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Introducing Monthly Parish Themes:

## The Little Way of Wisdom

*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:

"Never will I forget the impression the sea made upon me; I couldn't take my eyes off it since its majesty, the roaring of its waves, everything spoke to my soul of God's grandeur and power... I made the resolution never to wander far away from the glance of Jesus in order to travel peacefully toward the eternal shore!" *Story of a Soul, Ch. 2*

### From the Scriptures:

*"Happy the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding! Her profit is better than profit in silver, and better than gold is her revenue; She is more precious than corals, and no treasure of yours can compare with her."* (Proverbs 3:13-15)

### From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David. They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them. They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations." (#1831)

### Living as Joyful Missionary Disciples:

"It is helpful to stress again and again the attractiveness and the ideal of a life of wisdom, self-fulfilment and enrichment. In the light of that positive message, our rejection of the evils which endanger that life can be better understood. Rather than experts in dire predictions... we should appear as joyful messengers of challenging proposals, guardians of the goodness and beauty which shine forth in a life of fidelity to the Gospel." *Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 168*

### For Children:

Our Heavenly Father loves us so much that He desires for us to be forever with Him in Heaven. In order to go to Heaven, we need wisdom – judging rightly about the things of God and to want and do them rather than the things of this world. The Church teaches us that the more we practice virtue the more we are open to receive this gift of wisdom. To gain wisdom and open our hearts to choose virtue, begin with this prayer of St. Therese's, "Jesus, help me to simplify my life by learning what you want me to be and becoming that person."

