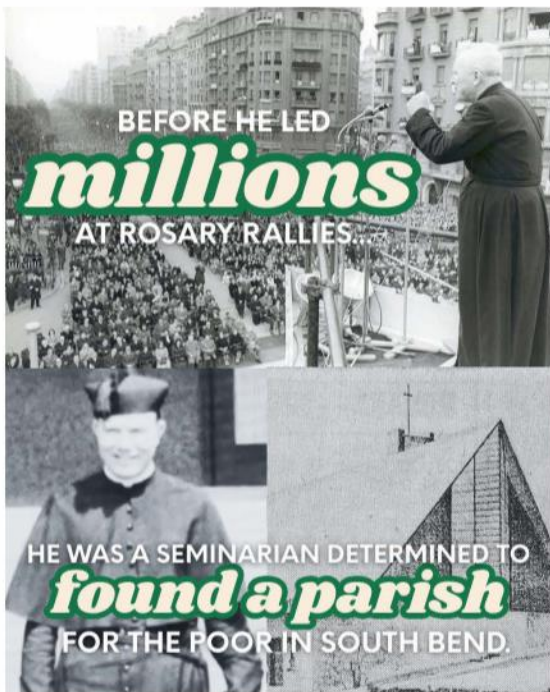


Baptism Prep

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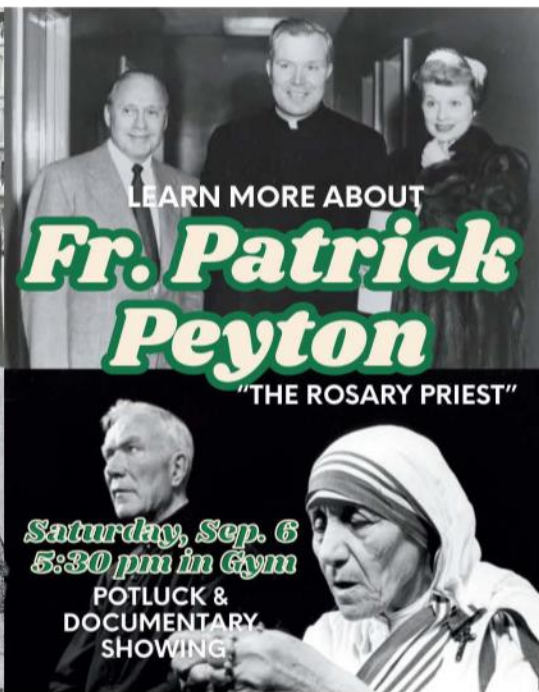


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Pickup: Saturday, Sept. 13, 10 AM–12 PM Upper Church Parking Lot

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PARISH NEWS

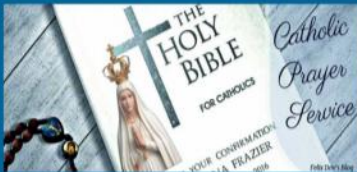
Breakfast with a Saint

Bl. Michael McGivney

Saturday, September 13
8:30am – 10:30am

*Come and enjoy Food,
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Education about our faith!*

Join us for a revamp of the Men's Prayer Breakfast! We are excited to have families join in on the socialization, prayer, food and education on our Catholic Faith. We will have guest speakers as well as learn about the Saints that we will name our rooms in honor of!



Men's Prayer Group

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Monday, September 15 | 6:00pm

The Men's Prayer Group is transitioning from learning about the Rosary to *That Man is You* (TMIY). The new series begins Monday, September 15. TMIY is an interactive men's program that combines science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of men fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in modern culture, TMIY works to form men capable of transforming homes and through the family, transforming society.

*Questions? Contact
Ben Janczewski at
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Scan the QR Code to register.



Annual Bishop's Appeal

Prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Bishop's Appeal

Dear parishioners and friends, in the coming weeks, you will be invited to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, inviting thousands of Catholics in northeast Indiana to encounter Christ in the church and each other. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/aba.

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FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
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Register now at
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Senior Group

Monday, August 18 at 11:00am | Payne Hall

Calling all seniors. Monday, August 18, beginning 11:00a.m., Father Payne Hall. Mass, meal, conversation. Meet the Executive Planning Group. Mary Carlo is providing the main dish: two chilis, chicken and beef, corn bread, sour cream, cheese, hot sauce for the chili. Yum! Come even if it's your first time.

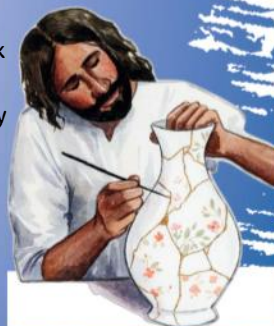
Mass for the Sick

Thursday, August 21 at 7:00pm | Chapel

Please join us for a Mass for the Sick to pray for healing for all of us who need healing. The event begins at with Praise and Worship at 6:30pm. The Mass starts at 7:00pm. Anointing of the Sick will be administered during Mass. There will be prayer teams available after Mass for anyone seeking individual prayer in the Chapel. The Mass for the Sick is held on the third Thursday of every month.

He Heals What Is Broken:

In this painting, Christ puts a vase back together using Kintsugi (金継ぎ, "golden joinery"). This Japanese pottery technique treats breakage and repair as part of the history of an object, rather than something to disguise. We are never broken beyond repair, because of Him. Out of shattered pieces, the Savior has the power to create something beautiful.



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