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to make him share in his own blessed life.”**

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 1

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 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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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday, September 20 | Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon,

Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

8:00am: Roger & Mary Lou Mawby †

4:30pm: Vincent Dinh †

Sunday, September 21 | Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

9:00am: Matthew Vu Phong Pham †

11:30am: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

8:00pm: Anne Sandra Tito

Monday, September 22

Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18

8:30am: Michele Karling

Tuesday, September 23 | St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Priest

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

8:30am: Roger & Mary Lou Mawby †

Wednesday, September 24

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

8:30am: Joan Milani

Thursday, September 25

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

8:30am: Christ Child Society

Friday, September 26 | Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

8:30am: Kathy Coriden †

Saturday, September 27 | St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

8:00am: Otto Martinec †

4:30pm: David Shock †



Discipleship is Imitating Christ

Last week I began explaining DISCIPLESHIP from the perspective of Jesus' command to his disciples. But how does one become a disciple? For us Catholics, the sacraments are essential for discipleship. Baptism initiates one into discipleship, the Eucharist sustains it, and Reconciliation restores and strengthens it. This week I want to explain this concept further.

When we were baptized, we were inserted into the life of the Trinity, and thus claimed for God. We were enrolled in the number of those who have responded to the Lord's call to follow Him. We become his disciples. But this is only the beginning of a lifelong journey. Discipleship is a way of life. Jesus did not call us to follow him only for a year or a season, but for all of our lives. Our call to follow Jesus is not reserved for only the good and happy times, but even during the bad and sad times.

Discipleship is a lifelong process of learning and growing in the faith. A disciple always strives to learn how to think, speak, and act from her teacher. Our thought, speech and actions must be in keeping with the teaching of Jesus as revealed in Scripture and espoused by the teachings of the Church (Magisterium). To be a disciple of Jesus is to strive to live in the way Jesus lived: in humility, love, forgiveness and service. It is to live in total imitation of Christ.

A good place to start imitating Christ in our life would be living the Beatitudes (Matthew 5) and the corporal works of mercy. I will list the beatitudes next for your reflection. Take a moment to pray with these this week.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven,
for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Which of these beatitudes do you practice daily, and how do you do that? Which is difficult for you at the moment? I would like to hear from you.

Fr. Julius

Fr. Julius
fatherjulius@littleflowerchurch.org

Ways to meet God this week

SUNDAY

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

Following all Masses | Church

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Atria Levels I & III

Small Group Bible Study

10:10am | Peyton Center, Room 1

Missionary Families of Christ

1:30pm | Payne Hall

Becoming Catholic

4:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 5

MONDAY

Men's Prayer Group

6:00pm | Peyton Center, Rooms 2&3

TUESDAY

Fit for Life

Tues & Thurs | 8:00am

Wellness Center

Knights of Columbus Rosary

6:30pm | Labyrinth Prayer Garden

Young Mom's Book Study

7:30pm - 9:00pm

*Email Abby@littleflowerchurch.org
for location

WEDNESDAY

Ablaze Young Adult Bible Study

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 1

THURSDAY

Prayer Ministry

11:00am | Holy Cross Rehab & Wellness

Prison Ministry

6:00pm

*Contact Lenny Strzelecki at
lenstrz@gmail.com

FRIDAY

Gospel of Mark Scripture Study

Friday | 10:00am

Ven. Patrick Peyton Center, Upper Room

SATURDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Level II Atria

Middle & High School Faith Formation

Following 4:30pm Mass | Upper Room

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Parish Rosary Mission

Preceding all Masses

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Join us in a parishioner-led Rosary before Mass! Let us prepare our hearts to receive Jesus into our bodies with the same joy and awe that Mary received him.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Catholic Investment Seminar

Thursday, September 25 at 7:00pm

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Young Adult Event

Friday, October 3 at 7:00pm | Gym

Come join Vitus for a night of dancing and good hearted competition! We will have a lesson, competition, and social dancing! We hope to have you join us.

7:00-Doors open

7:30-Competition starts

8:00-Lesson

8:30-Social Dance/Tap outs

Questions? Contact

Countrydanceinstructor@gmail.com



Prayer Breakfast with a Saint

Saturday, October 4 at 8:30am | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center, Gym

Meet St. Lorenzo Ruiz!

Come enjoy food, fellowship, and prayer as we get to know St. Lorenzo Ruiz, the first filipino martyr and patron saint of altar servers.



Importance of Christian Burial

At a time of loss, we join together to call on the Lord. Above all, this is a time for prayer. In a funeral Mass, the entire Church in heaven and on earth, joins to sing God's praise and to pray for the gift of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus, who died and rose for us, offers himself in this great act of love, and offers us a resurrection.

Because of our belief not only in the immortality of the soul, but also in the resurrection of the body, the Church professes hope in the face of death, and acts with charity in the funeral rites. The Church provides a number of prayers for the faithful to offer both to accompany the dying of a loved one and to strengthen our faith upon their death. Through private prayer and public funeral rites, we strengthen our faith and hope, comfort those who mourn, and bury the bodily remains of the deceased with care befitting what was the Temple of the Holy Spirit.

In this time of mourning for loved ones, it can be challenging for the family to think through planning a funeral Mass. All Catholics are invited to have a Catholic funeral and we want to help you plan yours. It is a good practice to meditate on our death. It helps us evaluate how we are living and ensure that our lives will get us to Heaven. Planning your funeral can take the strain off them when the time comes.

We invite you to prayerfully consider what you want your funeral to look like and stop by the parish office to take a look at our planning guidelines.

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND HE WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYER.” ~PADRE PIO

Little Flower Prison Ministry

Thursday, September 25 | 6:00pm

Visit men in prison. Give a talk about the Word or another topic of interest to them. Assist them when they are released from prison to help them get re-established in the community. Be a mentor to those who are recently released.

Questions? Contact Lenny Strzelecki at lenstrz@gmail.com

*We forget that we are all sinners and often, without being aware of it.
We, too, are prisoners.
- Pope Francis -*



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*Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction,
persevere in prayer.* Romans 12:12

2025 Mid-north Echo Conference

Saturday, October 11 at 11:30am | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center Gym

Sign up using the QR Code. Deadline to register is Oct. 5.

Questions? Contact Arnold and Mariflor Royeca at mroyeca1@nd.edu.

2025 Red Mass

Tuesday, October 7 at 5:15pm | Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Notre Dame

The Saint Thomas More Society of South Bend, in conjunction with the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and Notre Dame Law School, invites you to this ancient rite celebrated by the Most. Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades to ask God's blessing on all those who serve the people as lawyers, judges, politicians, civil government officials, professors, and law students. All are welcome, regardless of faith tradition or practice.

Reception to follow at: Notre Dame Law School Eck Commons
Limited Parking in Grotto Lot | No RSVP Required.

Questions?

Contact Christian J. Matozzo at info@stthomasmoresb.org



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Sundays at 10:10am | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center, Room 1

Sundays we meet over coffee to discuss the lectionary and listen carefully and respectfully to one another. The Holy Spirit speaks to each one of us through Scripture. Yet he speaks to each of us differently. Together we learn, and are inspired, as we seek God's guidance encountering Scriptural texts.

Questions? Contact Gail Bederman at gbederma@icloud.com.



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Saturday, October 25 at 9:00am

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By seeing your marriage through the lens of faith, you will discover how your love reveals the presence of Christ in your everyday life.

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Widows and Widowers Welcome!

Questions? Contact Jeff and Brenda Myers at 260-484-1664.

Miriam's Blessing

Miriam's Blessing is a ministry that provides comprehensive support to parents who receive a prenatal diagnosis. Support for parents carrying to term varies through three distinct phases: the pregnancy, the birth, and the postpartum period. We provide parents with personalized case management support that is parent- and baby-centered.

For more information, visit www.diocesefwsb.org/family.



Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

September 20 & 21

Following all Masses

Support individuals with Intellectual Disabilities through our Tootsie Roll Drive! Our Knights will be out after all Masses to answer questions and hand out tootsie rolls.



Parking Lot Repavement

September 22-26

Our parking lot repavement is beginning tomorrow Monday, September 22. The parking lot will be done in sections. Parking will still be available, though it will be limited. Repavement should be completed by Friday. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.

Food Pantry Closed

September 23 & 25

The food pantry will be closed this week due to unforeseen circumstances. Regular hours will resume Tuesday September, 30.

State of the Parish Address & Listening Sessions

Thursday, October 16 at 6:00pm | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center Gym

Curious to know how our parish is growing? Want to share your experiences of parish life? Mark your calendar to join us for the State of the Parish Address to learn more about how our parish is doing this year and how our staff is trying to support you. We also want to hear from you at our Listening Sessions during the address. We want to know what our parishioners are experiencing so that we can better serve you and your family and help you grow in your relationship with Christ.

October
16

SAVE THE DATE

Please join us in praying a novena
to our Patroness,

St. Therese, the Little Flower

The novena **begins Monday, September 22** to finish on her feast day, Wednesday, October 1. Please join us in praying for the intention of the *expansion of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our Parish and in South Bend.*

O Little Therese of the Child Jesus,
please pick for me a rose from the heavenly gardens
and send it to me as a message of love.

O Little Flower of Jesus,
ask God to grant the favors

I now place with confidence in your hands
for the expansion of Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in our parish and in South Bend.
St. Therese, help me to always believe as you did
in God's great love for me,
so that I might imitate your "Little Way" each day.
Amen.

Annual Bishop's Appeal

Prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Bishop's Appeal

Dear parishioners and friends, I prayerfully invite you to consider a donation to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish has a target of **\$70,778.63** for this year. Your donations are greatly appreciated. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese, inviting Catholics in northeast Indiana to encounter Christ in the church and each other. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/aba. Scan the QR Code to donate online. When you arrive at the pledge page, please attribute your gift to **Little Flower South Bend.**



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Financial Assistance

Through our Whatsoever You Do Outreach Program we provide financial assistance to help with utilities to our community.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please go to our website:

<https://LittleFlowerChurch.org/outreach>

Food Assistance

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