

Parish Reflection - November 8, 2020

There are two quotes from this Sunday's Readings that I would like to focus on with you.

First Reading from Book of Wisdom:

“Resplendent and unfading is wisdom and she is readily perceived by those who seek her.”

Gospel from Matthew:

“the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps....and went out to meet the bridegroom.”

There are so many ways we can look at these quotes, personally, as family, as parish and especially at this time as a nation.

I would like to share with you an example of someone who exemplified unfading wisdom and the flame of replenished oil in her lamp. This bi-racial woman is Theresa Maxis, who co-founded, with Father Louis Gillet, a Redemptorist, the Congregation of Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Michigan 175 years ago on November 10, 1845.

The Sisters at Little Flower Convent recall her story these days and as we reflect and rejoice in all that she accomplished. It's a story worth telling as we marvel at the many ways she managed to keep oil in her flask in spite of numerous obstacles that could easily have caused the flame in her lamp to grow dim. For 175 years, the IHM Sisters from Monroe, Philadelphia and Scranton have managed to share her unfading wisdom through our educational, pastoral, and service endeavors.



We have tried to carry on the mission and dream of Theresa Maxis in the many ways we have served God's people, especially his children and those in need through our joyful, loving, service.

Application Suggestion: Join with Theresa Maxis and the IHM Sisters as you consider personally and possibly share with someone ways in which you have perceived wisdom in someone or managed to keep oil in your lamp as you await the various comings of the Lord in your life.



“Theresa Maxis, you devoted yourself to Jesus Christ whom you loved, and in whom you steadfastly believed and placed your trust. Stir within us the fire that you hold, that we may extend the redeeming mission of Jesus Christ.”

Sister Ann Parker, IHM