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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,

Welcome to the Scecina Memorial High School Junior Class who are attending our 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday prior to leaving for their overnight class retreat. We will be praying for you.

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Today is a day to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Church chose the Fourth Sunday of Easter for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations because this Sunday's Gospel is the Gospel of the Good Shepherd. There is a more detailed announcement about the World Day of Prayer for Vocations elsewhere in the bulletin.

Today is also the anniversary of the death of Fr. Charles Duffey, our founding pastor, in 1939. It was during the year of St. Theresa's beatification (1924), while attending the annual clergy retreat at St. Mary-of-the-Wood, that Fr. Duffey was informed by Bishop Chartrand that he was to form a new parish in honor of then Blessed Therese. Today is a good day to be grateful for the great start Fr. Duffey gave this parish.

Saturday, April 9, was a very busy day at Little Flower.

- The Men's Club spent most of the day cleaning out the garage and working on the grounds. The garage is the cleanest it has been since I have been here. After all the projects last summer, their help with the grounds last week will help restore the beauty of our grounds.
- Volunteers were also here to help with counting the money in the Gabriel Project lenten baby banks.
- Pat and Sharon Rocchio were here to accept donations for our festival rummage sale.

Thanks to all of these volunteers, and the many others, who do so much for Little Flower parish.

As I mentioned last week, this year 21 children will make their First Communion next Sunday, April 24, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. I hope that many of you will choose to be there to show your support for our young Catholics. Our church is large enough and our First Communion class is small enough that there will be room for both visitors and parishioners.

As most of you are aware, on Friday, April 8, Pope Francis issued his post-Synodal apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*) on love in the family. *Amoris Laetitia* brings together the results of the two Synods on the family convoked by Pope Francis in 2014 and 2015. It is over 250 booklet pages and 60,000 words long. A link to a PDF download of the entire document can be found at:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia.html.

However, the Vatican's own summary of the document can be found at:

<http://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/04/08/160408b.html>.

As I am writing this bulletin letter, I have read the first three chapters, all of which I found very thought provoking. If you read articles in the press, either secular or Catholic, you will read all kinds of conflicting opinions about the Pope's Apostolic Exhortation. I would invite you to read either the text or the summary or both.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Please welcome into our Christian community Arlo Lawrence, son of David and Salina (Shelton) Billington, who was baptized on Sunday, April 10, 2016



FOR THE WEEK OF April 18 - 24, 2016

18	April	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
19	April	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Schaub by Bernie and Rose Sponsel
20	April	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Michelle Maio Venezia
21	April	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Greentree-Norbert Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
22	April	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Bernice VanNoy by the Allstatt Family
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
23	April	Saturday-Vigil of 5th Sunday of Easter
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Whalen by the Whalen Family
24	April	Sunday-5th Sunday of Easter
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Jerry Jett by the Jett Family
	6:00 p.m.	Jay Graves by the Ladies Club

The Week Ahead

April 17-24, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration 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
	Church	11:30 a.m.	1 st Communion Practice and Lunch
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
	St. Therese	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP Team 2
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Rediscover Jesus Book Discussion
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Sewing Room	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	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 #2443
Thursday	Scout Room	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	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	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Students
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	10:30 a.m.	First Communion
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
			Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass
	St. Therese	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP Team 2

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!

Little Flower's Spring Blood Drive is fast approaching!

Wednesday May 4, from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

Call Dana Cavosie with any questions

or to schedule a donor time - 748-2948. Thank you!

In Memoriam

We remember our parishioner, **Margaret Connel**, who passed away and whose funeral liturgy was held here on April 16. Margaret was our oldest parishioner and died just shy of her 108th birthday. She most recently resided at St. Paul Hermitage. Her son, *Larry Connel* and granddaughter, *Katie Connel* are parishioners, so we extend our sympathy and condolences to them. Please keep all of Margaret's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Margaret eternal life.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of April 9 and 10	\$	8,373.57
Electronic Contributions 4/4- 4/8	\$	2,054.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	542,600.65
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	553,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit	\$	- 10,899.35

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,371.58
January Contributions	\$	2,022.58
February Contributions	\$	2,004.58
March Contributions	\$	2,020.08
April Contributions (to date)	\$	1,245.50

The Steward of the Month parking space for the month of April belongs to **Steve and Rebekah Arvin**.

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:

Isabella Mathias,

8809 Madison Avenue Apt 305B, Indianapolis, IN 46227

TAKE NOTE:

The parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be out mid-May. Any news or photos you have to share about Little

Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by April 20. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

We are now finalizing registrations

WOMEN'S WEEKEND: APRIL 30-MAY 1

Don't miss out on this renewal weekend.

It is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and make new friends in a spiritual environment.

For additional information please contact:

Andrea Johnson: (317)340-5292/ajohnso2010@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Sunday, April 17	Practice in Church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. New members always welcome!
Sunday, April 24	Sing at 6 p.m. Mass. Meet in church at 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 1	Sing at 6 p.m. Mass. Meet in church at 5 p.m.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2016 planning has begun.

Our summer festival dates this year are June 3, June 4, and June 5.

Our next festival leadership team meeting will be

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

Here is what you can do to help make this year the best ever!

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 Saturday May 7th.** 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. **PLEASE NOTE, WE PUBLISHED THE INCORRECT NUMBER FOR SHARON IN THE EASTER SUNDAY BULLETIN.**

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

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00 and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Tom and he will mail information to them. **SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE IS APRIL 28th.**

YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET? Call Jeannie or B.J. at the Parish Center at 357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival. Please call the parish center even if you had a sign last year, so we know it is OK to place one in your yard again.

Festival T Shirt order forms are in the bulletin this weekend. **THE ORDER DEADLINE IS MAY 2.** Don't miss out! You might recall for the past two years we have run out early! Pre-ordering will insure that you get yours!



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, May 9, 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 sometime in late July or early August.



THANK YOU to Audrey Sutton, Samantha Mackell, Andrew Clegg, Hailey Foust, Caroline Mages, and Monica Higgins (OLL) all confirmed high school students who helped on this year's confirmation team. Thanks as well to young adults Mary Foust and David Leszczynski who were part of the team.



The family of Jim Clifford would like to thank Fr. Gilday, Peggy Clegg, and Mike Kanney for all their prayers and support. Also thank you for the kind cards and prayerful thoughts during this difficult time. A very special thanks to all the ladies who prepared and served the delicious mercy meal. God

Bless you all. Gratefully, All the Clifford Family.



Our Lady of Lourdes will host the next **Eastside Catholic Community Lunch and Learn** on Wednesday, April 20, at 11 a.m. in Bernadette Hall (Parish Center.) Kim

Linder from Community Nursing and Rehabilitation will be the guest speaker.

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