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ENCYCLICAL

LETTER OF THE HOLY **FATHER FRANCIS**

If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn "realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith. LS64

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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.

> Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Fax

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357-5316

322-7702

SEPTEMBER 1

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.

357-8352

353-2282

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

OFFICE HOURS:

PARISH CENTER

SCHOOL

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 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

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,

After a week of rain, we were blessed with ideal weather for our parish picnic last Sunday. The sun was shining, and the temperature was neither too hot nor too cold. There was

plenty of food for everyone.

I want to thank the members of the Parish Life Commission, the Men's Club, and anyone else who pitched in and helped with set up and clean up. They all worked very hard. Thanks to Sandy Clegg for organizing the kickball game and to Karen Lientz for calling Bingo. Special thanks to the 8th graders who helped with setting up the water slide, assisting the younger children using the slide, and cleaning up after the picnic. Extra special thanks to Teresa Eckrich, Mary Helen Eckrich, and Denise Stone for manning the water slide and for suggesting this great addition to our picnic!

Over my 41 years as a priest, I have had to deal with the pain of many parents whose adult children no longer actively practice their faith or have left the Catholic Church. The Little Flower evangelization committee *Invite* is sponsoring a fourweek seminar "RETURN–How to Draw your Child Back to the Church" based on the book by Brandon Vogt. If your children no longer actively practice their faith or have left the Catholic Church, this seminar is for you. Please check out the detailed announcement elsewhere in the bulletin.

The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) begins on Tuesday, September 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you would like us to invite someone, please let us know by contacting Lisa Gibbons at the Parish Center by telephone or e-mail (lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

Tom and Mary Martha Costello were married on September 11, 1976 at Our Lady of Lourdes. Next Sunday, September 4, they will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Jim Farrell, Tom's first cousin, will be the celebrant and homilist.

As most of you know, Tom is a son of Little Flower Parish and has been a member of the parish his entire life. Both Tom and Mary Martha have been extremely generous to Little Flower. Since 2000, Tom has been Director of Stewardship and Development. He puts in incredible hours in that role and in volunteer service to Little Flower. Even before he began working here, he was an active volunteer. Also, he has been part of our music ministry as an organist, pianist, cantor, and choir member since approximately 1985. Mary Martha is currently the chairperson of the Art & Environment Committee and the Festival Silent Auction Committee. She previously served as chairperson of the Lenten Fish Frys. She also serves as a Eucharistic Minister.

I invite and encourage you to attend their anniversary Mass. Please pray that God will bless them with good health and many more happy years of marriage.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF August 29-September 4, 2016

	Tore tille (There of August 2) September 1, 2010					
29	August	Monday				
	5:30 p.m.	Ted Yeager by the Zippano Family				
30	August	Tuesday				
	5:30 p.m.	Anthony Puntarelli by Donna and Bill Woodman				
31	August	Wednesday				
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service				
01	September	Thursday				
	5:30 p.m.	For the Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly				
02	September	Friday				
	8:30 a.m.	Matthew Clegg by Bob and Mary Sitzman				
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service				
03	September	Saturday–Vigil of 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
	5:00 p.m.	Philip Caito by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beatty				
04	September	Sunday – The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
04	8:30 a.m.	For the People				
	10:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Tom and Mary Martha				
		Costello 40 th Wedding Anniversary				
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intention of Gene and Jean Miller 51 st				
		Wedding Anniversary by Robin Hudson				

The Week Ahead

August 28 – September 4, 2016

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education			
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room open			
Monday						
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	First Communion			
	-	_	Parent Meeting			
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club			
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA			
Friday						
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group			
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			



Sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are available to adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. **Our first session begins on Tuesday, September 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.** <u>Our topic for the</u>

evening is "The Journey of Faith" and we will have a Q & A session. Please join us!

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



It's time to get serious. The annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, September 9 at Pleasant Run Golf course. Flyers with golfer and sponsor information are available at the church doors.

Contact Jeff Lyons 317-294-9242 or email jeffly200@gmail.com for more information.

The parish office will be closed on	
Monday, September 5 for Labor Day	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IT"S NOT TOO LATE! Little Flower offers Religious Education for children in kindergarten through 8th grade who attend public schools. We meet on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. If you have not registered your child to attend these classes please contact Lisa at 357-8352 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org. Our next classes are Sunday, August 28 & September 11.

"RETURN"

- You're concerned about your child. He's stopped going to Mass. Maybe he's found another religion. Perhaps he no longer believes in God. Whatever the case, you want your child to return to the Church
- But the problem is he doesn't seem interested. He tunes you out, he ignores your pleas, and he doesn't want to discuss religion.
- You would do anything to bring him back, but you have no idea where to begin. You've tried talking. You've tried nagging. You've tried praying. Nothing seems to work.
- The reality is, you need help. You need a proven game plan.
- You need RETURN.

The Little Flower *Invite* Committee is sponsoring a four week seminar "RETURN-How to Draw your Child Back to the Church" based on the book by Brandon Vogt. The series will begin September 29 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the St. Patrick Room.

Cost: \$5:00 per person. Watch for more information in future bulletins.





The Eastside Catholic Community (Little Flower ~ Holy Spirit, ~ Our Lady of Lourdes) will host a **Health Fair on Sunday, September 11, from 9:30 am.** to 12:30 pm., at Little Flower School in the cafeteria. There will be an

opportunity for the following screenings: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and lead (for children and pregnant women). Flu shots will also be available (payment needed at time of service). Various health agencies will have booths set up such as the Indianapolis Fire Department, Prime Smiles, Ransburg YMCA, Ossip Optometry, Rejuvenation Station (massage therapy), and the Jane Pauley Center to name a few. There will be healthy snacks and activities for children. Spending an hour or so focusing on your health may have long lasting results. For questions or more information contact Peggy Clegg: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 357-8352. Don't miss out on this opportunity to focus on your health!!!



The adult choir, which sings every Sunday at Mass from September through May, will begin their new season on the Tuesday evening, August 30, at 7 p.m. Search your heart. If God has given you the love of singing, could you give this gift back to him this year?



Kroger Community Rewards Our Second quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$1,723.23 with 118 households participating between April 1 to June 30, 2016! You could help Little Flower School

earn up to \$50,000 every three months!! How? By shopping at Kroger's and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first signin to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, it will ask for an Organization Number. <u>Our Organization Number is</u> <u>10278</u>. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE						
YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH						
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00				
Collection of August 20 and 21	\$	7,151.63				
Electronic Contributions 8/15 – 8/19	\$	6,843.00				
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$	103,935.83				
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$	108,000.00				
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 4,064.17				
Home Improvement Fund						
April Contributions	\$	2,115.83				
May Contributions	\$	1,869.58				
June Contributions	\$	2,140.58				
July Contributions	\$	1,980.83				
August Contributions (to date)	\$	1,808.58				



There is a Parent Meeting on Wednesday, August 31, at 6 p.m. for families who have a 2^{nd} grader that will be making their First Reconciliation and

First Eucharist this year. Attendance at this meeting is necessary if you wish to have your child prepared for these Sacraments. We will meet in Duffey Hall/School Cafeteria. If you have any questions please contact Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 357-8352 ext. 33. This meeting is for parents whose children attend Little Flower School and parents whose children are enrolled in Sunday morning Religious Education.

If you have a child in grades 3 or above who have not made their First Communion, but have been baptized, please call or email Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 357-8352 ext.33 by September 9 to set up sessions.

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:

> Verna Curtis 5047 E. 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Sunday, August 28. Please meet in church at 5:00 P.M. **YOUTH ROOM** (with pizza) will be open for all youth in the parish center until 8:30 P.M.



NEW JOB OPENING! We currently have an opening for a PART-TIME MAINTENANCE PERSON to do custodial and maintenance work in the school and parish from approximately

7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., usually about eight days per month. Applicant must be motivated to work, somewhat independently. Applicant must be able to do some heavy work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning, and some snow removal. Some experience in maintenance work is preferred. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, please pick up an application at the parish office and return it to the office at your earliest convenience.

Mark your calendars!



Saturday, October 1 – Annual Parish Feast Day and Appreciation Dinner following the 5 p.m. Mass. All are invited.

ATTENTION ALUMNI! On Saturday, November 5, we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

ATTENTION: The Ladies Bible Study Group will start back up on Wednesday, September 7, from 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the St. Patrick room in the Parish Center. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Bring your bible and join us. For more information contact Donna at 501-4977.

Notre Dame PhD Student Seeking Research Participants:

This is an interview project about Catholic women's thoughts and feelings about their religious identity and experiences with family planning. I am looking for married Catholic women of childbearing age who are using ANY form of family planning (this could be NFP, barrier methods, oral pills, etc.) Everything participants share with me will be kept strictly confidential: names of individuals, parishes, or the diocese will NOT be used in any capacity for this research. If you have any questions or are willing to participate, please contact me: Brianna Notre McCaslin, Dame Sociology PhD student,mccaslin.8@nd.edu, (317) 755-4287.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

An internationally acclaimed choir from the University of Cambridge, England, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, September 9, 2016, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 520 Stevens St., Indianapolis. "Voices of the Kingdom: Sacred Music from the British Isles and Beyond" will feature choral and organ scholars from the Gonville & Caius College Choir, who will perform music old and new including selections from their latest CD, Chorus vel Organa: Music from the Lost Palace of Westminster. Admission to the concert is a free-will offering, with a suggested donation of \$10/person or \$30/family. For more information contact the church at 317-636-4478.



Catholic Radio Annual Dinner

This year's Catholic Radio Annual Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 13 at the North Side Knights of

Columbus Hall near 71st and Keystone. The reception begins at 5:30 pm, the dinner at 7 pm. It will include a reception, dinner, silent auction and a live auction. Fr. Vince Lampert, Exorcist of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are \$65 per person or \$450 for a table of eight. They can be purchased online at www.CatholicRadioIndy.org or by calling <u>317-870-8400</u>.

Biking for Babies

The K of C Mater Dei Council 437 (downtown Indy) is hosting the 3rd annual Biking for Babies bicycle ride from Terre Haute to Richmond as a pro-life fundraiser. The ride will be **Friday, September 16 – Sunday, September 18.** We will ride a total of 160 miles. If you are interested in rideing with us contact Brian Heath: <u>bheath@alumni.nd.edu</u> or call 317-459-0822. To donate visit <u>www.youcaring.com/bikingforbabies</u>. Proceeds will go to the Gabriel Projuect, a ministry that offers various type of assistance to women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies.

BEING AND BELONGING November 18-20, 2016 A Weekend Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics

An annual retreat open to all faiths held at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th St in Indianapolis, Indiana. As a participant, you are invited to relax as you journey with others, listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen your understanding of the healing process and increase your sense of belonging as well as help you discover and affirm that God is with you in your struggles and in your hope. Please contact Deb VanVelse at 317-236-1586, 1800-323-9836 ext. 1586, ordvanvelse@arachindy.org for additional information. Click here to downlowad the brochure and registration form.



Perhaps you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. Beginning Tuesday, September 6, at 7 p.m. we will begin the "Inquiry" phase of the RCIA process. Please join us! Or if you know of someone and would like us to call them please email or call Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 357-8352 ext. 33 with their contact information. Please keep the RCIA process in your thoughts and prayers during the year.

We would like the share another letter from one of our attendees from last year and who was received into the church at the Easter Vigil this year. Enjoy!

My Journey through RCIA

Dear Parish Family,

I participated in RCIA in 2015-2016. To be honest I never thought I would convert. My in-laws were Catholic and when my twins were born in 2012 they asked if I would have them baptized. My husband said he would like for our children to be Catholic and I didn't object. Then when my son was born in 2015 he had some health issues and I found myself back at Little Flower having him baptized. I decided to check out the classes because I wanted to know more about the religion we had chosen for our children. I asked my husband to come as well because as I teasingly told him he was the worst Catholic "translator" I could ask for.

I went the first night nervous and not knowing what to expect. There were two things that really struck a cord with me. First, one of the RCIA volunteers explained that RCIA is similar to a courtship. That it starts out with you just getting to know the faith like a coffee date before making any commitments. He said that even though there was a timeline to the class they weren't going to push conversion on anyone and if we weren't comfortable we could go over and over until we were confident in the decision or end the class any time. Secondly, there was an anonymous question box where we could ask any questions without fear of judgement. Throughout the year I was always impressed by the patience and thoroughness Father Bob used to answer the questions.

After class my husband and I would talk about our faith and how to practice what we were learning in our lives. Taking the journey through RCIA together strengthened our relationship and gave us more to talk about than just the day to day tasks of parenting. Each week, my mom would ask what I had learned the night before. At first I thought it was my babysitter checking to make sure my husband and I were where we said we were going, but I soon realized she enjoyed my excited retelling of the previous night's lesson.

Before I knew it those classes were the highlight of my week. I had three small children at home, so sure the adult time was refreshing and the camaraderie of the group infectious but it wasn't just that. It was the joy of learning the faith. Yes I had heard about Catholicism, but there is a difference between hearing about it from non-Catholics and learning the religion from believers. I felt inspired by the passion of the speakers, challenged by the small group discussions and humbled by the historic traditions of the faith. As I came to understand the reasons and history behind the traditions I couldn't help, but embrace Catholicism. Surprising myself I ended up converting; officially entering the Catholic faith at the Easter vigil.

Sincerely,

Mandie. RCIA Class of 2016

