

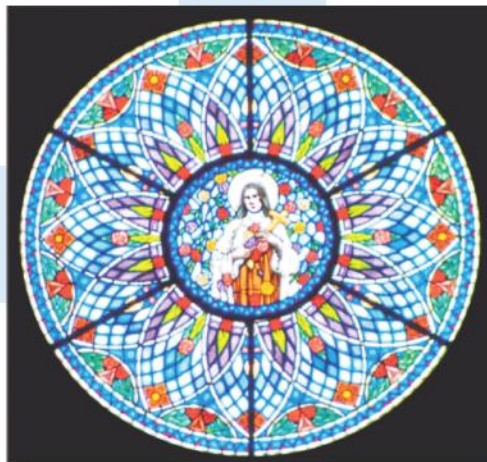
# Third Sunday of Lent

For as the heavens tower over the earth, so his mercy towers over those who fear him.  
Ps. 103:11

## 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.

<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	<b>Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>
<b>PARISH CENTER</b>	<b>Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b>
	<b>357-8352 Fax 357-5316</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>353-2282 Fax 322-7702</b>
	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,**

Special thanks to our 8th Grade Class who hosted our Senior Prom on Saturday, February 20. The theme was "Under the Big Top." Highlights of the evening were the delicious dinner prepared by Don Nevins, the crowning of the Ring Mistress, Ruth Kunkel, and the Ring Master, Al Klemmer, dancing, and Bingo. Seniors were also entertained by jugglers Walter Egan, Seth Stillions, and Bobby Tremblay. Thanks also to Theresa Slaton, our 8th Grade home room teacher, Peggy Clegg, and the parents who helped with setting up and tearing down. The 8th graders were here not only on Saturday evening but also on Saturday morning to set up.

This weekend at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our Elect, our former Catechumens and Candidates, and our *Confirmandus*. At the First Scrutiny, the former catechumens are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens and all the Elect are presented with the Ten Commandments.

Next week's Scrutiny will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, and the following weekend's Scrutiny will take place at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA, 141).

**Our Lenten Penance Service is this Monday, February 29, Leap Year Day, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower.** We will be joined by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, our RCIA candidates, and our children preparing for First Communion. Eight priests are scheduled to be available for confessions. Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift, not a burden. Pope Francis is encouraging all of us to celebrate this sacrament during the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



**NEWLY  
BAPTIZED**

Please welcome into our Christian community Riley Rae, daughter of John and Andrea (Wiles) Sandlin, who was baptized on Sunday, February 21, 2016.

**Just another thank you!**

This time last year we were in the midst of our capital campaign. Now, one year later, we are fortunate to have met our goal and all of the work is nearly completed. Several parishioners have made final pledge payments, but most are around the mid-point in their commitment. **THANK YOU** for your donations and your faithfulness to your pledges. Together we have accomplished something truly amazing that many thought was not possible! Again, we thank all who have made this possible.

**LADIES CLUB MEETING**

Our next meeting is Thursday, March 3 and will be our traditional St. Patrick's Day celebration with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. We will meet in Duffey Hall (school café) at 7 p.m.

On Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM, the University of Notre Dame Handbell and Celebration Choirs will present a joint concert at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. The theme of this concert is "Celebrating the Jubilee Year of Mercy through Song and the Words of Pope Francis." Families with children are most welcome! A free-will offering will be taken to support Eastside Catholic Community ministries. The choir will also have compact disc recordings for sale following the concert.

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF February 29-March 6, 2016**

<b>29</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>01</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>02</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Gary Veerkamp by Gerald St. Amond
<b>03</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	David Chapman by the Ladies Club
<b>04</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Mildred Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
<b>05</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Saturday-Vigil of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
	5:00 p.m.	The Giehll Family by Bob & Mary Sitzman
<b>06</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Sunday- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the William Baecher Family by Katie Baecher
	6:00 p.m.	Mary and Charles O'Hara by Jim O'Hara

**The Week Ahead**

February 28 – March 6, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<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
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open
<b>Monday</b>	Church	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service & First Reconciliation
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Commission Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Facilities & Ground Committee
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Door #6	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Drop-Off
	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding
<b>Sunday</b>	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	10:30 a.m.	RCIA – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, February 28 Sing at 6 p.m. Mass, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 6 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.



On Sunday, March 6, Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL) and team will gather for Session 6 in the Parish Center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. **Our next retreat day is on Sunday, March 20. This will be an all day retreat.**

## FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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

CARRY OUT IS AVAILABLE

WE WILL APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!



*Just Desserts Ladies!*

*The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fry! 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 Fridays. Thanks in advance, and for all of your help in years past!*



Attention all girls grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> interested in playing **Spring Kickball** please email Sarah Stevenson at [sistevenson@prodigy.net](mailto:sistevenson@prodigy.net) or call 946-3194 as soon as possible to register. Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup>. The athletic fee to play is \$60.00. Little Flower Athletics is also in need of 3 coaches for the spring kickball season. If you are interested in coaching please email Sarah Stevenson at [sistevenson@prodigy.net](mailto:sistevenson@prodigy.net) or call 946-3194.



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:

**Kathryn Toler**

4515 E 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201

### Adoration Chapel Information

Rediscovering Jesus, and experiencing God's mercy, are themes we are hearing during this Year of Mercy and, especially since Ash Wednesday. Our Adoration Chapel at Little Flower is the perfect place to experience this. So many of our fellow parishioners & others from the east deanery have been involved since the beginning in 1992. We have had people praying in our chapel virtually 24 hours a day for 24 years this November. Pray about this, consider becoming involved. Adorers may take 1 hour per week or act as substitutes for scheduled adorers. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Bobbie Lawless at [317 727 2395](tel:317-727-2395). Deepen your Lenten devotions & have the best Easter ever! God bless.

Reminder: The National Council of Catholic Women (NCCW) is requesting that all Catholics pray the Angelus daily for the intention of the persecuted Christians in the Middle East and all over the world.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of February 20 and 21	\$ 7,826.08
Electronic Contributions 2/15 - 2/19	\$ 6,918.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$ 444,506.46
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$ 459,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit	\$ - 14,493.54

#### Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 2,371.58
January Contributions	\$ 2,022.58
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,864.58

### 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 only about 25% of the cards we sent out...235 cards out of 950! Even with repeated requests, this situation is not improving. It will only take a short time for you to return your card. It is important for planning purposes to have as many cards turned in as possible. Extra cards are available at the Church doors.**

**THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE RETURNED THEIR INTENTION CARDS!**

## FESTIVAL NEWS

**SUMMERFEST 2016 planning has begun.** Our summer festival dates this year are June 3, 4, and 5. Our next festival leadership team meeting will be **Thursday, March 10**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

### **RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF DAY, NEXT SATURDAY!**

**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 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.

**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.

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 10 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise. You may place your donation in the envelope provided in your monthly packet.

**The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, March 9, following the 11a.m. Mass.** This month our guest speakers will be Ellen Brown and Monica Woodsworth from Catholic Charities. They will be talking about the Senior Companion Program and RSVP, a senior volunteer program. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, if you plan on attending.

### SAVE THE DATE

Our annual **Soup Supper** will be on **Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**,  
from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Please mark the date and plan on attending before going to Mass at 7 p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information.

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