ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

> 5:00 PM Saturday:

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 and pray for all engaged and married couples. Therefore, each of our Liturgies will include a special blessing for engaged and married couples.

This Monday, February 11, is the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In 1992, St.

Pope John Paul II designated February 11 as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

This past week, new windows were installed on much of the main level of the parish center. This was funded with a generous donation from Tom and Joan Burke. Before his death, Tom asked that his donation be used for the church sound system with the balance to be used for replacement windows in the St. Patrick room. Subsequently, we received a grant that assisted us in funding the sound system. Therefore, Tom and Joan's donation covered replacement windows not only in the St. Patrick room, but in several other rooms as well. We are deeply grateful for the donation. The windows were in desperate need of replacement. We are deeply grateful to Tom and Joan for their generous donation.

Congratulations to sophomore Jackie Hughey who earned high honors for the first semester at Providence Cristo Rey High School.

Finally, although the Church celebrates the feast of Sts. Cyril and Methodius on February 14, February 14 is also Valentine's Day. The early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200's forbade young men to marry. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor's order and secretly married young couples. Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed him and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell windows.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. bob



SAVE THE DATE: The Invite Commission has been asked by the Archdiocese to host a parish Town Hall meeting. This meeting is designed to allow you to provide your input, thoughts, and ideas for a new Archdiocesan resource that will be titled 10 Things a Disciple of Jesus Does. This would be a follow-up resource to 10 Things We Want You to Know About the Catholic Faith, which many of you have seen. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27, from

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria.) At this meeting you will have an opportunity to share the difference your relationship with Jesus makes in your life and also to witness to the power and beauty of living a life of discipleship. **There will be chili served for dinner, so please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, to let us know if you are coming.** If you have any questions, please contact Cac Diehr at 317-501-0060 or cac.diehr@gmail.com. All are welcome!!!



Masses of the Week

For the Week of February 11 – 17, 2019

| 11 | February | Monday |
|----|-----------|--------------|
| | 5:30 p.m. | Cathy Belter |
| 12 | February | Tuesday |

5:30 p.m. Mary A. Kelly Watson by John T. Kelly

13 February Wednesday

11:00 a.m. Marcella Bauman by the Ladies Club

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

14 February Thursday

5:30 p.m. Jimmie & Teresa Page by Kelly Pata

15 February Friday

8:30 a.m. Tom Burke by Jill and Dave Parris

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

16 February Saturday - Vigil of the Sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Dorothy Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless

February
8:30 a.m. Bryan Cuppy by Thomas and Donna Kemp
10:30 a.m. Jo Ann Bauerle by Sally and Jim Williams

6:00 p.m. For the People

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 10 - 17, 2019

| Sunday Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area | DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP | |
|--|-----------|---|------------|------------------------|--|
| School 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed | Sunday | Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area | | | |
| School 9:30 a.m. RCIA for Children Duffey Hall 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts Monday Scout Room & 6:00 p.m. Scouts Holy Family Duffey Hall 6:30 p.m. Discovering Christ St. Therese 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. Little Flower Athletic Commission Wednesday Church/PC 11:00 a.m. Adventuresome Group Thursday St. Therese 8:00 p.m. AA Friday Saturday Duffey Hall 9:00 a.m. Discovering Christ Retreat New Parishioner Registration after all Masses Sunday Church 8:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy School 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed School 9:30 a.m. RCIA for Children Duffey Hall 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts | | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy | |
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| Church 7:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice | | Duffey Hall | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts | |
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Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers The new schedule for March-April-May 2019 will be out soon. If you have any changes in your schedule, please submit the changes by Monday, February 11

to Lisa Gibbons, <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 317-357-8352, ext. 33.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily." ~ St. Francis de Sales

| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 13,550.00 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Collection of February 2 and 3 | \$ 11,411.42 |
| Electronic Contributions 1/28 – 2/1 | \$ 5,804.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Actual | \$ 421,479.85 |
| Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget | \$ 433,600.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT | \$ - 12,120.15 |

Recent inclement weather has had an impact on our collection budget. If you were unable to make it to Mass, you may drop any missed contributions in the regular collection, mail them, or bring them to the parish office.

If you currently give on a regular basis, please consider automatic electronic contributions. When travel, illness, or other circumstances (snow or ice) prevent you from attending Mass, this program will allow your regular offerings to continue uninterrupted. Contact Angie at the parish center 317-357-8352 or amackell@littleflowerparish.org for more information.

Home Improvement Fund

| December Contributions | \$ 1,888.33 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| January Contributions | \$ 2,321.83 |
| February Contributions (to date) | \$ 1,053.50 |

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 1/31)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 13 weeks, and as you can see we are still about \$19,000 short of our 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 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 | \$ 50,658.00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| # of gifts received or pledges | 144 |
| Amount of gifts received or pledged | \$ 31,673.00 |

Coming Soon!

Watch you mail for your annual stewardship intention card. Intention weekend will be February 23/24.

Please plan to return your completed card to Mass that weekend.



WE NEED SVDP Truck Drivers and Helpers February 16, 2019 from 7:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.: The Saturday morning donation pick-ups are critical. We cannot assist those in need in our community, nor do we have enough merchandise to supply our Mission 27 Resale Store, if we do not get our

trucks out. Go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da5a628a0fa7-saturday to establish a username/password and to sign-up. If you need help signing up or have questions call Larry at 317-657-7093. Please arrive at the SVDP Distribution Center at 1201 E. Maryland Street between 7:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 13, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please plan to join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day. You may call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, or e-mail Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, if you plan on attending.



SAVE THE DATE: The 8th grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" for all our "young at heart" parishioners. This year's theme, "A Rootin' Tootin' Rodeo," 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 23, following the 5 p.m. Mass. Please call the Parish Center, (317) 357-8352, or e-mail pclegg@littleflowerparish.org by Monday, February 18, if you plan on attending.

Confirmation Class 2019

Our sixth session for candidates is in two weeks on Sunday, February 24. The topic for this session is "The Eucharist," Chapter 7 in our book. Candidates please read and answer the questions for this chapter. We will focus on the virtue of "Temperance." Who do you know who exemplifies this virtue? Christa Thompson has snacks. Thanks in advance! Candidates should be working on their service hours with their sponsors. If you have any questions, call or email 317-270-2930, or carvin@littleflowerparish.org.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Last week, Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place." This week Jesus tells Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch." Our topic for this lesson on Tuesday.

February 12, will be the Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation. Father Jim Farrell will present. We begin at 7:00 pm in the parish center and we will finish at 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks are provided. Have questions? Email carvin@littleflowerparish.org or call the Parish Center 317-357-8352. All are welcome!



See the Boxtops4Education website to find out all the products that support the Boxtops4Education Program. Clip them and bring them to Church. There's a container at the rear of the Church for these labels.

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:

Pat Moriarty, St. Paul Hermitage,

501 N 17th Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107



(arades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, February 17 Practice in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Festival of Prayer Sunday, February 10 – 17, 2019 Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Eight Days of Meditation, Prayer, Music, and Fellowship. All are Welcome.

- February 10 Celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 10 a.m.
- February 11 Anointing of the Sick, 6 p.m./Adoration/Benediction
- February 12 Rosary, 5:30 p.m./Mass, 6 p.m./Concert, 7 p.m.
- February 13 Mass and Rosary for Peace, 8:15 a.m.
- February 14 Rosary, 5:30 p.m./Mass & Special Blessing, 6 p.m.
- February 15 Rosary, 7:30 a.m./Mass, 8:15 a.m./Living Rosary, 4:45 p.m.
- February 16 Mass & Special St. Bernadette Prayer Card, 5 p.m.
- February 17 Celebration of French Feast of St. Bernadette, 10 a.m. Continued with a Feast and Faith in Bernadette Hall at 11:30 a.m. A delicious lunch will be served followed by a presentation on Jewish Spirituality.

For information: 317-356-7291 or www.ollindy.org.

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.



St. Vincent De Paul Changing Lives Forever" Program WE NEED YOU

The Society of St Vincent de Paul offers a free program to individuals who want to work toward having a better quality of life. Most people don't choose to live in poverty but don't have the tools or education to plan for a new tomorrow. Attendees of

the Changing Lives Forever Program will be developing a plan with specific goals for a better future during the 18- week course. They work in groups of 14 and attend a three-hour session once a week.

This year 10 parishes in Indianapolis will be hosting a Changing Lives Forever program which means 140 people will be developing specific plans to change their lives! Upon graduation, they are offered the opportunity to have a trained Mentor to help them with their plan. A Mentor can make a difference when change gets really hard—the difference between giving up or moving forward with hope and faith. We need volunteers who would like to be a trained Mentor to someone who has graduated. Training involves (2) two-hour classes. Your commitment to the graduate is six hours per month (you set the times) for one year. For further information about being a Mentor in the Changing Lives Forever Program, call either Joe Doll, 317-919-1419 (profjdoll@aol.com) or Domoni Rouse, Director of Changing Lives, 317-924-5769 Ext 219 (clf.domoni@gmail.com).

Scecina Softball Skills on February 16, 2019

Clinic Coach Holli Streeval announces Scecina's Softball Skills Clinic for girls. The camp will take place in Scecina's gym from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, February 16. Cost is \$35 and includes a t-shirt. The skills clinic will be run by members of the current Scecina softball team, college softball players and coaches. To register or for more information, contact Coach Streeval at 317-223-1516 or scecinasoftball@gmail.com. Please register by Feb. 13.

BIBLE STUDY

Got Bible? Need Bible?

Does the Bible speak to you?

Is the Bible relevant to you?

Read God's love letter to you!

Coming soon to Little Flower Parish...

Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible,

an eight week Wednesday night

Dates: 3/27, 4/3, 4/10, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8, 5/22, 5/29.

series in the cafeteria, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$20.00 (includes all materials)

To register: please call or text Cac Diehr at 317-501-0060 or email at

cac.diehr@gmail.com

Hosted by the Invite Commission

Do you wish your marriage was stronger, healthier and more fulfilling? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages and provides tools you can use to help get your marriage back on track. Beginning with a weekend followed by post sessions, the program will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. It can help you understand each other better and interact in a safe environment. The program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. To learn more/sign up for the February 22 - 24 weekend in Tipton and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, email: RetrouIndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information. Time is running out to register. Take steps toward healing today.



There have been times in our marriage when we felt ourselves drifting apart. Not because of any one catastrophic event, but just because we weren't working on our relationship. We were just getting by. But in a culture antithetical to marriage, just getting by is not enough. All Catholic couples need to work to cultivate a dynamic, vibrant relationship, strong enough to bear the demands of family life, and weather everything the world will throw at it.

The reality is, we are never done working on our marriage. St. John Paul teaches us, "Love is never something ready made, something merely given to man and woman, it is...a task which they are set. Love should be seen as something which never 'is' but is always only 'becoming'..." This is true whether you have been married for 5 years or 50 years. We can never get to the point with our spouse when we say, "OK, now we finally have learned to love perfectly!" We never get there!

Take some time on to celebrate World Marriage Day by doing a "Relationship Check" with your spouse. Get away from the kids, from work, from the house and ask, "How are we doing?". Imagine your relationship as a separate entity (a tree is a good image). Step back from it and assess its health together. This isn't a time to point out faults or establish blame, instead it's a time to work together towards a noble goal.

You are the primary witness to the sanctity of the sacrament of matrimony. Your marriage is of vital importance not just to your family, but also to the whole Church! Don't allow yourselves to drift apart, but be intentional about having an exceptional marriage. Get more advice, ideas, and encouragement at our website: www.messyfamilyproject.org. We can change the world, one family at a time.





Here are some discussion topics and prompts to help you as a couple more clearly see the state of your relationship and identify areas you need to work on. They are just to get you started! As you prayerfully assess your unique friendship, feel free to add your own topics.

Before you begin your discussion, start by honoring each other, then go on to other questions.

I love you because... I feel loved when you.... Thank you for...

Do we make each other a top priority?

- . Do you feel I make enough time for you?
- . When do we have uninterrupted time to talk?
- Are there activities we should make more room for?

Do we experience generous physical love?

- How do you feel most loved by me?
- · What are your expectations?
- . What would an ideal romantic evening be for you?

Do we provide each other emotional support?

- . Do you feel safe with me?
- . Can talk you with me about anything?
- · Do I help you with challenges in your life?
- · How can I support you?

Do we feel respected and valued when we discuss issues such as finances?

- . When we talk, do you feel listened to?
- Do you think I understand your values?
- · How can we work together on this?

☐ Have we created a "vessel of grace" in our marriage?

- In what areas of our life can we be more in union with the Church?
- How can we pray better together?
- How can I support you in your relationship with Our Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit?

St. John Paul on marriage....

"In this entire world there
is not a more perfect, more
complete image of God, Unity and Community.
There is no other human reality which
corresponds more...to that divine mystery"

For free downloads and podcasts on Marriage and Parenting visit www.MessyFamilyProject.org Ren Bennstorn

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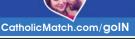


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