



THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

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If you have any upcoming events, please make sure to take lots of pictures so we can use them in future issues.

Submit photos and info by 07/18/18 in order for them to be published in the 08/15/18 issue.

Please e-mail all pictures and info to lfparishnews@yahoo.com. Thanks!

TWO STAINED GLASS ART- WORKS UP FOR RAFFLE

This year we are again very fortunate to have not one, but two beautiful pieces of stained glass art donated to us for the Summerfest 2018 raffle. The winner of the raffle has first choice of which piece to take home and the second-place person will receive the other piece. Together they are valued at close to \$1000.00. The artist spent a great deal of time and money to fashion these beautiful works.

Last year's raffle of stained glass raised \$2300.00. The goal for this year is \$3000, with all proceeds going to Little Flower. Let's all show the artist how much we appreciate what he has done for our parish!

Ticket prices are as follows: 6 for \$5.00, 13 for \$10.00 and 28 for \$20.00. The more you spend, the lower the cost of each ticket and, of course, the greater chances of winning. To enter, send a check made out to Little Flower. Include your phone number so we can call you when you win. The drawing of the two winners will be held at the close of the silent auction on Sunday, June 3. You do not need to be present to win. We will take care of putting your name and phone number on each ticket that you buy.

Send your check to:

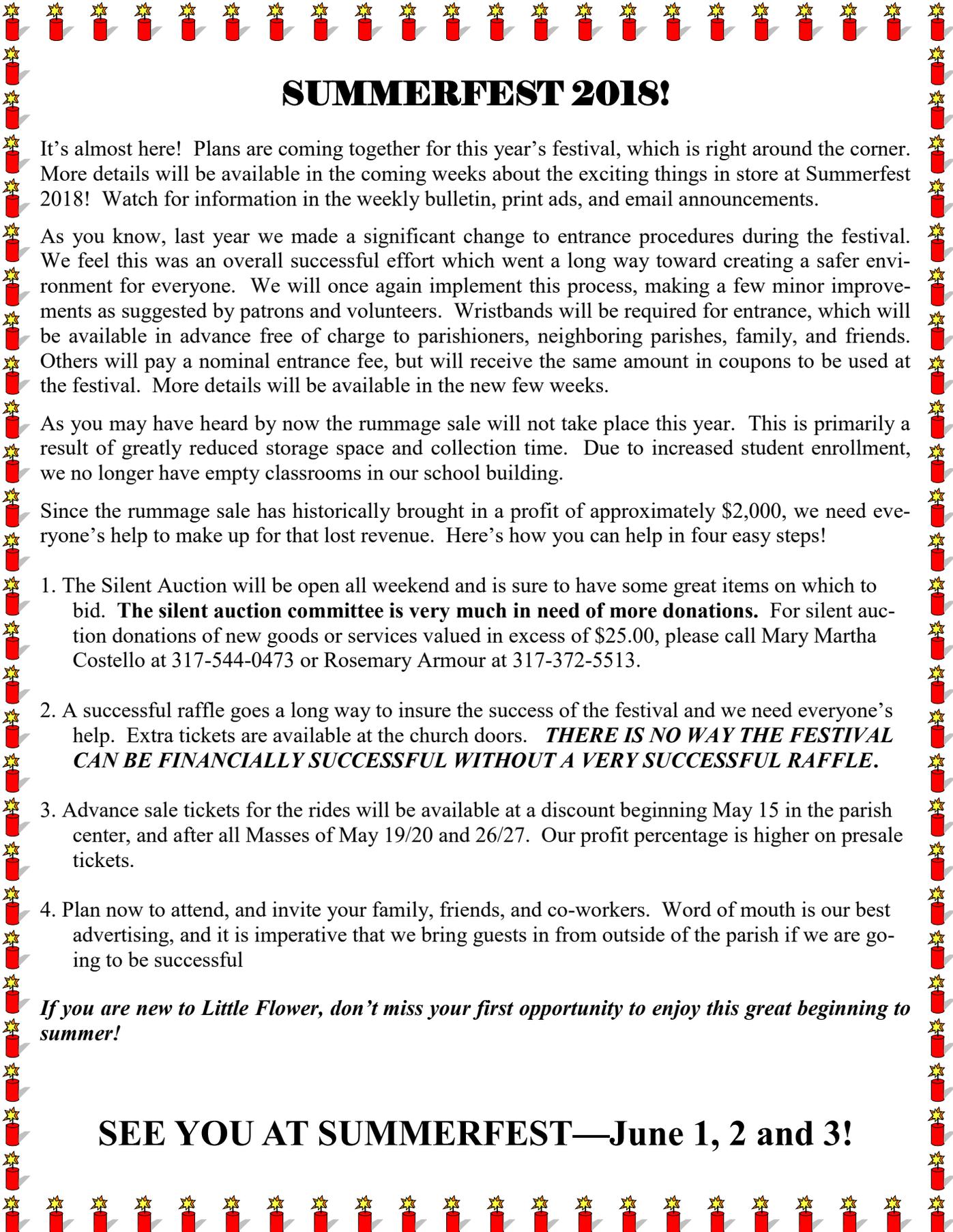
Steve Wright
915 N Hawthorne Lane
Indianapolis, In 46219

You can also drop off your purchase at the parish office. A check is preferable but cash is also accepted. Make sure to tell the office staff that you are buying stained glass raffle tickets and indicate how many tickets you want.

We can all help to push this raffle over the top! Every dollar counts. Thanks in advance.



**Pray for the success of the festival!
Let's make the raffle the best ever!
Watch the bulletin for more details.**



SUMMERFEST 2018!

It's almost here! Plans are coming together for this year's festival, which is right around the corner. More details will be available in the coming weeks about the exciting things in store at Summerfest 2018! Watch for information in the weekly bulletin, print ads, and email announcements.

As you know, last year we made a significant change to entrance procedures during the festival. We feel this was an overall successful effort which went a long way toward creating a safer environment for everyone. We will once again implement this process, making a few minor improvements as suggested by patrons and volunteers. Wristbands will be required for entrance, which will be available in advance free of charge to parishioners, neighboring parishes, family, and friends. Others will pay a nominal entrance fee, but will receive the same amount in coupons to be used at the festival. More details will be available in the new few weeks.

As you may have heard by now the rummage sale will not take place this year. This is primarily a result of greatly reduced storage space and collection time. Due to increased student enrollment, we no longer have empty classrooms in our school building.

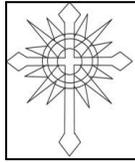
Since the rummage sale has historically brought in a profit of approximately \$2,000, we need everyone's help to make up for that lost revenue. Here's how you can help in four easy steps!

1. The Silent Auction will be open all weekend and is sure to have some great items on which to bid. **The silent auction committee is very much in need of more donations.** For silent auction donations of new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00, please call Mary Martha Costello at 317-544-0473 or Rosemary Armour at 317-372-5513.
2. A successful raffle goes a long way to insure the success of the festival and we need everyone's help. Extra tickets are available at the church doors. ***THERE IS NO WAY THE FESTIVAL CAN BE FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT A VERY SUCCESSFUL RAFFLE.***
3. Advance sale tickets for the rides will be available at a discount beginning May 15 in the parish center, and after all Masses of May 19/20 and 26/27. Our profit percentage is higher on presale tickets.
4. Plan now to attend, and invite your family, friends, and co-workers. Word of mouth is our best advertising, and it is imperative that we bring guests in from outside of the parish if we are going to be successful

If you are new to Little Flower, don't miss your first opportunity to enjoy this great beginning to summer!

SEE YOU AT SUMMERFEST—June 1, 2 and 3!

CHRISTLIFE UPDATE



The Invite Commission is happy to announce that 91 members of Little Flower, St. Philip Neri, and Holy Spirit recently completed the first seven-week module of ChristLife known as “Discovering Christ”. Participants examined their own relationships with Jesus Christ and meditated upon the role of the Holy Spirit in their spiritual lives. Evaluation comments were positive and revealed a hunger for community and the development of friendships as we explore our faith.



LF parishioner Rick Fisher leads his group discussion during one of the Christlife sessions

Currently there are 71 people attending the second module “Following Christ,” which goes deeper into the spiritual walk, including talks on forgiveness, the Sacraments, personal prayer time, and Scripture.

The third module, “Sharing Christ,” will

begin in late summer/early fall. All three modules will be repeated again at a later date. Laughter, deep thought, and tears are shared as participants get to know one another.

The Invite Commission once again thanks the Little Flower ministries who so generously contributed by preparing our weekly dinners.

Thanks to: the Men’s Club, Ladies Club, Liturgical Commission, Athletic Commission, St. Vincent de Paul and Gabriel Project ministries, and the Eucharistic Ministers. We could not have done this without your cheerful help and financial contributions.

We are also thankful to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis which provided \$2,500 toward the initial costs of this endeavor. Due to the generosity of several anonymous donors we were able to purchase hard assets which are one-time expenses and which will facilitate the ease and low cost of further presentations of this program. Included in these donations was the purchase of the large screen Smart TV now installed in the cafeteria which will also be used for our students and for additional parish programs.

Little Flower Gabriel Project

The Little Flower Gabriel project has been busy lately. We have helped a mother, pictured here with her family. She is due in May with her 5th son. She and her husband are both working now and she is interested in the St Vincent de Paul Society's Changing Lives Forever Program. We were able to help her with layette items, a pack 'n play, stroller and bounce seat. She is so appreciative of your generosity.



Another Mom had her little girl in December. She is moving from the Julian Center into a lovely home. Through the amazing generosity of our parishioners and the extended Gabriel family, her home is being furnished.

We couldn't do this without your help; even the men from the CHRP group helped with moving furniture, and two of their wives fixed a meal for them.

God bless you all and thanks from two beautiful families.

“ON THE SCENE” WITH THE LADIES CLUB...



From personal testimonies to St. Therese to Girls Night Out to Medjugorja and more, the Little Flower Ladies Club had a year like no other! We were treated to personal stories from three ladies who indeed had Christ-filled stories to share. Katie Baecher shared her unique devotion to St. Therese, and parishioner Joan Bullock shared her own family's connection to Communita Cenacolo and Medjugorja. A traditional Christmas pitch-in was held and socks were stuffed with grooming needs for the homeless. This was also the year of the first annual Christmas Caroling group which entertained at various assisted living facilities, now the homes of elderly parishioners.

The New Year brought out the wild side of our ladies with a group dinner and gathering at the Irish Mutt. This event brought many dear friends together as we welcomed in 2018. In February the members made gifts for our eighth grade girl students. The illustrious Sheila Gilbert inspired us with opportunities for service in our community and encouraged us to be “Dangerous Women” as we become warriors for the Lord in our service to the needy. April brought showers but we were brightened by the energy-filled teaching on Scriptural prayer by Mary Schaffner from Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House. Sadly, this year we also said farewell to several parish ladies by accompanying their procession to the altar as Honor Guards.

Our final meeting until September was May 3rd. We honored Our Lady by saying the Rosary along with a DVD of Biblical sites in the Holy Land. There was also a short presentation from Mary Ann Evans who invited us to become part of a program called “The Living Rosary.” At this meeting we honored our 8th grade girl graduates and their families in a very special way. Although it is technically the “Ladies Club,” all members of our parish were invited to our final meeting.

The fund-raising profits of the Ladies Club will be presented to Fr. Bob for a yet undisclosed project. The proceeds from the bake sales, raffles and flower sales have paved the way for another generous

gift to the parish. Additionally, the Ladies Club provided desserts for every Fish Fry and paid for and baked a delicious Discovering Christ dinner. Through the efforts of the Ladies Club, the Arts & Environment Committee is able to buy the beautiful flowers for the special seasons of the Church. We also contributed to Water for Life at each meeting.

Congratulations to the 2018-2019 officers and thanks to the outgoing officers! All women parishioners are members of the Ladies Club but please consider supporting us by becoming a dues-paying member. Dues are only \$10/year. Have a wonderful summer and we will see you at Ladies Club in the fall. Watch the bulletin for details!

Summer Fun – All are Invited

The Parish Life Commission is planning several events this summer and everyone is welcome to attend any or all of them. On **Saturday, June 16** we will travel to **St. Mary of the Woods College**. The pilgrimage will be from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (this includes travel time.) We will learn about the history of the Sisters of Providence, tour the grounds of the college, enjoy lunch with the sisters, visit the Shrine of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, and of course there will be an opportunity to do a little shopping at Linden Leaf Gifts. The cost for the trip will be \$15.00 and this includes the tour and lunch. **All money is due by June 7.** Reservation forms are available in the Parish Office. There will also be a flyer in the bulletin closer to the date with a registration form. We will carpool to get there.

On **Friday, July 13** we will have **Little Flower Night at Victory Field**. Join us for an Indianapolis Indians game at 7:15 and stay for fireworks following the game. The cost of the game will be \$10.00 and tickets will need to be paid for in advance. Children who are members of the Knot Hole Club will get in for free, but a reservation is still needed. Reservation forms are available in the Parish Office, and there will also be in a flyer in the bulletin closer to the date. **Deadline for reservations is June 29.** Families are responsible for their own transportation to the game.

(Summer Fun: continued on next page)



Our fearless RCIA leader, Lisa Gibbons, looks on at the Easter Vigil.

Thank
you 

RCIA Leader Retires

After more than 20 years as a team member and coordinator, Lisa Gibbons is "retiring" from this volunteer duty. The Team will miss her leadership, experience, and kind and compassionate ways she led many people on the journey through RCIA. Most folks thought this was all a part of her paid job as a Little Flower staff member, but it was all volunteer! She consistently went above and beyond the call of volunteer duty, taking on tasks that were more staff-level responsibilities. For that and all the other things you have done throughout the years, THANK YOU Lisa!

Summer Fun – All are Invited

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Our final summer event will be our annual **Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 19** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The picnic will be held right here on our parish grounds. Fried chicken, paper products and drinks will be provided. Each family will be asked to bring a favorite dish or dessert to feed 10 people. This is a great opportunity to share your culinary skills with our parish.

More information about each of these events will be in the bulletin as the dates get closer. You may also contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have questions now. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Don't miss out on all the fun!



SAVE THE DATE!!! LITTLE FLOWER NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC



THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. on the lawn

Rain location: cafeteria

Invite your neighbors and friends. Let's welcome and say thank you to the neighbors who support us with their friendship and parking as well as those who are new to the neighborhood. Reach out to that special someone you have been thinking about inviting to a parish event or Mass. This is always a fun evening.

Free Dinner

Free School Supplies

Music/Entertainment

Sponsored by the Invite Commission

From Little Flower PTO: Thanks for a Great Year!

THANK YOU from the Little Flower Parent Teacher Organization to everyone who made this school year's PTO activities successful! Your time, talents, and donations funded field trips, enabled collaboration within our LF family, and helped show teachers our appreciation.

FUNDRAISING

- We ordered beautiful weather for the Walk-a-thon! Students encouraged each other around Seccina's baseball field, enjoying fresh air and exercise, while volunteers counted laps and passed out snacks.
- 50% of all Trash Bag Sales came back to LF. We love this practical, locally-produced product.
- Two Unlimited Pancake Breakfasts were held with invaluable support from The Historic Steer-In Diner.
- The PTO and the Athletic Commission joined forces for a night of Bingo and Reverse Raffle so packed we had to find extra chairs! Lucky winners walked away with prizes, and everyone could feel good about "losing" money to a great cause.

STUDENT BENEFITS

- Fundraising enabled the PTO to cover approximately \$6,000 in costs for over 25 field trips! These included IRT, Tuttle Orchard, Camp Tecumseh, CYO Camp, JA Biztown, Indianapolis Zoo, The Children's Museum, and many more.
- PTO brought Silly Safari and Windy City Players to LF on special program days.
- PTO awards \$2,000 in scholarships to 8th graders in categories reflecting the mission areas of LF School: Strive for Excellence, Serve the Community, God is First, and Make Every Day and Every Moment Count.



FRIEND-RAISING



- Of course, it's not all about money. PTO hosted skating parties and participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade - a fun tradition for Indy-area Catholic schools.
- Room parents hosted memorable holiday parties, and we counted down to Christmas break with a "Wrapped in Warmth" theme including everything from scarves to hot sauce, thanks to donated items.

FAMILY RESOURCES

- This year the PTO also focused on connecting parents and teachers with resources that help them guide LF students to excellence.
- The new Welcoming Committee started the year off by helping new families get acclimated.
- PTO meetings had guest speakers on: classroom technology, scholarships, NWEA, tips for helping earlier readers, and more.
- The PTO hosted talks about the uniform policy and will support it with at-cost apparel sales.
- Next up: scholarships will be awarded to aid families in continuing education at a Catholic high school

For more great photos and information, visit: www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/pto.
Contact the PTO Board at: LittleFlowerSchoolPTO@gmail.com.

“We Need You!”

The **Little Flower Men’s Club** invites you, the men of Little Flower Catholic Church, to come together for opportunities in and around the Little Flower campus!

We are always looking for new members to help with projects, help maintain the campus, and have enjoyable social activities!

Some of our highlights include:

Monthly meetings with social hour

Work days that include gym & classroom restoration or campus maintenance

Assist in festival booth & Christmas decoration set up/tear down

Mother’s Day Breakfast & Lenten Fish Frys

Tailgate events for Little Flower Sports

Movie/Pizza Night

Family fun day at Southeastway Park

Attending Reds, Indians, Fuel games

Bowling & Canoe Outings

Fund Raisers

Bike Rides

Dinner/Dance Evening with spouses

Christmas Celebration Dinner Party

& Jr. Men’s Club

If this sounds like a club you can identify with, we are looking for your help, ideas, and friendship!

“The Little Flower Men’s Club is a self-sustaining activity club with yearly goals to help enable the Little Flower Parish & community to be its best at giving back and serving our faith, families, and enjoying our friendships!”

Interested adult male members of the Little Flower Parish can contact:

President Rick Fischer

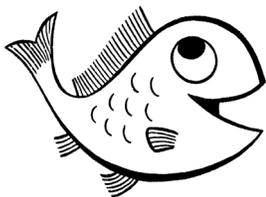
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FISH FRY FINISHES STRONG



Our net profit for all six weeks of the Fish Fry was over \$7,000.00. This money goes into our regular operating budget. We also collected over \$700 in donations for Tuition Assistance!

Thanks to all who patronized the Fish Fry and brought friends and family along. Special thanks to Drew Torzewski, the Little Flower Men’s Club, and all of the volunteers and dessert makers. Your efforts are truly treasured!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER VIGIL AT LITTLE FLOWER



One of the Neophytes, Stephanie Nancarrow, and her sponsor and fiancé, Chris Oakley, at the Vigil reception.



Fr. Bob presides at the Holy Thursday service



Michelle and Dan Ford and their sponsors are entertained by Mike Haigerty at the Vigil Reception.



Preparation for the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday



The Best-Version-of-Ourselves

Parishioner Loretta Miller shares her Lenten experience

Right before Lent, Jim and I discussed what we should do for our Lenten resolutions this year. We both agreed it should be something much better than what we've done in the past (giving up sweets, special drinks, etc.). We finally decided it would be best to set aside time and visit family members and friends whom we have not seen for some time and who are now living in nursing homes and memory centers. What a joy it was to visit with these loved ones! They, too, were so happy to see us! We felt so good about what we did for Lent that we've decided to continue with our visits. The book *Perfectly Yourself* by Matthew Kelly that was offered to us to read during Lent was excellent! We truly feel by doing what we did for Lent we have become the best-version-of-ourselves.

A GIFT FROM GERMANY

A breath of fresh air named Janina Wyderka flew to Indianapolis in March as an exchange student for 2 ½ weeks at Scecina Memorial High School.



As a guest of Cindy and David Woods, Janina had a whirlwind trip that included several special opportunities to be part of the Little Flower family. She volunteered at the final Fish Fry serving fries and enjoyed the team spirit on the “line.”

When she met Fr. Bob, she told him that she was an altar server in Germany. Therefore, Fr. Bob and Lisa Gibbons invited her to serve the Holy Week liturgies. She enthusiastically and reverently served the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil liturgies. Although Janina is a server at her home parish, she nevertheless had to



do some quick learning with Lisa! Her fellow servers were supportive and quickly made her feel part of the team. Fr. Bob commented that Janina

“intuitively” knew what to do on the altar.

Janina was particularly impressed by the friendliness and hugs from so many members of our parish. She immediately felt at home and expressed that she wished her home church were more like ours. Janina enjoyed discussing Church issues with Fr. Bob and expressed convictions and thoughts far beyond her age. Janina’s family was thankful that she had the opportunity to participate in this facet of the community, and Janina commented that she will never forget her Little Flower family and activities.

Eastside CYO Chess Team Completes Great Season

The Eastside CYO Chess Team had its biggest and best season in six years, winning three divisions in archdiocesan competition. CYO chess is a sport that's open to elementary school students in all grades.



The Eastside team is made up of students from Little Flower, Holy Spirit, and Our Lady of Lourdes. The 8th-and-Under teams included Captains Thomas Kring and Lucy Williamson, along with Matthew Golab, Olivia Young, Willem and Jarl Evanston, Faye Eskew, and Nolan Torzewski.

Members of the 6th-and-Under teams were Captains Gavin Turner, Isaac Young, Rose Hill, and Dean Cheever, along with Myran Dunahee, Alejandro Lozano, Joey Mattingly, Sebastian and Roman Romo, Susan Williamson, Marek Torzewski, Frank Cheever, Greta Evanson, Myya Dunahee, and Rain Davis.

Eastside's 3rd-and-Under team was comprised of Captains Izzy Crawford and Sky Davis, along with Paisley Torzewski, Lyra Eskew, Liam Turner, Dot Cheever, and Treyvon Davis. Team coaches were Kevin Corcoran, Brent Eskew, Steve Williamson, and Roark Crawford.

Congratulations everyone!



Wacky Wine Run...Walk...Stumble on August 11

Do you like to run or walk? How about sipping a little wine at the same time? Below is the site address for a fun walk at Buck Creek Winery on August 11. It is a one-half mile stroll through the vineyards with four tasting stations throughout and a glass of wine at the finish. If you are interested, go to the site and sign up. The cost is \$35/person. If you like more of a challenge there is the 5k (3.1-mile) run/walk and even a 5-mile run.

Hope to see some of you there. If you could let me know that you signed up we could all meet and walk together. —Anita Moody

<https://www.active.com/indianapolis-in/running/distance-running-races/wacky-wine-run-walk-stumble-2018>

THANK YOU

Once again, many thanks to our benefactors who provided the support needed for the beautiful restoration of our church statues. The picture on the left is St. Therese prior to the restoration, including the missing crucifix. On the right is the fully restored St. Therese with a new crucifix.



Left: The baby Jesus with St. Anthony. All of the statues in our church, with the exception of St. Therese, have glass eyes.

In Sympathy

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,
and for their families...*



- † Jo Ann Bauerle, February 7, 2018
- † Wendy Reed, February 22, 2018
- † Vivian Schmitt, Feb 25, 2018
- † Renee Gunderson, March 4, 2018
- † Jill Parris, April 22, 2018



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!

Roberta Galluzzi

Ryan Davis and children, Rain, Sky, Violet, & Hazel Davis

Julian and Cheyenne Deon

Karen Ackerman

Anne Andrews and son Alex

Roark and Katie Crawford and children Isabel and Isaac

Mary Wagner and William Perry

Please Welcome Those Baptized into Our Christian Community



April 2018

- * Eileen Clare, daughter of Joshua and Kelly (Schlattman) Orndorff
- * Kalleah Eileen and Kashtian James, children of Jeremy and Katie (Wieczorek) Pettet
- * Azaylia Jade, daughter of Amber Slye
- * Rain James, Sky Ryan, Violet Madeline, and Hazel Cherish, children of Ryan and Liz Davis
- * Abigail Rose, daughter of Ron and Bridget (Gonterman) Hollada
- * Grace Saralee, daughter of Douglas Bauer and Mary Riedeman

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Dates to Remember

May 20: Pentecost
May 27: 102nd Indianapolis 500
May 28: Memorial Day
May 29: 8th Grade graduation
Jun 1-2-3: SUMMERFEST 2018!
Jun 17: Father's Day
Jul 4: Independence Day
Jul 13: LF Night at Victory Field
Jul 26: LF Neighborhood Picnic
Aug 19: LF Parish Picnic

Have a great summer!

