

# 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

**Dear Parish Family,**

During this Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, this year's Lenten remembrance is especially appropriate: a 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, "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven."

In last week's Criterion, it was announced that Father Joe Moriarty has been named a Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis. Fr. Joe is a son of Little Flower Parish and a graduate of Little Flower School. He currently serves as the Vice-Rector of Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary.

On most days of Lent, we use Eucharistic Prayer II. As you listen to it, please pay special attention to these references to mercy:

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

For Pope Francis, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an important component of the Jubilee of Mercy. Therefore, please mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, February 29, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower.

During Lent, our RCIA catechumens, candidates, and confirmandus begin their final preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which they will receive at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. This year we have four catechumens (Ben Church, Chad Culpepper, Karen Lientz, and Karen Zilson), three candidates (Jesse Brown, Elizabeth "Dey" Scurlock, and Amanda Wade), and one confirmandus (Tony Wade).

This Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending. We, as a community, send them to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. At the Rite of Election, on the basis of the testimony of their sponsors and catechists and on the reaffirmation of the intention of the catechumens and candidates themselves, Archbishop Tobin will declare them ready to take part in the sacraments of initiation.

Today we also celebrate Valentine's Day. Today is a day when we to pray in a special way for engaged couples and married couples.

The early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200's forbade young men to marry. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor's order and secretly married young couples. Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed him and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell windows.

Finally, if you have not returned your stewardship card, please do so as soon as possible. Thanks to all those who have already returned their stewardship card.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF February 15-21, 2016**

<b>15</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth and Anthony Mauer
<b>16</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by Jack & Pat Huter
<b>17</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Sally Shantz
<b>18</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>19</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Rev. Thomas E. Wright
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
<b>20</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Saturday-Vigil of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
	5:00 p.m.	David Chapman by Patrick Demmitt & Lynn Demmitt Martiez
<b>21</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Sunday- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Agnes Nedeff by Rita Gibson
	6:00 p.m.	Ed & Helen Fillenwarth by family

***The Week Ahead*****February 14-21, 2016**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>ROOM</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>GROUP</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
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	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Evangelical Committee
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Senior Prom
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP



**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. The next session following this one will be on March 6.**



Rest in Peace

We extend our condolences to *Mary Helen Eckrich* on the death of her sister, **Carole Hill**, who passed away on

February 4. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes. Carole sang in our choir many years ago. She is also the aunt of *Teresa Eckrich* and we extend our sympathy to her as well. Please keep all of Carole's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Carole 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:

**Margaret Horning**

4821 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218  
Margaret will be 103 on February 20!



**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.**

**LENTEN COIN BANKS**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lenten coin banks have been made available (at the church doors) for your use during Lent. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. 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 toward a parish designated charity. More information on that charity will be published next week



(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, February 21 No practice  
Sunday, February 28 Sing at 6 p.m. Mass, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

Youth Room will be open on Sunday February 28 after the 6.p.m Mass until 8:30 p.m.

Next weekend (February 20 and 21) is the annual collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Proceeds help illuminate the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please give generously to the collection next week, using the envelope provided in your packet. Visit [www.usccb.org/ceee](http://www.usccb.org/ceee) for more information.

# FISH FRY

## FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**PLEASE INVITE NEIGHBORS, FAMILY, AND FRIENDS  
SERVING FROM 4:30PM UNTIL 7:00PM**



*Just Desserts Ladies!*  
*The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fry, beginning this Friday, February 20! 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 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!*

## Ladies Club News

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Chili Supper last weekend. So many people contributed to make this a successful event including the event workers (several worked 10 hours on Saturday), dessert makers, Indy Fruit for donating apples and oranges, cleaners (including a couple guys from the Men's Club) and the people who ordered and/or attended the Supper. A good time was had by all!

**Our next meeting is March 3** and will be our traditional **St. Patrick's Day celebration** with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Mark your calendar!

**Chef Wendell Fowler will be our guest speaker at our April meeting on April 7.** He'll entertain and educate us with a cooking demo. We will be able to taste his creations, ask questions, and buy a signed copy of his latest cook book! Mark your calendar for this exciting event!



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will once again host a "**Senior Prom**" for all our "young at heart" parishioners. This year's theme, "Under the Big Top", will give you the perfect opportunity to forget about the cold weather for an evening, have a wonderful spaghetti dinner, and spend time getting to know some of our wonderful students, while dancing and playing bingo. There will also be some special, surprise entertainment this year!!! You won't want to miss out on all the fun. The date is **Saturday, February 20, following the 5 p.m. Mass.** Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, or e-mail, [pclegg@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org), by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on attending.

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>
<b>Collection of February 6 and 7</b>	<b>\$ 12,501.57</b>
<b>Electronic Contributions 2/1 - 2/5</b>	<b>\$ 9,741.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual</b>	<b>\$ 419,462.95</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget</b>	<b>\$ 432,000.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit</b>	<b>\$ - 12,537.05</b>

### Home Improvement Fund

<b>December Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,371.58</b>
<b>January Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,022.58</b>
<b>February Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,263.25</b>

### OUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR STEWARDSHIP!

**If you have not yet returned your stewardship intention card, please do so as soon as possible! We have only received back about 25% of the cards we sent out. It is important for planning purposes to have as many cards turned in as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors.**

**As promised, we randomly drew three winners from the cards that have been returned. These three winners will have access to the Reserved Steward of the Month Parking Place for the month listed.**

March - Charlie and Pauline Graf  
April - Steve and Rebekah Arvin  
May - Judy Moss

## MARIAN UNIVERSITY SACRED CHOIR PERFORMANCE at OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Marian University Sacred Choir will join Angel Robertsson-Soper in presenting an evening of music and prayer at **Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday, February 15, at 7 p.m.** The performance is part of the Our Lady of Lourdes annual Festival of Prayer. Come listen, sing, and pray as we rejoice in our musical heritage. Other upcoming Festival of Prayer activities include a Lectio Divina presentation on Tuesday, February 16, 7 p.m., and a viewing of Episode 6 of Fr. Barron's series on Catholicism - A Body Both Suffering and Glorious: The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church, Wednesday, February 17, 7 p.m. The complete Festival of Prayer schedule is available at [www.ollindy.org](http://www.ollindy.org). All Festival of Prayer events and activities are free of charge. Please join us!

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