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Introducing Monthly Parish Themes:

## The Little Way of Trust

*In recent years, Father Horn has been feeling called to help our community grow in our faith in a unified way. To that end, this year we will have a parish theme for each month. Throughout the 2022-2023 year we will be exploring the Little Way of St. Therese with a new theme each month that offers a fresh perspective.*

*On the first Sunday of each month, you will find this Parish Theme page with profound quotes gathered by the Faith Formation Solutions Team. Save this page for prayer and reflection throughout the month, and join us for in-person events and social media initiatives to explore each month's theme more!*

### From St. Therese:

"I am not trusting in my own merits, for I have none; but I trust in Him Who is Virtue and Holiness itself. It is He alone Who, pleased with my feeble efforts, will raise me to Himself, and, by clothing me with His merits, make me a Saint." *Story of a Soul*

### From the Scriptures:

*"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 6:25-30)*

### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"The Lord grieves over the rich, because they find their consolation in the abundance of goods... "blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven." Abandonment to the providence of the Father in heaven frees us from anxiety about tomorrow. Trust in God is a preparation for the blessedness of the poor. They shall see God." (#2547)

### Living as Joyful Missionary Disciples:

"Today no less than two millennia ago, there is no limit to what the Lord can do in our midst. His part is to clothe his Church with "power from on high" (cf Luke 24:49) for the accomplishment of her mission. Our part is to give him our wholehearted "yes" – to let ourselves be transformed, guided, and sent forth by the Holy Spirit, who is the "principal agent of evangelization." (Unleash the Gospel)

### For Children:

Can you remember a time when you fell asleep, and your parents carried you to bed? St. Therese invites us to trust in God completely, the way a small child trusts in their parent when they fall asleep in their arms. Your heavenly Father is good. Your heavenly Father loves you. You can trust God with this day, and any challenges you will face this day. Ask St. Therese to pray for you to see God's faithfulness today and trust Him with everything.

