

# FOURTH SUNDAY Of Lent



Let my  
tongue be  
silenced,  
if I ever  
forget you!

Responsorial Psalm

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Chairperson	Cassie Echegaray
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School Commission	John Marron
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Mike Perron
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.

<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	<b>Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>
<b>PARISH CENTER</b>	<b>Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b>
	<b>357-8352 Fax 357-5316</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>353-2282 Fax 322-7702</b>
	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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the mid-point of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally called Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means rejoice. Therefore, priests are invited to wear rose vestments. This might be a good day to review for ourselves how we are doing in keeping our Lenten promises. On Easter Sunday, we want to be able to celebrate not only Jesus' resurrection from the dead 2000 years ago but also our own resurrection to new life with him. This will only be possible to the extent that we have put to death the selfishness and sin that is part of our lives in order to rise to new life in Christ.

Holy Week is only two weeks away. Please make plans to attend the Holy Week Services. Palm Sunday Masses will be at their regular times. The Holy Thursday and Good Friday Liturgies will be at 7:00 p.m. The Holy Saturday Easter Vigil will be at 8:00 p.m. Please consider attending as many of these Liturgies as possible. Holy Week is the holiest week of the year for Catholics.

Because of the St. Patrick's Day parade, this week's All-School Mass will be Thursday at 8:30 a.m. There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday.

I would like to thank Dick Kramer who since Christmas has spent many hours working on our Christmas Nativity figurines. This work has included cleaning and in many cases repairing and repainting the statues. Dick takes great pride in this work, and it is very obvious in the finished product. We look forward to everyone seeing the statues next Christmas!

This past Monday I received a Lenten e-mail reflection that adds to my homily last weekend:

Being a Christian is not always a popular way of living. In some parts of the world, following Jesus can get you killed. In much of the Western world, secularism and atheism are on the rise, making Christianity seemingly the choice of the weak and foolish. However, we need to remember that it was Jesus who was rejected first. Today, those who claim to be wise are often blind, and those who are seen as foolish hold onto the truth.

—Tracy Earl Welliver

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

#### 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. <b>School dismissal at 11:00 a.m.</b> <b>Parish Office closes at Noon</b>
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	<b>Parish office and School Closed</b>

## FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

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

## ††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 12 - 18, 2018

12	March	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
13	March	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Leonard Wallace by the Lee family
14	March	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Tom Burke by Jill and Dave Parris
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
15	March	Thursday
	8:30 a.m.	V. Leo Kavanaugh
	1:30 p.m.	Green Briar – Souls in Purgatory
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
16	March	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
17	March	Saturday-Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Lent
	5:00 p.m.	Jim Gavaghan by Friends
18	March	Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Lent
	8:30 a.m.	Chris Cardis by the Maio & Burford families
	10:30 a.m.	Teresa Eckrich by the Downs Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the Parish

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 11-18, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all weekend 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	10:30 a.m.	RCIA - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice & Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Christ Life
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Athletic Commission Meeting
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Respect Life
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	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	Duffey Hall	8:00 a.m.	Men's Club Work Day
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	RCIA-3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING  
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL  
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.





We remember our former parishioner, **Vivian Schmitt**, who passed away on February 25 and whose funeral service was held on March 1. We extend our sympathy and condolences to **Butch and Donna Brown** on the death of

Donna's mother, **Mary Miller** and to **Shawn and Joyce Keenan** and their family on the death of Shawn's mother, **Patricia Keenan**. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary, Vivian, and Patricia into his eternal glory.

### 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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**Sunday, March 18** Practice in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.  
**Sunday, March 25** Sing at 6 p.m. Mass. Meet in church at 5 p.m.



Our 8<sup>th</sup> session for candidates and team members only will be on Sunday, March 25 in the parish center, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Confirmation candidates will be in the opening procession for Mass on Holy Thursday, March 29. Please meet in the gathering area at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome at the soup supper in Duffey Hall from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of March 3 and 4	\$	11,284.00
Electronic Contributions 2/26-3/2	\$	6,109.50
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	490,104.75
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	486,000.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$	4,104.75

#### Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$	1,903.83
February Contributions	\$	1,799.83
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,100.00

#### United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 3/1)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 18 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.



### 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.

#### 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:

**Joe Swift**

**1310 N Colorado, Indianapolis, IN 46201**

### FESTIVAL NEWS

#### SUMMERFEST 2018 – June 1, 2, and 3

##### Fryers Needed

In past years we have borrowed several commercial fryers from another parish, but they are not available this year. If you know of anyone who would be willing to let us borrow a **portable electric commercial-sized** fryer, please contact Angie in the parish office at 317-357-8352 ext. 30 or [amackell@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org).

**Rummage Sale News** – After much consideration and discussion among the parish staff and the Festival Committee, it has been decided the rummage sale will not take place at this year's festival. This is primarily due to the drastic decrease in storage space and collection time to make it a successful endeavor. Thanks to those who have volunteered time and effort to the rummage sale in past years.

**Used Book Sale** – Although the rummage sale will not take place, the used book sale will carry on. You may bring your donations of used books to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

**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.



The Parish Life Commission will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29.**

Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The menu will include vegetable soup, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks. There will be hot dogs for the kids! This is a great opportunity to break

bread with your parish family before attending Mass. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

#### Childcare opportunity!

The Christlife team is seeking two adults to oversee 8-12 children from 6:15 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at Little Flower School while their parents are attending Following Christ sessions in the cafeteria. Applicants required to have certification with Safe & Sacred. Dates are: 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7, 5/14, and 5/21. Compensation is \$25 per session. Activities will be provided. For more information, please contact Cindy Woods by email at [woodsycww@yahoo.com](mailto:woodsycww@yahoo.com).

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