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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday: 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 Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PARISH CENTER 357-8352 Fax 357-5316

SCHOOL

DOL 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. 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 Igibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Week is the most sacred week of the church year. I want to encourage all of you to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Please check the complete schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.

The Archdiocesan Chrism Mass will be Tuesday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral. Archbishop Thompson will bless the holy oils that will be used for the next year, and the priests of the Archdiocese will renew their commitment to the priesthood and priestly service in the Archdiocese.

Holy Thursday celebrates Jesus' Last Supper with his apostles at which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders and washed their feet. Our 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper includes the Presentation of the Oils, the Washing of the Feet, the Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, the transfer of the Eucharist to the altar of reposition, and the stripping of the altar and sanctuary. The Entrance Procession will include our Elect, our First Communion candidates, our Confirmation candidates, and our Eucharistic Ministers.

Our Holy Thursday Liturgy will be preceded by a Soup Supper in Duffey Hall at 5:30 p.m. and followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:15 p.m. Adoration will conclude with Night Prayer at 9:15 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from before the Holy Thursday Liturgy until after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday commemorates Jesus' Passion and Death. Our 7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion will include the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. There is no Mass on Good Friday. Living Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Good Friday. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On **Holy Saturday**, we will celebrate the **Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.** Our Liturgy will include the Service of Light with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Christian Initiation, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

At the Easter Vigil, three of our Elect will be baptized, confirmed and receive First Communion, and two will be received into the Church, confirmed, and receive First Communion. In addition, two already baptized Catholics will be confirmed. It would be a wonderful thing if a large number of our parishioners were here to celebrate with them.

Lenten promises should be kept until after the Easter Vigil!

The reason many people give for not attending these Liturgies is their length. Actually, neither the Holy Thursday nor the Good Friday Liturgy takes more than 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Holy Saturday Liturgy lasts approximately two hours.

Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. There will be NO 6:00 p.m. Mass. There is NO 5:00 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday. Also, there will be NO confessions on Holy Saturday.

The parish office and Little Flower Catholic School will be closed on Monday, April 2.

As Lent concludes, special thanks to the Men's Club, especially Drew Torzewski, for continuing to host the Fish Frys, and thanks to all the regular volunteers, all the weekly volunteers, all those who provided desserts, all those who attended, and all those who invited and encouraged others to attend.

Finally, if you have not returned your stewardship intention card, please do so as soon as possible. Currently, we only have approximately 180 stewardship cards returned. They help us budget for the next fiscal year as well as help our ministries plan for their activities.

Have a blessed Holy Week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to *Bobby and Beth Leszcynski and their family* on the death of Bobby's brother, **David "Ski" Leszcynski**, who passed away on March 14. His

funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Joan of Arc on March 19. Please keep all of David's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome David into his eternal glory.

If you forgot to return your Baby Bank to Mass today, please return it to the parish center as soon as possible, or bring it to Mass the weekend AFTER Easter. Please return the banks even if they are empty to save the cost of replacing them for next year.

The Ladies Club is conducting their Annual Bedding Plant Sale. Flyers are available at all church entrances, and cut-off is April 1.

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 *(main service for Good Friday)* 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



Please welcome into our Christian community Atticus Dan, son of Ben and Kayci (Voegerl) Spandau, who was baptized on Sunday, March 11, 2018.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2018 - June 1, 2, and 3

Our next leadership meeting is Wednesday, March 28, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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.

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 Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie, and she will mail information to them. Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!

Used Book Sale –Please 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.

Mulch Sale benefits Scecina Crusaders

Free Delivery! Buy your mulch or growing mix through Scecina this spring, and have it delivered to your home for free. Proceeds benefit Scecina athletes. Cypress and hardwood mulch is available. Deadline for all orders is Monday, April 16, 2018. Delivery will be April 21. For more information and to order, visit scecina.org/mulch.



For the Week of March 26 - April 1, 2018

26 March Monday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman

27 March Tuesday

2:00 p.m. Chrism Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

28 March Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Intentions of Marge DeRosa & Family

29 March Holy Thursday

5:30 p.m. No Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper – Jim Dunn by

Diane and Ron Sharp

30 March Good Friday

5:30 p.m. No Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

31 March Saturday-Vigil of Easter

5:00 p.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass 8:00 p.m. For the People

O1 April Sunday – Easter 8:30 a.m. John Anthony Maio by the Family

10:30 a.m. Jack Mears by the Mears Family

6:00 p.m. **No** 6 p.m. Mass

/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 25 - April 1, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Return Baby Banks at all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	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	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Thursday	Duffey Hall	5:30 p.m.	Soup Supper
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Living Stations
	Church	1:00 p.m.	Living Stations
Saturday	Church Lawn	9:50 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
	Duffey Hall	10:00 p.m.	RCIA Reception
Sunday	Happy Easter!		



Our 8th 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 6:40 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 17 and 18	\$ 10,779.25
Electronic Contributions 3/12-3/16	\$ 5,401.67
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$ 518,772.97
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$ 513,000.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$ 5,772.97

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions 1,903.83 February Contributions 1,799.83 1,751,33 March Contributions (to date)

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 3/15)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 20 weeks, and as you can see we are still almost \$10,000 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	158
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 34,918.00

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.

With Gratitude! Ministry Updates We are pleased to announce

that the ministries of Coffee

and Donuts and Green Thumb have new leadership! Coffee and Donuts will be led by the team of Shannon Estrada, Mike Haigerty, and Mandie Wade. The Green Thumb ministry will be led by Louise Earlywine. Special thanks to these folks for stepping up to take on these positions and for keeping these ministries alive. Also special thanks to Bill and Debbie Belles (Coffee and Donuts) and Daun Sidor (Green Thumb) for their years of service to these ministries.



(grades 8 thru 12) Sunday, March 25 Sing at 6 p.m. Mass. Meet in church at 5 p.m.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, April 23, at 7:00 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 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until June.

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



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.

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 7301 E 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219



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.



Little Flower School News

On My Way PreK voucher applications are now available. For more information go to http://in.gov/fssa/carefinder/4932.htm

Little Flower does accept On My Way PreK vouchers. Families receiving PreK vouchers may be eligible for a Choice voucher for Kindergarten. Call the school office for more details, 317-353-2282.



Registration for next year is ahead of where we were last year when we eventually had to close several classes. Please do not delay in registering as registration is now open to new families and seats are no longer guaranteed. All fees must be up-todate before you may register.

Childcare opportunity!

The Christlife team is seeking an adult 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 are 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.



ARE YOU SPIRITUALLY HUNGRY AND THIRSTY?

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presents

Mary Schaffner

of

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speaking on

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Ministry is most authentic, free, and joy filled when we tend to our own needs and desires in our relationship with God. Our time together will invite us to step back and reflect on various aspects of our call to Christian discipleship.

Mary Schaffner is the Associate director of Spirituality ministries of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. In addition to her work with silent directed retreats and ongoing spiritual direction, Mary offers Ignatian retreats in everyday life, days of reflection, and preached retreats. Mary brings experience as a religion teacher, high-school campus minister, young adult minister, director of religious education, pastoral associate and most importantly, the experience of encountering God's grace in her own and others lives. Mary holds a Master of Theological Studies degree from St. Meinrad School of Theology as well as a Graduate Certificate in spiritual Direction and Directed Retreats from Creighton University. Mary and her husband John have five children and three grandchildren.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

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Thursday, April 26, 2018 7:00 p.m. Duffey Hall

Refreshments will be served.



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