



CHURCH OF ST. THERESE, THE LITTLE FLOWER



Sunday, November 12th, 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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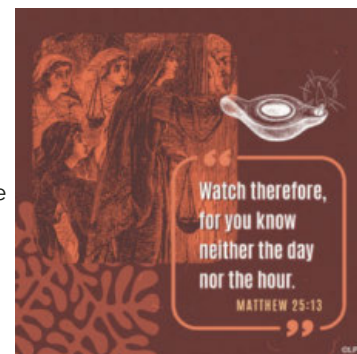
Gospel Meditation

Last Lately I've been enjoying the deep meaning of Eastern icons. I love how they express a tapestry of meaning in a way that can surpass the written or spoken word. Today's parable of the ten virgins from Jesus is a good example. Try googling "wise and foolish virgins icon" and you'll see an image of how our Christ meets our heart's deepest needs if we attend to him with the proper attitude.

I'm serious. Take a moment to google and look at it. See how it depicts the risen Jesus behind a closed door with the five wise virgins with lighted lamps. He gazes with them toward the five foolish and lamp-less virgins, symbolizing the outward looking of divine love for the lost. Moreover, the wedding feast is no ordinary one. It takes place in a walled city and garden, indicating it's a new Jerusalem and a return to Eden. The table isn't typical, either. It's a Eucharistic feast. Now we see that the door in Jesus' parable is the way into the church, where Christ is the new light burning amidst the dark midnight of this world.

The richness continues. We notice, too, that the foolish virgins look exactly the same as the wise ones in their clothes, hair, and expressions. The only difference is they departed to buy oil and now they are sadly excluded. We often act like consumers in the marketplace to fulfill our need for love and mercy. We'll always end up disappointed if we shop around. Jesus sums up the moral of the story this way: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Watch, remain, don't spiritually shop. It is always better to quietly remain close to the Eucharistic community of the Church, even if we feel like our oil has run out. This week let's consider placing the icon of the wise and foolish virgins on our phone lock screen or computer desktop to help us remember to stay close to him, especially when life feels dark.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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**Deadline for content in the weekly
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: Vigil Mass 4:30 p.m.

(Confession 3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.)

Sunday: Mass 8:30 a.m. &

10:00 a.m.

(Confession 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. &
9:35 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday–Friday: **Mass 8:00 a.m.**

(Confession 7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.)

*Confession can be heard anytime
outside of listed times by
appointment*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays after 8:00 a.m.

Mass until 7:00 p.m.

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Daily Mass and Sunday 8:30 a.m.
Mass are broadcast on our YouTube
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The Week Ahead

Monday, November 13th

Tuesday, November 14th

8:00 a.m.

Mass: †Todd Magnuson by Deacon Tom & Nancy Magnuson

6:00 p.m.

Finance Council

Wednesday, November 15th

8:00 a.m.

Mass: †Matt Klein by Larry & Eileen Malson

8:30 a.m.—7:00 p.m. **Eucharistic Adoration**

6:00 p.m.

St. Therese Rosary Club

6:00 p.m.

Youth Religious Education

Thursday, November 16th

8:00 a.m.

Mass: †Kristi Sand by Mylan Sand

Friday, November 17th

8:00 a.m.

Mass: †Grayce Roswick by Family

Saturday, November 18th

4:30 p.m.

Mass: †Dan Lemer by Ann Lemer & Family

Sunday, November 19th

8:30 a.m.

Mass: For the Parish

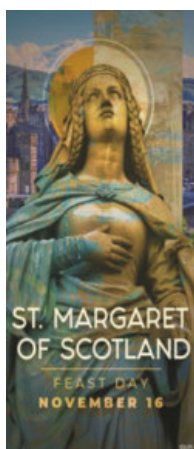
10:00 a.m.

Mass: †Margaret Howey by Dorothea Howey

11:00 a.m.

Divine Mercy Book Study in the conference room

†: Indicates deceased



Observances for the Week of November 13th

Sunday:

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Monday:

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wednesday:

St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday:

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Friday:

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Saturday:

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul,
Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

Next Sunday:

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Ministry Schedule for November 18th & 19th

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:00 a.m.
Rosary Leader	Cindy Obenchain	Dione Bohl	Paula Wahl
Greeter	Rick & JoAnn Randall	Karen McDonald Carolyn Johnson	David & Brenda Feller
Altar Servers	Emma Sander Michael Sander	Hadley Duchscherer Curt Saari	Emmit Vickerman Ella Vickerman
Lector	Rick Randall	Michelle Saari	Paula Rudser-Stolba
Eucharistic Minister	Paul Sander	Korie Huettl	
In-Home Ministry	Deacon Tom Magnuson	Deacon Stephen Young	
Scrip Sales	Tracy Christen	Diane Wittmayer	Katy Schaefer

GIVE ND CATHOLIC

You are invited to participate in this special, joint fundraising event for the Bismarck Diocese, giving you and all Catholics in North Dakota an opportunity to support your favorite Catholic organizations and charities over a three-day period. You simply can click on the www.#GiveNDCatholic.com website link which will show you the different Catholic organizations and charities being highlighted by each diocese. This exciting event is being held at the same time as the #GivingTuesday event, which is a 24-hour, global day of online giving held on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday. This event will help kick off the charitable season, promote year-end giving, and bring the North Dakota Catholic Community together to give thanks for all the blessings God has blessed them with and an opportunity to share their blessings with good Catholic organizations and charities. Every gift will be matched 1:1 up to \$25,000. Please be as generous as you can.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then make your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving.

St. Vincent de Paul meetings are held in the St. Leo's Church basement on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of the month, beginning with a rosary at 5:10 and the meeting following at 5:30. 701-833-1269

SVdP IS TWICE BLESSED

It is a blessing when you give a gift to others. St. Vincent de Paul is honored to be working with INSPIRITUS Community Health Foundation to double your blessings during the TWICE BLESSED campaign. From November 15 through the end of December, the gifts you make to our organization are eligible for a match by the INSPIRITUS Community Health foundation. Help us earn our 1-1 match by going to twiceblessednd.com to donate. All gifts are welcome. To give of one's self freely is always a blessing. So give your gifts double the impact this holiday season with TWICE BLESSED. Thank you and bless you!

HOLIDAY SCRIP SALES

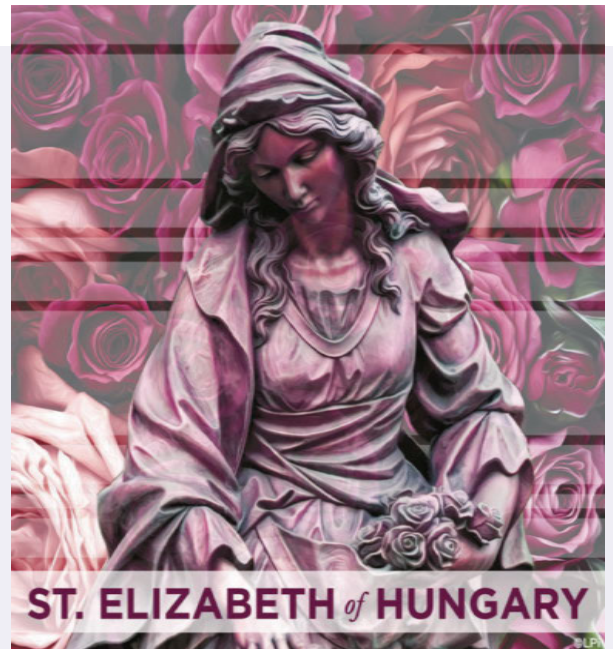
In preparation for the Holiday shopping, we are trying to plan Scrip accordingly. If there are any special orders or large quantity Scrip card needs, please let us know. Thank You, *Jill & Kathy*



3 KINGS WORKSHOP



The 3 Kings Workshop is looking for gently used coats or toys that can be refurbished to give to children this Christmas. This is a local group that donates their time for others. Monetary gifts are also welcome! One hundred percent of your donation goes toward fixing the used toys or buying new toys. All administrative costs and time are donated. To donate your time, talent, or treasure, please contact Ricky at 701-500-3782.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 - 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the "commoners" she served.

St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children.

Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband's family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband's allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

LITTLE FLOWER KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS COUNCIL #9839

BREAKFAST AT LITTLE FLOWER

*MENU: French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs,
muffins, biscuits & gravy*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH
8:30 A.M. - NOON



all are welcome!

Free will donations
will benefit Bishop
Ryan's March for
Life pilgrimage to
Washington, D.C. in
January



NEW WAY TO REDUCE YOUR TAXES

Thanks to the new HB 1176 passed by the State Legislature, you can save up to 50% or up to \$2500, whichever is less, on your ND Income Tax bill by donating to a state recognized pregnancy help center (such as Dakota Hope Clinic), maternity home, or adoption agency during the 2023 tax year. This is a tax credit, not a deduction. Ask your tax preparer.

BREAKFAST AT ST. LEO'S NOV. 26TH

The Knights of Columbus Council 9906 at St. Leo's invite you to their breakfast on Sunday, November 26. Join us for biscuits and sausage gravy, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice & coffee from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Parish Dining Room. A free will offering will be accepted to help fund the bus trip for Bishop Ryan students to attend the March for Life in Washington DC. Please join us.

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN'S NOV. 19TH

St. John's KC's will be serving breakfast after both 8 and 10:30 masses on Sunday November 19 in the parish hall. The menu includes French toast, pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee and milk. *Gluten Free French Toast will be available. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds to help support Bishop Ryan students March for Life trip to Washington, D.C. All are welcome to attend the breakfast.



New to Our Parish?

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower, but haven't registered yet? Pick up a form at the parish office or on our parish website. Make it official!

BISHOP RYAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

We're Hiring! Bishop Ryan Catholic School is now hiring. If you're looking for an opportunity to be part of a team that instills virtue and celebrates faith while encouraging students to achieve academically and socially, Bishop Ryan may be the place for you! We are hiring an **After-School Strings Instructor (Part-Time Position)**. For more information or to apply, please contact Principal Tanya Steckler at (701) 838-3355 or tsteckler@brhs.com.

Substitute Teachers: Are you looking for more opportunities in the classroom? We are always accepting substitute teachers for our list at Bishop Ryan! To share your name and credentials, please contact our administration office staff at (701) 838-3355. Please note that our substitute teacher list runs independently of lists for surrounding schools, so contact us directly.

Are you looking for a great after-school job where you're home by 6pm and have all of your weekends free? The Lions Learning and Fun After-School Program at Bishop Ryan Catholic School is now hiring for our school-year team! If you're looking for a fun job, done by 5:30 each weekday with NO WEEKENDS, consider joining our LLAFF crew, working with students each afternoon. For more information, please contact LLAFF Coordinator Courtney Coté at (701) 838-3355 or ccote@brhs.com.

Gift Cards make the best Christmas gifts - we have gift cards for everyone on your shopping list. Also use gift cards to pay for your purchases. Scrip Gift Cards are available after the weekend Masses, in the parish office and at Bishop Ryan. Using Scrip gift cards helps support Bishop Ryan Catholic School and families for their tuition. Scrip is available for Amazon orders, groceries, gas, dining out, household supplies, clothing, furniture, vehicles, tires & accessories, building & remodeling, eye care, bikes, and more.



Prayer

God, fill my heart with your love. I want to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

As a family, go through your closets and drawers. Take out all the clothes you don't wear anymore. Then donate them to charity.

Sharing the Gospel

Make sure your heart is ready for Jesus. One day Jesus will come back. If your heart is empty and dark - without love - you will be left out. But if your heart is filled with God's love for other people, Jesus will bring you into heaven with him forever.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

VIRGINS
LAMPS
FOOLISH

WISE
OIL JARS
BRIDEGROOM

WEDDING
DOOR
WATCH

A	V	I	R	B	Y	G	N	O	S	U
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