

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines fasting as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Besides ashes on Ash Wednesday, **we will be giving a small remembrance to everyone who comes to Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, February 13-14.** This year's Lenten remembrance will be a Holy Year of Mercy key tag with a picture of Pope Francis and the phrase "Merciful like the Father" on one side and a quote from Pope Francis on the other side along with the dates of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Please be here to get yours which will serve as a reminder of God's mercy as well as God's call to us to be merciful.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday, February 29, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. Parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes will join us. Also, this will be First Reconciliation for this year's First Communion class and our RCIA candidates. Several priests will help with Confessions.

One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m. Once again this year the Little Flower Men's Club is managing the Fish Fry. **Please show your support by attending and inviting family, friends, and neighbors to attend.** The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize.

Each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$9,000. This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. **In the final analysis, the success of the fish fry depends on the numbers who attend.** The more people who attend each week, the more successful the fish fry will be. I am profoundly grateful to the Men's Club for continuing to accept responsibility for the Fish Fry and to all who will help with the Fish Fry this year.

In his school accountability report last Sunday, Little Flower principal Kevin Gawrys mentioned an article in *The Criterion* about Troy Cochrum, our Director of Innovative Teaching, one of 28 educators from across the country chosen to fly on NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), the world's largest flying telescope. The article can be found online at <http://www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2016/01-29/s-space.html>.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 22, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the first part of May.



Thank You

The family of Tom O'Gara extends its sincere gratitude to Fr. Bob, Tom Costello, Peggy Clegg, and Bobbie Lawless for the beautiful liturgy, homily, and music for Tom. Also, to all parish members for their prayers and condolences. Peace and Love, Jeanne O'Gara and Family.

your attention please

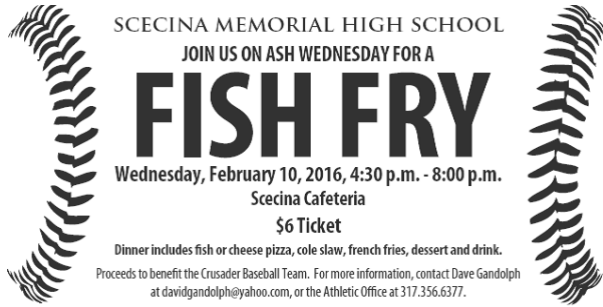
Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers

A new schedule will be coming out soon for the months of March, April, and May. If you have any changes or times off, please let us know! (Remember Spring Break falls within this time period!) Eucharistic Ministers please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com or call him at 317-356-3488. Altar Servers please email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 ext. 33. The deadline is February 8.

Please consider remembering Little Flower in your estate planning!

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 12TH!



Please pick up a Baby Bank at all Church doors on Ash Wednesday. These are to be returned on Palm Sunday. The proceeds support Little Flower Gabriel Project, Little Flower Right to life Committee, and a designated local charity. Please return all banks as we pay \$1/bank. Thank you for your financial support and pray for our moms and their babies

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, February 7: Meet in church at 5 p.m. to sing at 6 p.m. Mass

There will be a Super Bowl Party for youth in grades 8 thru 12 here at Little Flower following Mass on February 7. Plan now to attend. Parents should plan to pick kids up at their convenience any time but no later than the end of the game.



On Sunday, February 21, Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL), and team will gather for Session 6 in the Parish Center, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2016 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are June 3, 4, and 5. A kick off meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 11**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.

FIRST RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF IS THIS COMING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13!

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 February 13, March 5, April 9, or May 7.** 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.

Share Your Faith!



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF February 8 -14, 2016

08	February	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Rev. Lawrence E. Murphy
09	February	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Art Meier
10	February	Wednesday
	8:30 a.m.	Robert Ross by Frank and Kathy Klinkose
	6:00 p.m.	David Chapman by the Lemieux Family
11	February	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Greentree – Norbert Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
12	February	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Charley Withem by Jack Withem & Family
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
13	February	Saturday-Vigil of the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Dottie Spalding by Rita Gibson
14	February	Sunday- 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:30 a.m.	Tom O'Gara by Nancy Langdon
	10:30 a.m.	Jerry Jett by the Jett Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the People



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Donna Ross* on the death of her father, **Robert "Bob" Ross**, who passed away on January 27 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on February 1. Bob was 94 years young, a man of great faith, and a true gentleman. He was a regular at the 5 p.m. Mass. Please keep all of Bob's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Bob into his eternal glory.

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:

Mary Holtsclaw

1228 N State Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Haas to perform at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, will host renowned liturgical composer David Haas for a concert and workshop on Friday and Saturday, March 11-12. The concert, which will be open to the public and take place in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m., on Friday, March 11. The workshop, "A Spiritual and Musical Journey for the Beloved of God," will take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., on Saturday, March 12, in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Hall. Cost for the concert is \$10; cost for the workshop is \$20 and includes a box lunch. Tickets for the concert and workshop may be purchased online by registering at events.sistersofprovidence.org. Tickets for the concert may also be purchased the evening of the performance. For more information or to register, call [812-535-2952](tel:812-535-2952) or email jfrost@spsmw.org.

The Week Ahead

February 7-14, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination for First Communion
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice & Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open
	St. Therese	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP
Monday	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos/Bear Scouts
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life Commission
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday – Beginning of Lent		
	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary-Cura Meeting
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Drop-Off
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Sending-RCIA
	School	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 a.m.	Franciscan Associates
	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	Rite of Election-RCIA



Thank you for your donations to our SVDP fund. A lot of our clients are struggling to pay their utility bills. This is very much appreciated!



Men of the parish: Come join the Little Flower Men's Club for our monthly meeting in the school cafeteria this Monday (February 8) at 7 p.m. The Men's Club holds monthly parish work days, conducts tailgates for Little Flower Athletics, oversees the Lenten Fish Fries, and enjoys periodic social outings. If you've been looking to get to know more men in the parish or wondering about what Men's Club is all about, the meetings are a great chance to get to know some of your fellow parishioners and enjoy a good time. We hope to see you there!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of January 30 and 31	\$ 9,217.18
Electronic Contributions 1/25 – 1/29	\$ 1,476.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$ 397,220.38
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$ 418,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit	\$ - 21,279.62

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,107.58
December Contributions	\$ 2,371.58
January Contributions	\$ 2,022.58

OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

If you have not yet returned your stewardship intention card, please bring it next weekend! It will soon be budget time and it is important to be able to accurately predict our Sunday collection income. It is important for planning purposes to have as many cards turned in as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors.



Save The Date!

The Indiana Catholic Women's Conference will be held at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, March 19. A great lineup of speakers so please check us out at: www.indianacatholicwomen.com or call [317-373-2125](tel:317-373-2125) for more information.

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Location: Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis

Date: February 26 – 28, 2016

Reg. Fee: \$100.00 *

Contact: Chuck and Janet Schooley

Reg. Phone: [317-489-6811](tel:317-489-6811) or <http://www.retroindy.com/>

Registration deadline is soon. Take this first step toward a loving, healthy marriage.

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During Lent our RCIA Catechumens, Candidates, and *Confirmandi*, begin their final preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which they will receive at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. Please keep them in your prayers as we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at Little Flower at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on February 14, and the Rite of Election the same day, with Archbishop Tobin, at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral, at 2 p.m.

We are encouraging everyone to go to www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent to sign up. The program is completely free and you will receive a daily communication during Lent to help you make this the Best Lent Ever!

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