

MBS Sunday Message – October 4, 2026

You Are God's Masterpiece – Created for Purpose Ephesians 2:10

From the Principal's Desk...

This week we celebrated the feast day of St. Therese of Lisieux. She happens to be one of my favorite saints because of her simpleness and humility. Father Todd gave a beautiful homily in her honor on Thursday. My tribute is not quite as beautiful but here goes.

When I think of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, I think of someone who makes holiness feel possible. She wasn't famous for doing extraordinary things. In fact, she lived a very quiet, simple life as a Carmelite nun in France. But what makes her so beautiful is the way she found God in the little things—in loving others, being patient, accepting difficulties, and offering even the smallest acts with love.

Thérèse called her spirituality her "little way." She believed that we don't have to do great things to become holy. We can simply love God in the ordinary moments of each day.

One story about her that I especially love comes from her life in the convent. There was another sister whose manner Thérèse found particularly difficult. Instead of avoiding her or allowing herself to become irritated, Thérèse deliberately chose to treat her with kindness and patience. She later reflected that the sister thought Thérèse especially loved her. Thérèse's secret was that she was choosing to love her even when she didn't naturally feel affection. That says so much about Thérèse - for her, love wasn't simply a feeling, it was a choice.

Another beautiful part of her story is the way she understood her own smallness. Thérèse compared herself to a little flower and trusted that God did not expect her to be a great rose or lily. She simply wanted to be the little flower."

St. Therese reminds me that God can be found in the smallest moments of our lives. A kind word, a patient response, a quiet prayer, helping someone when no one notices—none of these things are too small when they are done with love.

Thérèse died when she was only 24, but her little way has touched millions of people. She called herself a "little soul," yet her simple trust in God's love became something enormous. Her life teaches us that we don't have to be extraordinary to be deeply loved by God. We simply have to love Him with what we have, right where we are. And perhaps that is why she is still called *The Little Flower*. She simply bloomed where God planted her.

My challenge to us today is to think about how we will emulate the life St. Therese in our everyday life this week. If she was able to honor God in an ordinary way, a little way, than so can we.

In Christ,
Cheri M. Gioe

[Pelican Express Newsletter - October 1](#) - Visit the Pelican Express for upcoming events and information.

Announcements

- **MBS Fair** - Visit the fair website for volunteer sign-up and fair ride bracelet purchases - [MBS Fair Website](#)
 - Please remember that all families are asked to work a fair shift as part of their Time and Talent Hours.
 - Fair Ride Bands are now on sale. The deadline is October 17. No late orders will be accepted.

Save the Date

- Middle School Dance – October 16 – When shopping for Neon outfits for the Dance these dress guidelines should be followed (Updated):
 - Tops:
 - Shirts must have sleeves or thick straps (spaghetti straps and sleeveless are not allowed.)
 - Cutouts of any kind (arms, midriff, back, etc.) are not allowed
 - Shirts may not have offensive or political pictures, advertising, or slogans
 - Bottoms:
 - Properly fitting long jeans
 - Properly fitting shorts that no shorter than mid-thigh
 - NO pajama bottoms
 - If leggings are worn, tops must cover their bottoms
 - Dresses
 - Modest and no shorter than mid-thigh
 - Must have sleeves or thick straps (spaghetti straps and sleeveless are not allowed.) Shorts should be worn under dresses.
 - Shoes:
 - NO boots
- Last Day to Purchase Fair Ride Bracelets - October 17
- 1st Nine Weeks Awards and Beta Induction After Mass - October 22
- Whole School Conference Day - Friday, October 23
- No School - Monday, October 26
- MBS Fair – October 23-25
- Echo - Middle School/High School Parent Presentation - Wednesday, October 28 - 6:30pm - MBS Church
- MBS Gala – February 20, 2027