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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.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

PARISH CENTER 357-8352 Fax 357-5316

SCHOOL 353-2282 322-7702 Fax

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,

Today is World Marriage Day. Today we congratulate all married couples. As Catholics, we believe that the marriage of two Christians is a sacrament. In other words, the love of a Christian man and woman for each other in marriage is not only a sign of Christ's love for the Church but also makes that love real and present in our world.

In the pre-Vatican marriage rite, the priest usually did not give a homily at a wedding but read an instruction. Although the language is somewhat dated, the instruction is still very beautiful. I would like to share just a small part of the instruction with you:

...And so, not knowing what is before you, you take each other for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death.

Truly, then, these words are most serious. It is a beautiful tribute to your undoubted faith in each other, that, recognizing their full import, you are nevertheless so willing and ready to pronounce them. And because these words involve such solemn obligations, it is most fitting that you rest the security of your wedded life upon the great principle of self-sacrifice. ....Sacrifice is usually difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy; and perfect love can make it a joy. We are willing to give in proportion as we love. And when love is perfect, the sacrifice is complete....

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The children have been learning about how we celebrate as a family and as God's people. This rite reinforces what the children have been learning and how important it is to attend Mass every Sunday. They will also receive a lit candle which represents the "Light of Christ" that was given at baptism and reminds us that Jesus is the "Light of the World." Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers during these months of preparation.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is March 1. As you may remember from last year, **Best Lent Ever** is a FREE, video-based email program featuring Matthew Kelly. This year he will share short daily video reflections based on the chapters of *Resisting Happiness*, the book that we gave out at Christmas. I encourage you to sign up at <a href="http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup">http://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever/#signup</a>.

Thank you to all who commented on my homily last Sunday. According to the Indiana Catholic Conference website, "shaping public policy is the responsibility of every person. Our democratic form of government and our Church both call us to become involved." The Indiana Catholic Conference analyzes political issues from a social and moral point of view. "Issues important to the Church are selected by the ICC Board of Directors for further research. The ICC staff then researches and drafts a position statement based on the teachings of the Church as well as pertinent secular information." Through the Indiana Catholic Action Network (I-CAN), Catholics can then have a direct impact on legislative action. If you are interested in participating in I-CAN (the Indiana Catholic Action Network), you can access the website at indianacc.org.

I want to thank Kevin Gawrys, Little Flower School principal, for his State of the School message on Sunday, January 29. I would highlight just one of his many points:

...one thing has remained constant at LF. We are, as we were in 1926, a Catholic school, first and foremost....Our students learn and practice the values of the Gospel. Our interactions and our discipline are guided by Jesus' command to love one another. Our curriculum is infused with the principles of Catholic Social Justice, recognizing the dignity of every person and striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus for the poor and oppressed.

Also, thank you to the Little Flower School faculty and staff and the School Commission for hosting the school open house that afternoon. Not only did several prospective families visit the school, several enrolled their children at the open house. Please know that you are welcome to visit the school. If you would like to visit, please call the school office to make an appointment.

Finally, congratulations to Kevin Johnson, Little Flower Class of 73, who received the Career Achievement Award at this year's annual Archdiocesan Celebrating Catholic School Values event last Thursday evening. Kevin and his wife Lori (Watts), also LF Class of 73, are members of Holy Spirit Parish.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



#### **Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers**

The new Minister Schedule will be coming out soon for March-April-May 2017. If you have any changes or updates, please contact the following:

- Eucharistic Ministers, please contact Ron Sharp by email duvkote@aol.com or phone 317-356-3488.
- Altar Servers, contact Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Deadline for changes is Monday, February 13, 2017.



We remember our parishioner, **Kelly Dunn** who passed away on January 30 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on February 7. Kelly was 39 years old and

lived with Peggy Clegg. She worked at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. We also remember our former parishioner **Della Lynette** who passed away on January 26. Her funeral service was held at Shirley Brother Washington Memorial Chapel on February 1. She was a parishioner here for about 40 years until she could no longer live on her own. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Kelly and Della into his eternal glory.



#### Mass Intentions

#### FOR THE WEEK OF February 13-19, 2017

13	February	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Barbara Maynard
14	February	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Sharp by Ron and Diane Sharp
15	February	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Ron Gandolph by Bob and Mary Sitzman
16	February	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	at Green Brier – Rev. Richard Carney
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
17	February	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Freda Blanchard by Ladies Club
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
18	February	Saturday- Anticipation of the 7th Sunday in
		Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by Mary Kay Becker
19	February	Sunday – The 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:30 a.m.	Tom and Mary Griffin by William Greenan
	10:30 a.m.	Barbara Elliott by Karen Roudebush
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

#### The Week Ahead

#### February 12-19, 2017

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses				
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination-		
			First Communion		
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates		
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep		
Monday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary		
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441		
	Off-Site	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower		
			Neighborhood Assoc.		
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LFAC Meeting		
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	PTO		
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP #3		
Thursday	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday					
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group		
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Drop-Off		
	Door #6				
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Senior Prom		
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses				
Sunday	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	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice		
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Invite Committee		

#### PUBLIC ACTION FOR A "CITY OF INCLUSION"

SUNDAY, FEB. 12 at 2 PM, ST PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH 550 N. RURAL STREET, INDPLS, IN 46201 All are Welcome.

#### CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

### MEN'S WEEKEND: MARCH 4-5 WOMEN'S WEEKEND: MARCH 25-26

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:

> Bill Schlosser: 317-408-9869 wpsbuffett@yahoo.com william.p.schlosser2.civ@mail.mil

Karen Lientz: 317-397-3547 karenlientz@yahoo.com

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

Weekly Budget Goal		13,500.00	
Collection of January 29/30	\$	8,374.40	
Electronic Contributions 1/23 – 1/27	\$	1,625.50	
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$	406,916.30	
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$	418,500.00	
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#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions	\$ 1,892.58
December Contributions	\$ 1,957.08
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1 881 33

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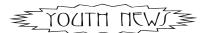
BULLETIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL NOT BE UPDATED UNTIL THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25/26.

#### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

(gifts processed as of 1/26/17)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about twelve weeks. We are nearly \$6,000 short of our parish goal, and only 16% of parish households have participated! The Archdiocese will soon begin follow up with those who have not responded. Will you please consider helping us reach our goals? You should have received your intention card in the mail, but there are extras available at the church doors. If you have not yet turned your card in, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection, or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible to help our parish meet our goal. The United Catholic Appeal funds many shared ministries from which all parishes benefit.

Parish Goal \$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged 148
Amount Gifts received or pledged \$33,276.00



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, February 19: Practice in church - 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.

## FISH FRY

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING MARCH 3!

#### **FESTIVAL NEWS**

#### NOTE RUMMAGE SALE DROP OFF ON 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 February 18, March 18, and April 29. We need your good used items for our rummage sale. WE ARE ACCEPTING GOOD, CLEAN CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, but no adult clothing. We will be able to accept larger furniture but not until immediately prior to the festival. Please NO TV's, video players, electronics, or computers. We also need good, used books. Call Sharon Rocchio with questions - 525-6237.



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, "The Hop Café," 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. The date is **Saturday**, **February 18**, **following the 5 p.m. Mass**. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, or e-mail <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> by Wednesday, February 15, if you plan on attending.

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:

Peggy Albright, Rosewalk Village, 1302 N Lesley, Indianapolis, IN 46219



Candidates and team will gather for their sixth session on Sunday, February 12, at 7:00 P.M., in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.

Next weekend is the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week, and place the envelope provided in your regular packet in the regular collection.

#### **Prayer requests for the Newest Adoration Chapel**

Please pray for All Saints Parish in Dearborn County, IN who will be opening the 13<sup>th</sup> Perpetual Adoration Chapel in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on Wednesday, March 1. Pray for a bountiful sign-up weekend, for those preparing the chapel space, the adoration chapel committee, and their pastor.



I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, Masses, Novenas, and prayers. We all know I'm still here and doing so well because of the goodness of my Little Flower Friends. It has been especially heartwarming to hear of the offering of the Friday children's Mass for me. I am so grateful for my Little Flower family! ~Teresa Eckrich

#### **Confirmation Project**

My name is Sophie Rosenbaum, and I am a graduate of Little Flower School as well as a parishioner. I am being confirmed in May. For a service project I would like to create manna bags for the homeless. Manna bags are filled with non-perishable food items, a bottle of water, travel sized toiletries, socks, a juice box, and a scripture passage or encouraging note. If we could get some items from all of you, I know we could succeed in helping the homeless! My sponsor or I will be in the gathering area this weekend after Masses. If you can help, please take a tag from my manna bag board. The tags will contain items we need to fill the manna bags. Please return your donated items to the Manna Box in the gathering area of church by February 26. My sponsor and I will fill the bags and have them back to church for distribution March 4 & 5. Feel free to take a manna bag with you that weekend. Keep it in your car and give it to someone in need. Thank you very much for your help!

#### Plant, Grow, Bloom Little Flower Summer Day Camp

Little Flower is thrilled to be able to offer summer camp again this year. We have created a unique combination of play, exploration, and learning experiences that will allow children to enjoy a fun summer of personal growth. For more information call the school office at 317-353-2282.



#### YOUR EASTSIDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY COHORT NEWS

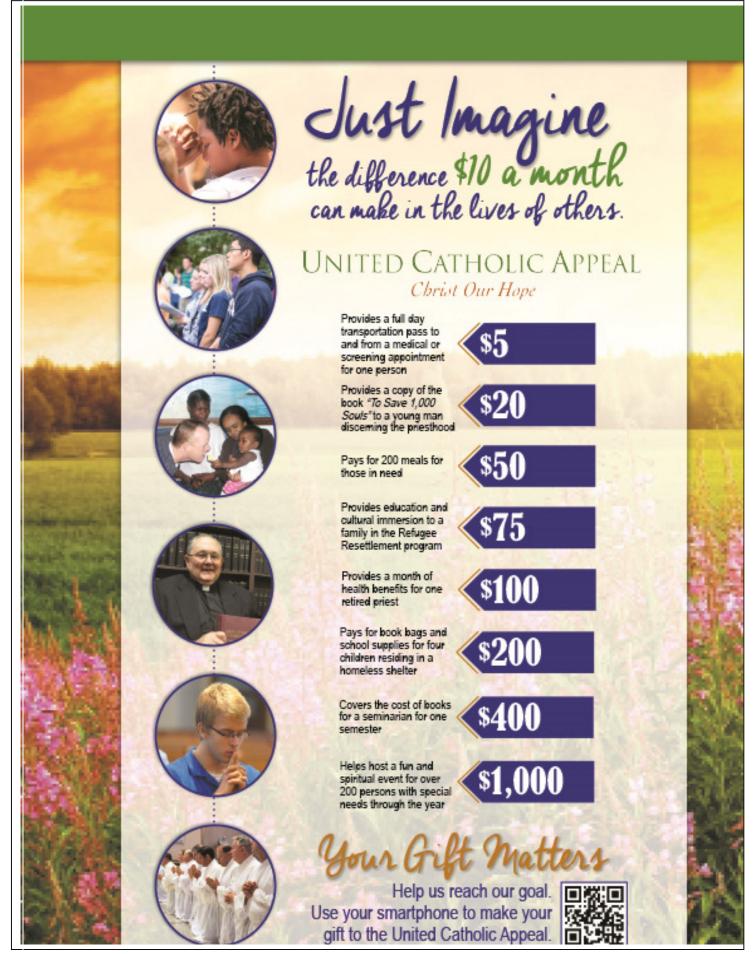
The Eastside Catholic Community Cohort was established through the Archdiocesan *Connected In The Spirit* initiative and consisted of the parishes of Holy Spirit, Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and

St. Bernadette. The Cohort sees its mission as seeking to shepherd their parish ministries toward intentional collaboration with the hope of living Jesus Christ's prophetic message through a vibrant Catholic faith-life on Indianapolis' Eastside. With the union of St. Bernadette and Our Lady of Lourdes, the Cohort has consisted of just Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Little Flower. We are pleased to announce the addition of St. Philip Neri parish to the Eastside Catholic Community Cohort. We welcome St. Philip's and are looking forward to sharing ministries that will enhance all our parishes.

ቅ Holy Spirit ቅ Little Flower ቅ ቅ Our Lady of Lourdes ቅ St. Philip Neri ቅ

#### FORMED

Holy Spirit has joined an online community that provides Catholic resources: FORMED. The Eastside Catholic Community can take advantage of this membership. For details to access the FORMED resources go to <a href="https://www.formed.org">www.formed.org</a>. You will see a registration box for parishioners. Type in the parish code RMDDZP and follow the rest of the instructions. Enjoy the great programs!



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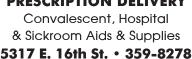
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