

THIRD SUNDAY Of Lent



**Lord,
you have
the words of
everlasting
life.**

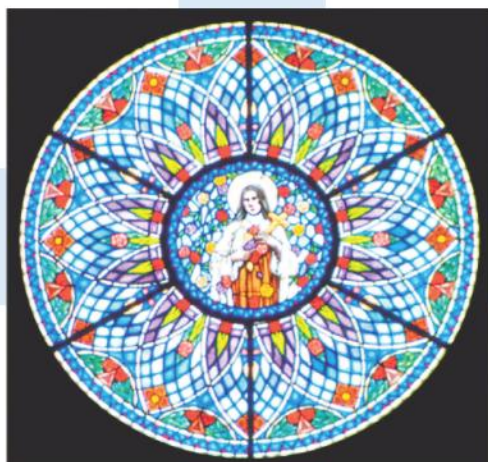
Responsorial Psalm

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Christ Healing the Sick, 1886
James Tissot

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At-Large Member	David Schurger
At-Large Member	Bernie Sponsel

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,

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 Confirmandi.** 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, March 5, 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. Please take this opportunity to be reconciled to God and others.

For those who may not be able to come to our Penance Service, St. Philip's Penance Service will be Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. I will be helping with confessions there.

The last few weeks I have tried to pass on some useful information, and I want to continue that today. Although Little Flower always has a large number of funerals, it seems that we have had even more than usual this past year. From my experience working with so many families at the time of a death, I would like to write something about funeral homes and funeral directors. When a death happens suddenly and there has been no preplanning, families often do not know which funeral home to choose.

Although pre-planning a funeral is not necessary, I would encourage you to have your own plan if a death occurs. Both costs and quality of service can vary greatly from one funeral home to another. In some cases, people are paying the same amount for a casket of lesser quality than they would for a casket of greater quality in another funeral home. Other times funeral homes who advertise lower costs make their money by adding extra charges for everything. Some funeral homes are locally owned and operated. Others are owned by large corporations. Some funeral homes and funeral directors have more understanding of Catholic funerals than others.

My point is that we would all do well to have some thoughts about what we would do if a loved one died and we were responsible for making arrangements for his or her funeral. Of course, many people have a preferred funeral home and/or funeral director. If you have a preferred funeral director, please do not hesitate to ask for that person.

Finally, I will be out of the office on Tuesday to attend the priests' Lenten Day of Reflection.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

IN SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to *Lynn Bogle* on the death of her husband, **Winfield "Wendy" Reed**, who passed away on February 22. Please keep Lynn and all of

Wendy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Wendy into his eternal glory.

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 5 - 11, 2018

05	March	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
06	March	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
07	March	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Charles and Mary O'Hara by Jim O'Hara
08	March	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
09	March	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Helen McGrath
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
10	March	Saturday-Vigil of the Fourth Sunday in Lent
	5:00 p.m.	Michael Clifford by the Clifford family
11	March	Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Lent
	8:30 a.m.	Teresa Eckrich by Bob & Bobbie Lawless
	10:30 a.m.	Roberta Mary Heitmann by the Broughton family
	6:00 p.m.	For the Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 4 - 11, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice & Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	St. Patrick	2:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Twilight twirlers
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girls Scouts #2441
	at Holy Spirit	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Off-site	9:00 a.m.	Christ Life Retreat
	Duffey Hall	10:00 a.m.	Blessing Cup Retreat
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Blood Pressure Check after all weekend Masses		
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your attention please

Little Flower Athletic Commission has open positions for the board this coming school year, 2018-2019. Anyone interested in joining the Commission needs to be present for nominations on **Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m.** in the gym.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of February 24 and 25	\$	6,585.00
Electronic Contributions 2/19-2/23	\$	3,810.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	472,711.25
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	472,500.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$	211.25

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,289.33
January Contributions	\$	1,903.83
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,799.83

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 2/22)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 17 weeks, and as you can see we are still almost \$11,000 short of our goal, and only 18% 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 goal? 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	\$	45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges		154
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	34,393.00

If you have not returned your annual stewardship intention card, please return it as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if needed.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, March 4: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass;
meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

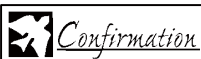


ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The Little Flower Athletic Commission invites all parish children, pre-school through age 9, to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, 2018. The Easter Bunny will arrive at 9:50 a.m., and we will be searching the Parish grounds starting at 10 a.m.



St. Philip Neri Church, 550 N Rural Street, will be hosting a **Health Fair on Sunday, March 4, from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** in the school gymnasium. Anyone from the Eastside Catholic Community (Holy Spirit, Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Philip Neri) is welcome to attend. Those in attendance will be able to have blood pressure, vision, diabetes, and kidney screenings. There will be information on prenatal and child care education, lots of other informational booths, and Zumba will be available. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.



Our 7th session for candidates and team members only will be on **Sunday, March 4**, in the parish center from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Mentoring Opportunity

The Society of St Vincent de Paul offers a program to individuals who want to break the cycle of poverty. Changing Lives is an 18 week program designed to teach life skills that will enable participants to develop a personalized plan to improve their lives. Five Indianapolis parishes are hosting programs beginning March 3, including St Philip Neri and Holy Spirit. We are in need of mentors willing to partner with graduates by May 15. Mentor candidates will receive 2-2 hour training sessions by Trusted Mentors Inc. You would meet with your mentee 4-6 hours/month for 1 year. For more information pick up a brochure at all church exits or call Joe Doll (St Vincent de Paul liaison) 317-919-1419 or Carolyn Wyatt at Trusted Mentors 317-985-5041.

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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

Just Desserts, Ladies!

The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fries. 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 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, March 14, following the 11 a.m. Mass. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day a bit early, so wear green! You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352, 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:

Marcella Bauman
Rosewalk Village

1302 N Lesley Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Forgiveness as We Journey Through Grief

The next monthly bereavement support group, sponsored by the Eastside Catholic Community: Holy Spirit ~ Little Flower ~ Our Lady of Lourdes ~ St. Philip Neri, will be on **Thursday, March 8, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at Holy Spirit Church**. Please join us to discover ways to forgive ourselves and others after a loss. **All are welcome!** Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2018 - June 1, 2, and 3

The **Silent Auction team needs your help**. Call Mary Martha Costello at 317-544-0473 or Rosemary Armour at 317-372-5513 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.

Baby Banks

If you haven't already picked up a Baby Bank, they are available at the church doors. These are to be returned on Palm Sunday. The proceeds from the Baby Banks will support Little Flower Gabriel Project, Little Flower Respect Life Committee, and Miracle Place.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29 Holy Thursday	Soup Supper-Duffey Hall: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper & commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers at 7:00 p.m.
March 30 Good Friday	Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion (<i>main service for Good Friday</i>) at 7:00 p.m. School dismissal at 11:00 a.m. Parish Office closes at Noon
March 31 Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.
April 1 Easter Sunday	Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
April 2 Easter Monday	Parish office and School Closed

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