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Dear Parishioners:

Have you ever observed a lighthouse? There is one in Michigan City on the shores of Lake Michigan. It flashes its light to alert ships of the shoreline and where to find their port of entry. Without a lighthouse the waters are dangerous to try to navigate such that we get lost or crash into the breakwater. Lighthouses are essential to wise navigation and they are strategically placed around Lake Michigan to provide this important guide.

Jesus is our constant lighthouse who communes in our depths, flashing away in the Holy Spirit guiding us to stay on the course of faithful love. There may be times when we get lost in the fog of sin but the light of Jesus flashes “come back to me with all your heart”. (Hosea) Jesus is always one with us so we don't have to panic about sin, but we do need to acknowledge that we do not want to stay lost or crash in our sin.

Jesus is always guiding us away from sin crashes so that we more consistently have inner peace. Lent points us to be more aware of Jesus as our lighthouse of saving love. Lighthouses on Lake Michigan serve a valuable purpose but Jesus serves an eternally valuable purpose for her loves us to death and into new life. We can humbly face our sin, trusting that Jesus is mercy, our port of forgiveness. The flashing light of salvation guides us to more faithfully follow God's Will as revealed by Jesus. This resulting Wisdom is our life-giving navigation for our daily faith journey with our beloved Jesus communing with us in our depths to deepen our inner peace given to us in the constant flash of saving love.

In Christ's Light,

Fr. Terry