

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Whoever
serves Me
must follow
Me, and
where I am,
there also
will My
servant be.
The Father
will honor
whoever
serves Me.
John 12:26



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays and Holy Days:
Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

Little Flower Church Mission Statement

Little Flower Church (St. Therese of the Infant Jesus) is a vibrant faith community in the Roman Catholic Tradition, striving to live out the Gospel values of Jesus Christ. Centered in the Eucharist, we are called by God to look beyond ourselves to respond compassionately to the needs of others.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER	Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
	357-8352 Fax 357-5316
SCHOOL	353-2282 Fax 322-7702
	The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
	Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM.
	Contact the school for more information.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on most Sundays during the year. Baptisms are held after the 10:30 am Mass. If you prefer to have your child's baptism scheduled during Mass, you may request this at the time you return the baptism information form. Requests for the date and time specified will be honored to the extent possible. Parents who have not yet received pre-baptismal instruction are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class that is held every other month. Call the Parish Office well in advance so that class arrangements may be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Contact the priest 9 to 12 months in advance. A Wedding Handbook is available from the Parish Office which provides the necessary information on arranging for a marriage.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING/MINISTRY TO THE SICK

In an emergency, contact the parish at any time. Please contact the Parish Center if you or a loved one are hospitalized, or are confined to home or a nursing facility, to receive the Eucharist and/or Anointing. Hospitals and healthcare facilities no longer routinely inform churches when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 236-1490.

LITTLE FLOWER COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all those visiting with us today. If you are interested in knowing more about our parish or wish to register for membership, please call the Parish Office. Registration forms are also available at each of the church doors.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.

Dear Parish Family,

Teresa Eckrich's retirement celebration was wonderful! The adult choir and the children's liturgical choir helped make the 10:30 a.m. Mass a joyful celebration. Thank you to all who attended the Mass and/or the reception. Thanks to the Parish Life Commission and the PTO for hosting the reception and to all those who helped with it. Special thanks to Stacy Kinder for the decorations in the parish hall. I am confident that Teresa was touched by the entire celebration. Although Teresa has already retired from school, the current plan is for her to remain as parish music director through June of this year.

This Friday is our last Lenten Fish Fry. Because this is spring break week, please come to the fish fry and encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come. Our fish frys provide a good opportunity to socialize with friends and fellow parishioners.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and celebrate the sacraments of initiation with our Elect.

There is no better way for us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising than through celebrating the Triduum as a parish family. Therefore, I would strongly encourage you to celebrate these three days with our Little Flower faith community. Please note the schedule for Holy Week and mark your calendars now.

Also, we are asking that no activities conflict with Holy Week services and activities. This would include 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday, and from noon until the end of Good Friday.

Also, please note that this Saturday, March 28, will be the last scheduled confessions before Easter. Confessions will be from 3:45-4:30 p.m. There will be **no** confessions on Holy Saturday, April 4.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will invite all children from toddlers to 5th graders to join in the procession around the church carrying palms. Please encourage your children to participate. Little Flower School students who participate will receive an out-of-uniform pass.

Please note the insert in the bulletin regarding the Oldenburg Sisters of St. Francis 2nd Annual Cardinals vs. Reds Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. If you are a baseball fan, this is a way to support the Sisters of St. Francis who staffed Little Flower School for so many years. Ticket orders may be mailed to Oldenburg, brought to the parish office, or dropped in the collection next weekend, March 28-29. March 29 is the deadline for delivering money for tickets to Little Flower.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to *Andrew Gordon and Mindy Dant-Gordon and their family* on the death of Mindy's grandmother, **Roberta Seabee**. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Jude Church. Please keep the Gordon family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Roberta into his eternal glory.

Please return your Baby Bank to church on Palm Sunday, March 29. Seventy-five percent of the monies collected will support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. Twenty-five percent will be directed to the Immigrant Welcome Center as a donation from the parish.

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF March 23-29, 2015**

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| 23 | March | Monday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Elizabeth and Anthony Mauer |
| 24 | March | Tuesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 25 | March | Wednesday |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Harry Hosey |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 26 | March | Thursday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Mildred Mauer |
| 27 | March | Friday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Fr. Pat Commons |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Way of the Cross and Communion Service |
| 28 | March | Saturday |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of Palm Sunday
Tom Watts by Jerry Watts |
| 29 | March | Sunday – Palm Sunday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Bill Ferguson by the Priller Family |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Ed Spalding by Family |
| | 6:00 p.m. | For the People |

*The Week Ahead***March 22-29, 2015**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Easter Flower Collection after all Masses		
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	RCIA 3 rd Scrutiny
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Youth Room
Monday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Holy Week Planning
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Meeting
Thursday	Scout Room		Troop #2443 cleaning scout room
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Church/P.C.	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat/Practice
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



Spring is coming and the Ladies Club will again be selling bedding plants. This is the Ladies Club's biggest fund raiser of the year, so please support us. There are Flower Picture Sheets available at each entrance to peruse.

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home, in your thoughts and prayers. If you get a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

Pat Moriarty, St. Paul Hermitage

501 N. 17th Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107



Candidates and team will meet next on Sunday, April 12 for an all day retreat. Details will follow. Deadline for completion of service hours is April 17.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 28/March 29	Regular weekend Mass Schedule for Palm Sunday
April 2 Holy Thursday	Soup Supper in Duffey Hall – 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper and commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers—7 p.m.
April 3 Good Friday	Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (<i>main service for Good Friday</i>) at 7:00 p.m.
April 4 Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.
April 5 Easter Sunday	Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 6 Easter Monday	Parish office and School Closed

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of March 14 and 15	\$	9,319.36
Electronic Contributions 3/9 – 3/13	\$	1,254.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual	\$	496,946.73
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget	\$	499,500.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,553.27

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,580.58
January Contributions	\$	1,909.58
February Contributions	\$	2,079.58
March Contributions	\$	1,557.58

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, March 22 Sing at 6 p.m. Mass. Meet in church at 5 p.m. Youth room open after Mass until 8:30 p.m. If you are home during spring break, plan to stop in!

Edge Epic Day of Fun

All students in grades 6-8 are invited to join us for our final Edge event, The Epic Day of Fun, on April 11. We'll meet at 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes to go to Great Times Adventure Park for go-karts and mini-golf. After two hours of fun, we'll grab a quick dinner before heading back to Our Lady Lourdes for Mass at 5 p.m. After Mass, we'll head to Sky Zone in Fishers for some jumping fun. Cost to attend both events is \$45, but you can also join us for only one part of the day. Before Mass cost is \$20 and after Mass cost is \$25. To sign up, please turn in permission form, Sky Zone Jump Waiver, and money to Miss Pometto in the Our Lady of Lourdes office by April 10. Cost for all meals is included. Call Miss Pometto with questions - 356-7291

10th Annual Mulch Sale

10th Annual Mulch Sale to benefit Seccina Crusader Athletics. Think spring and order your mulch and potting mix now from Seccina. We deliver FREE to your door. Thank you to everyone who has ordered mulch in the past. Your purchases have helped fund Seccina's athletics programs over the years. If you haven't ordered before, give us a try this year. It's easy to order online at www.seccina.org/mulch. The best part? We do the heavy lifting with free delivery. Deadline to order is April 20. Delivery is April 24 and 25. Order now and cross this spring chore off your list! You also can pick up an order form at the doors of church.

Little Flower will be hosting a new 9-week **Financial Peace University (FPU)** Class starting April 9, 2015 in the Parish Center. Achieve your financial goals by eliminating debt, saving for the future, and giving like never before! New members can purchase class materials at a discounted rate of \$93. Please visit <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/org/8950/class/275614> to watch a class preview, view the schedule, register, and purchase class materials. Feel free to contact Andrew Gordon, (317) 402-2051, civilsrule@juno.com if you have any questions about the class.

FISH FRY

LAST ONE OF THE SEASON THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 27
MANY NEIGHBORING PARISHES CANCEL THEIR
FISH FRY DURING SPRING BREAK....
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO COME TO OURS!
CARRY OUT ALSO AVAILABLE
SERVING FROM 4:30PM UNTIL 7:00PM



Just Desserts Ladies!

The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fry, every Friday through March 27. All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club so whip up your favorite dessert to share and bring it to the school cafeteria after 3:00pm. on Friday. Thanks to all who have helped by bringing desserts so far!

OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Readings for this weekend, the Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Second Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

In the Gospel this week Jesus presents the paradox of the grain of wheat. Unless it falls to the ground and dies it remains just a grain of wheat with little value. But if it dies, it produces much fruit. He says this is like our lives on earth—if we love our life, we lose it. The most important life is the one we will have after death. Consider prayerfully this week: What am I doing to pour out my life for the life of the world? What more could I do? What changes do I need to make?

(Source: Sourcebook, Liturgy Training Publications)

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2015 planning has begun!

Our summer festival dates this year are May 29, May 30, and May 31.

Rummage Sale donations - Last year the Rummage Sale earned over \$3,000.00 – but this is all dependent on your donations. **Plan to drop off your donations at the cafeteria entrance to the social hall (door #6) between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Saturdays April 11 or May 2.** Please NO TVs, VCR's, or computers. This year we ARE accepting CHILDREN'S Clothes, but no adult clothing please. Call Sharon Rocchio with questions – 525-6237.

The Silent Auction team needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, or Rosemary Armour at 372-5513 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00.

ATTENTION COLTS OR PACERS SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Would you be willing to donate a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year? **The Silent Auction could use your donation.** Please call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, or Rosemary Armour at 372-5513



Capital Campaign – Did you know?

We will have an update at Mass this weekend. We continue to work on the design of our new system and plan to determine by the end of the month if work can commence this summer. It's not too late to turn in your card if you have not done so. Thanks to all who have responded so generously. Please continue to check our progress on the sign boards at church, on our Facebook page (Little Flower Catholic Church and School) and on Twitter @LFINDY. If you have not already done so, please return your pledge cards in the collection, via U.S. Mail, or to the Parish Center.

Catholic Radio Indy will have its 11th Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **Wednesday, April 15**. It will be at the North Side Knights of Columbus Hall at 71st and Keystone. A Reception and Silent Auction begins at 5:30 PM. Dinner begins at 7 PM. Bishop Doherty from the Lafayette Diocese will be the speaker and Anne Ryder is the MC for the evening. Tickets and more information are available by going to CatholicRadioIndy.org or by calling [317-870-8400](tel:317-870-8400).

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