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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 8, 2026

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

4:00pm-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, March 7

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

8:00am: Bob Bramer & Cliff Perras †

4:30pm: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

Sunday, March 8 | Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

9:00am: Ali Nikolai

11:30am: Sr. Theresa Tamandle

8:00pm: Chris Sharpe †

Monday, March 9

2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

8:30am: Vincent Nam †

Tuesday, March 10

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

8:30am: JoEllen Conrady †

Wednesday, March 11

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

8:30am: Joseph Nguyen †

Thursday, March 12

Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

8:30am: Roy Miller †

Friday, March 13

Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34

8:30am: David Kroll †

Saturday, March 14

Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

8:00am: Pablo & Nasaria Bayot †

4:30pm: Roy Miller †



The crosses in our Lives

Beloved parishioners,

It is the third week of Lent already. Before we notice, this graced season will once again be behind us. We must, therefore, be intentional in making the most of this season. Although Easter is not as commercialized as Christmas, we could find ourselves preoccupied with how to celebrate Easter when we have not spent time during Lent to prepare ourselves for the great feast. Lent is about deepening our relationship with God who enters into a covenant with us. This relationship, nurtured by prayer, would result in the transfiguration of our hearts and minds as we would be permeated by the light of the Lord, who is our salvation.

Last week we read in the gospel how Jesus showed his glory in order to prepare the disciples for his impending Passion. By this he demonstrated that his suffering and death on the cross are not the end, but a glory awaits him in the Resurrection. This is instructive for us as we go through this world carrying our own sufferings and death: this suffering is not the end, merely something to endure. This week I want to deepen this reflection on the crosses in our lives.

St. Paul calls out those who are oriented to this world. In contrast, he urges his audience to embrace a heavenward mindset. While we live in this world, we must never forget that we are citizens of heaven; and from there we expect a Savior who will transform our lowly bodies to conform with his glorious body. It is sometimes questionable whether this belief informs how we live now. St. Paul seems to suggest that some, by their conduct, constitute themselves as enemies of the cross (Philippians 3:18-19). They are so occupied with satisfying their earthly desires, the craving for material possessions, the desire for power and fame, and the desire to be worshipped rather than to worship. These people shy away from the cross and seek every opportunity to evade or reject whatever seems to impinge on their endless quest for comfort and pleasure.

Do you consider yourself a friend or an enemy of the cross of Christ? Do you gladly accept whatever crosses the Lord sends your way or do you grumble at every cross you are asked to carry? Is your cross making you abandon the Lord? Do you prefer the appraisal of human beings while neglecting to enter into a sincere covenantal relationship with God? This Lent, **make a commitment to run toward the cross rather than away from it.**

The cross we are called to carry could be, among other things, a daily Holy Hour, an extra time in prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament; it could be waking up early in the morning and offering the early hours of your day to the Lord in prayer. It could be asking you to spend less time on your phone and giving that time to reading and meditating on sacred Scripture. Your cross could be that God is asking you to give up that bad relationship that is a constant occasion for sin, and does not allow you to live a pure and chaste life; it might be to give up that relationship that weakens your prayer life and makes you an enemy of the cross of Christ; it might be that the Jesus is asking you to change your attitude to him in the Eucharist by making a sincere confession before receiving Holy Communion or to stop receiving Holy Communion in a state of sin. **What crosses is the Lord asking you to carry this Lent and how are you carrying them?**

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

Fr. Julius

Ways to meet God this week

SUNDAY

Rosary Before Mass

2nd and 4th Sundays of the Month

Coffee & Donuts

10:00am | Peyton Center, Gym

Missionary Families of Christ

1:00pm | Fr. Payne Hall

MONDAY

That Man is You (TMIY)

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

TUESDAY

Food Pantry

Tues & Thurs | 1:30pm-3:00pm
Payne Hall

The Light is On For You!

6:00pm-8:00pm | Church
Come and be reconciled with the Lord!

Young Mom's Book Study

7:30pm | Tuesdays

**Email Abby@LittleFlowerChurch.org for location*

WEDNESDAY

Ablaze Young Adult Group

7:00pm | Fr. Payne Hall

THURSDAY

Fit for Life

Tues & Thurs | 8:00am
Wellness Center

Holy Friendships

6:00pm | Peyton Center, Upper Room

Prison Ministry

6:15pm | DuComb Center

**Contact Lenny Strzelecki at
lenstrz@gmail.com*

FRIDAY

Fridays During Lent

Stations of the Cross | 5:30pm
Soup Supper | 6:00pm

SATURDAY

Our Lady of the Road Service Day

7:30am | Our Lady of the Road

Middle & High School Faith Formation

5:30pm | Peyton Center, Upper Room

Adopt a Candidate

This year, we have 22 parishioners receiving sacraments in the Easter Season!
Please keep them and their families in your prayers during this time of final preparations.

Prayer for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of faith and the grace You offer through the sacraments.

We ask for your blessings on those preparing to receive Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation.
Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon them so they may be filled with Your love and strengthened in their faith,
bring them into Your family as beloved children, and guide them to live as disciples of Christ
with encounters that deepen their love for Jesus.

Grant them wisdom, courage and a deep conviction to live out their faith.

May they become bold witnesses of Christ in the world, and may their lives reflect the fruits of the Spirit.

Lord, we pray that all of these young souls continue to grow in faith
and that Your grace will guide them throughout their lives.

May they always feel Your presence and share Your love and peace with all they encounter.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



FIRST COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION



Alexander C. F.
Chloe W.
Isabella D.
Jasmin C.
John R.
Miles C.
Victoria C. F.

Each and every one of us is called by name to partake in the Eucharistic Banquet of the Mass. It is a time where we get to be united with Jesus and the whole church. Not just the people in our own Church but the WHOLE ENTIRE Catholic Church throughout the whole world and heaven. At this Banquet, Jesus gives us the best food and the best drink, Himself. This Spring, seven children will be joining us at the Eucharistic banquet of the Mass. Their names are listed above as well as printed on some prayer cards at the back of the Church. Please take a moment to pray for them as they continue their Formation for First Communion and Reconciliation.



CONFIRMATION STUDENTS



Ange I.
Gianna M.
Henry V.
Lucie A.
Susanna N.
Tony H.

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and Mary in the upper room. Tongues of fire appeared over their heads and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. We too are sealed with the Holy Spirit at our Confirmation, strengthened with the presence of the Holy Spirit that we receive at Baptism. From this we receive many gifts of the Holy Spirit which help us along our journey to heaven. We have nine students who are currently in Confirmation Formation, six of them will be receiving Confirmation this Spring. Their names are listed above as well as printed on some prayer cards at the back of the Church. Please take a moment to pray for them as they prepare.

ORDER OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

On February 22, some of our OCIA group attended the Rite of Election with Bishop Rhoades, along with each of their sponsors. Our catechumens became members of the Elect, those chosen by God for baptism, and our candidates for full communion all entered into their final stage of preparation for becoming Catholic, called the Period of Purification and Enlightenment. This time focuses on deeper conformity of their hearts and lives to Christ.

This season can also be particularly challenging - as many of them experience spiritual warfare as the Enemy tries to sway them from their choice of becoming Catholic. Others struggle with sharing the news with their family, who may be ambivalent or even hostile to Catholicism.

Will you "adopt" one of our soon-to-be Catholics and keep them in your prayers? Find your adopted candidate based on your birth month!



January: Laura Delgado
February: Cole Dazey
March: Clementina Jacobs
April: Joshua Schermerhorn
May: John Rogers
June: Hannah Park
July: Nick Fox
August: Daryl Kaniewski
September: Ephraim Nderito

October, November, December: Please pray for those who are beginning the process and will receive their sacraments in 2027.

Senior Group

New Date, New Time, New Menu!

Monday, March 16 at 12:00pm

The Senior Group will be meeting Monday, March 16, beginning 12:00pm. We will have pizza (Barnaby's) and salad, provided by the Leadership Team. Attendees are asked to provide a dessert to share. Msgr. Bill Schooler, past pastor at Pius X, now in "retirement" pastor at St. Augustine's, will be our guest speaker with a message you won't want to miss. All seniors are invited.

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.



Baptism

Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am

Congratulations! Victor Costales, son of Aiza Flor and Ramon Christopher is baptized into the Catholic Church. Godparents are Rogen Mejia and Dimpna Sare.

Project Rachel: Hope after abortion.

If you are hurting after an abortion, you are not alone. It's normal to grieve a pregnancy loss, including loss through an abortion. It can form a hole in one's heart, a hole so deep that sometimes it seems nothing can fill the emptiness. There is healing through God who is Love and Mercy.

You are loved. Your grief is seen. Your loss matters. You are invited to be made whole.

If you are hurting, know that we care and understand. We are here to listen to and support you and to guide you toward healing and peace.

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It's been too long... Come to Reconciliation!

Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm-8:00pm

Haven't been to confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to give a good confession? No problem. Stop by any Catholic church in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend on Tuesday, March 10 any time between 6 and 8 p.m. for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and quiet prayer. Know you're forgiven through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Learn more at diocesefwsb.org/light.

Lent at Little Flower

Fridays During Lent

Join us as we meditate on the Passion of Christ every Friday at 5:30pm with the Stations of the Cross.

Followed by Soup Supper where we gather as a community to socialize and grow in relationship with one another.

Lenten Parish Mission:

School of Prophetic Ministry

March 20-21

God is always speaking to you. Come and learn how to recognize his voice and the language of the Holy Spirit. Once we know how to hear God's voice for ourselves, we can share it with others and help them to hear all that He wants them to know.

Want to know more about what's happening this season?

Visit

littleflowerchurch.org/upcomingevents.

School of Prophetic Ministry

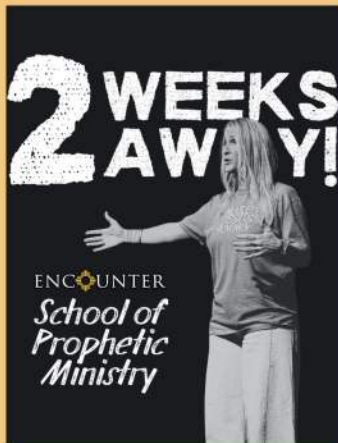
Friday, March 20-Saturday, March 21

Why can't it be you? It can be. YOU can speak God's light into the darkness. Don't try to do it alone, and don't disqualify yourself before you start. Instead, learn more about this essential aspect of the Church's life, learning in an environment where it's safe to take risks.

We encourage and celebrate students taking risks in their pursuit of greater obedience to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. We seek to cultivate a lifestyle of fearless evangelization.

We are intentionally patient with ourselves and with others as we develop our ministry gifts and acknowledge that because everyone is in a process of maturity that patience is necessary for growth. We are also committed to giving and receiving feedback to help one another mature.

Register here: <https://encounterministries.regfox.com/school-of-prophetic-ministry-south-bend-in->



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Outreach Ministries

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

Our Parish Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

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