

Fifth Sunday of Lent

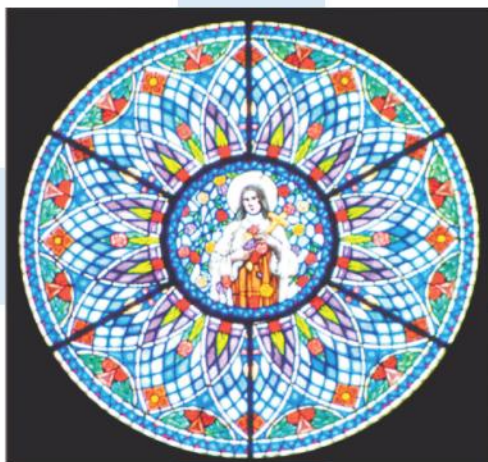
The LORD has done great things for us; Oh, how happy we were!
Restore our captives, LORD, like the dry stream beds of the Negeb.

Ps. 126:3-4

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,**

Last Sunday's Gospel was the parable of the prodigal son. As I mentioned in the homily, that is a misnomer. It really is the parable of the prodigal father. For those of you who took a Black Book at the beginning of Lent, I would invite you to re-read the reflection on the right-hand page for Saturday, February 28. It gives a different take on the parable.

This week's all-school Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, instead of Friday.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on Thursday! Enjoy the day and the evening, but please be safe. St. Patrick's Breastplate is often attributed to St. Patrick himself. Here is one version:

Christ be with me, Christ within me
 Christ behind me, Christ before me
 Christ beside me, Christ to win me
 Christ to comfort me and restore me.
 Christ beneath me, Christ above me
 Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
 Christ in hearts of all that love me
 Christ in mouth of friend or stranger

This Friday is our last Lenten Fish Fry. Every year at the last fish fry, someone tells me that he/she wishes that this was not the last fish fry of the year. Because it is the last one, I encourage you to come to the fish fry and encourage your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to come. Our fish frys provide a great 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. The parish office will close at noon on Good Friday.

As part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, in addition to confessions this coming Saturday afternoon, I will be available for Confessions Wednesday of Holy Week, March 23, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be **no** confessions on Holy Saturday, March 26.

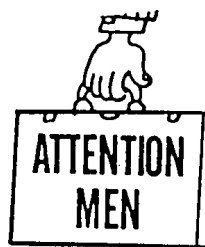
Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will invite all children from toddlers through 8th grade to join in the procession around the church carry palms. Please encourage your children to participate. Little Flower School students who participate will receive an out-of-uniform pass.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 24: 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.
March 25: Good Friday	Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (main service for Good Friday) at 7:00 p.m.
March 26: Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.
March 27: Easter Sunday	Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
March 28: Easter Monday	Parish office and School Closed



Men of the parish: Come join the Little Flower Men's Club for our monthly meeting in the school cafeteria this Monday (March 14) at 7 p.m. The Men's Club. 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!

MASS SCHEDULE

FOR THE WEEK OF March 14-20, 2016

14	March	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
15	March	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Rev. John A. Baker
16	March	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Norbert Mauer
			5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
17	March	Thursday	1:30 p.m.	Greentree – Art Meier
			5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
18	March	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
	March	Saturday-Vigil of Palm Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Tom O’Gara by Jim and Loretta Miller
19	March	Sunday- Palm Sunday	8:30 a.m.	For the People
20			10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Martha Nevins by Rita Gibson
			6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Tom Bello

The Week Ahead

March 13-20, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Easter Flower Collection after all Masses		
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Men’s CRHP
	Church	6:00 p.m.	RCIA 3 rd Scrutiny
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Rediscover Jesus book discussion
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Club
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
Thursday	Scout Room	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group
	Church/Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat/Vigil Practice
	New Parishioner Registration after All Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Jerome	7:30 p.m.	Women’s CRHP - Team 2

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of March 5 and 6	\$	10,942.41
Electronic Contributions 2/29 – 3/4	\$	6,353.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	475,058.38
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	486,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit	\$	- 10,941.62

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,371.58
January Contributions	\$	2,022.58
February Contributions	\$	2,004.58
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,154.25

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...240 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, April 21**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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 9, or May 7.** Please NO TVs, VCRs, 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 or Rosemary Armour at the numbers listed above.



Our next retreat day is on Sunday, March 20th. This will be an all day retreat. Details will be sent via e-mail

Our Sincere Thanks

The Cooning family would like to extend their gratitude for all of the prayers, kind thoughts, and condolences on death of Kim Cooning. They would also like to thank the women of the parish for the friendship meal after the funeral.

Please return your Baby Bank to church on Palm Sunday, March 20. 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 Fr. Mike Barton, a son of our parish, serving as a Comboni Missionary in the Sudan.



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:

Rita Fisher

3484 W. 1100 North, New Palestine, IN 46163



**SAVE THE DATE
PLEASE NOTE TIME CORRECTION**

Our annual **Soup Supper** will be on **Holy Thursday, March 24, from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.** Please mark the date and plan on attending before going to Mass at 7

p.m. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Next weekend, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. While the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension.

There is no envelope in your regular packet for this collection, so a second collection will be taken specifically for the Church in Africa. Please be as generous as possible.

Seccina Presents "Tarzan: The Stage Musical"

Seccina Memorial High School presents "Tarzan: The Stage Musical," based on the Disney film, at 7 p.m. March 18 and 19. Doors open at 6:30 each night. The show features heart-pumping music and lyrics by rock legend Phil Collins, including the Academy Award-winning song "You'll be in Heart" as well as "Son of Man" and "Two Worlds." Tickets are \$6; reserved \$8. To reserve tickets, email Pam Brake at pbrake@seccina.org or call (317) 356-6377 extension 1212.

Breakfast with Tarzan and Friends

Join us for Breakfast with Tarzan and Friends, featuring a light breakfast with the cast of characters from "Tarzan" at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Seccina Memorial High School. This special event especially will appeal to families with young children who might not be able to sit through an evening performance of "Tarzan." Come see the sets, hear the songs, meet the characters and have breakfast! Tickets are \$6 for one parent/guardian and child, and \$2 more for each additional parent/guardian or child. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact Margaret Zeh-Fulford at mzeh@seccina.org or (317) 356-6377 extension 1204.



Just Desserts Ladies!

All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club so whip up your favorite dessert for the fish fry. Bring it to the school cafeteria after 3:00pm. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help this year and in years past!

Experience life as a sister during "A monastic experience," April 8-10, 2016, with the Sisters of St. Benedict of Ferdinand, Indiana. Single women, ages 18-40, are invited to the monastery to learn more about the Benedictine Rule by which the sisters live. To attend this free weekend or for more information, contact Sister Traci Stutz at [812-367-1411](tel:812-367-1411) or tstutz@thedome.org.

Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to **Don Johnson** on the death of his brother, **David Johnson**. His services were held at St. Michael Catholic Church in Greenfield. Please keep all of David's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome David into his eternal glory.

The month of **APRIL** is "**PARISH MONTH**" at **ANGEL'S CORNER CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP**. Located at 2316 E. Southport Road, across from Long's Bakery. April is a great time to buy First Communion, Confirmation, and Wedding gifts. Mention Little Flower and 10% of the sale on all regular stocked items will be donated to us!



**Kroger Community Rewards
UPDATE**

It has come to our attention that you must re-register your Kroger Plus card to Little Flower every January for us to receive rewards. Please log-in to your Kroger account by going to www.kroger.com/communityrewards, then click on the "community" and a drop down box will list "community rewards." Click on "community rewards" and "apply now." Enter Little Flower's organization # 10278 to re-register. Please do this as soon as possible as Kroger deleted all non-profit organization designations in January 2016. Any purchases made in January and February were not eligible if you did not re-register. If you have registered or re-registered since January, you do not need to do anything. Thank you for your participation!

If you have not set up your Kroger Plus Card you need to register your card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use our organization # 10278. Little Flower will earn a percentage of spending on a quarterly basis which will help with tuition assistance. You can earn rewards on almost everything, every time you shop. However there are specific purchases that cannot be included. Alcohol, tobacco, government-assisted prescription purchases, postage stamps, Kroger gift cards, and debit cards, lottery and promotional tickets Western Union, Fuel and sales tax are excluded from eligible purchase. If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card they are available the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger.

*"May the grace
of God's protection
and great love
abide within your home
Within the hearts
of all who dwell inside"*

COME ONE ! COME ALL!

*Continue your St Patrick's
Day celebration at the
last Fish Fry of 2016!*



The LF Men's Club will
have Beer & Wine
available for purchase in
Duffey Hall only

50/50 raffle with drawing
at end of night
Winner not required to
be present

Friday March 18, 2016

4:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Fish Fry

sponsored by
Little Flower Men's Club
1401 N Bosart Ave

NO PRICE INCREASES THIS YEAR!



Call the parish office with
questions: 357-8352

\$7.50 for adults
\$6.75 for seniors
\$4.25 if under 10

SHRIMP DINNERS – \$8.00

**CARRY OUT
IS AVAILABLE!**

COMMUNION SERVICE AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS
WILL BE HELD IN CHURCH AT 5:30PM

***HELP MAKE THE FISH FRY A SUCCESS!
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND***



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