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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

At-Large Member

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,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholics from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines fasting as one main meal a day and two smaller meals

which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Besides ashes on Ash Wednesday, we will be giving a small remembrance to everyone who comes to Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, March 9-10. Please be here to receive this remembrance which will serve as a challenge to us this Lent.

Dynamic Catholic is offering **Best Lent Ever 2019**, "a free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent." You can sign up at https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday, March 25, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. As always, several priests will help with Confessions.

One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m. Once again this year the Little Flower Men's Club is managing the Fish Fry. Please show your support by attending and inviting family, friends, and neighbors to attend. The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize.

Each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$7,000 to \$9,000. This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. **In the final analysis, the success of the fish fry depends on the numbers who attend.** The more people who attend each week, the more successful the fish fry will be. I am profoundly grateful to the Men's Club for continuing to accept responsibility for the Fish Fry and to all who will help with the Fish Fry this year.

Special thanks to our 8th Grade Class who hosted our Senior Prom on Saturday, February 23. The theme was "Rootin' Tootin' Rodeo." Highlights of the evening were the delicious dinner prepared by Don Nevins, the crowning of Prom King (Buffalo Bill) Flynn Bates and Prom Queen (Annie Oakley) Charlene Runge, and Bingo. Thanks also to Theresa Slaton, our 8th Grade home room teacher, Peggy Clegg, and the parents who helped with setting up and tearing down. The 8th graders were here not only on Saturday evening but also on Saturday morning to set up.

Thank you for your continuing prayers. I have a consultation with a surgeon on March 12.

Have a wonderful week.

In sympathy we ex

We extend our condolences to *Mark and Peggy Hannah and their family* on the death of Peggy's brother, **Paul Grismore**. We remember **James "JDub" Warren** who passed away on February 22 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on February 27. JDub was 23 years old, the son of *JW Warren and Ruth Anne Parmerlee*. James went to school here until 7th grade. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Paul and James into his eternal glory.

Gabriel Project Baby Banks

Our Lenten Baby Banks will be at all the doors starting Ash Wednesday and are to be returned on Palm Sunday. Your contributions support our Gabriel Project, as well as our Right to Life Committee, and the Immigrant Welcome Center. Thank you for all you do for the Gabriel Project.

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

Annual Little Flower Wine Trip

"Tired of the rain downpour? The Little Flower Ladies Club would like to invite you to another type of "pour!" The annual Little Flower Wine Trip will occur on April 27, 2019. We will be visiting Winzerwald, French Lick and Cedar Creek Wineries. All tastings, lunch at the French Lick Café, transportation, and snacks are included in the \$75.00 cost. Payment should be made via check to the Little Flower Ladies Club marked in an envelope titled "LF Wine Trip," in the collection or via mail. Payment may also be made in person at the Parish Center. Transportation will be leaving promptly at 8:30 a.m. and arrive home by 9:00 p.m. Reservations/payment is due no later than April 8.



Ladies, get your Irish on! Join us Thursday, March 7 for our Ladies Club meeting at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Get a jump on sporting the green!

The Little Flower Following Christ Program will be March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 29; & May 6 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The Following Christ Retreat will be on April 27 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All sessions will be in the school cafeteria. If you attended Discovering Christ last year and were unable to attend Following Christ, please consider joining us this year. Please contact Bernie Sponsel at Bernardsponsel@yahoo.com or the Parish Office, 317-357-8352 to register for Following Christ.

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

For the Week of March 4-10, 2019

04	March	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Omokhoje Daniel Daudu
05	March	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Geraldine "Judy" Mitchell by Ladies Club
06	March	Ash Wednesday- Distributions of Ashes
	8:30 a.m.	Norbert Arvin by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sitzman
	6:00 p.m.	Anna Werner by Pat Reese and Family
07	March	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Charles and Mary O'Hara by Jim O'Hara
08	March	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	For the Healing & Guidance for Fr. Bob by
		Legion of Mary
	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross & Communion Service
09	March	Saturday – Vigil of the First Sunday of Lent
	5:00 p.m.	Martha Kistler by the Pfau Family
10	March	Sunday – The First Sunday of Lent
	8:30 a.m.	James Priller by Michelle M. Maio-Venezia
	10:30 a.m.	Bryan Cuppy by Thomas and Donna Kemp

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the People

6:00 p.m.

March 3 - 10, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	RCIA Rite of Sending
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Ss. Peter &	2:00 p.m.	RCIA Rite of Election
	Paul Cathedral		
	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	1:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday Ash Wednesday			
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood
			Safety Committee
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
Saturday			
Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins – Spring Forward!		
	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



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, March 3 Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

in church

Sunday, March 17 Practice in church, 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.



The Eastside Catholic Cohort will present a program on Drug Abuse. This is the third session from Archbishop Thompson's We Are One in Christ: A Pastoral Letter on Fundamentals of Christian Anthropology.

Afflicted and Affected: Lives Impacted by Addiction Thursday, March 14, 2019 7 p.m. Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Addiction afflicts many, and affects even more. Join us for a lively discussion of what signs to look for in identifying substance abuse, and what to do in response to this difficult problem with a loved one. Information will be provided to help overcome the grips of addiction by accessing support and resources.

Our speaker is Christine Turo-Shields, ACSW, LCSW, LCAC, a co-owner of Kenosis Counseling Center. Christine has a wealth of experience in over 30 years providing therapy for those who suffer from addiction, depression, anxiety, and trauma issues.

We hope you will join friends from the Eastside Catholic Community for a thought provoking session. Please encourage teenagers and young adults to attend as well.

♦ YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, March 13 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Please call the parish office, 317-357-8452, if you plan on attending. Don't forget to wear green!!

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:

> Bonda O'Gara, 1735 Bluewater Court, Indianapolis, IN 46229

Confirmation Class 2019

Our seventh session for candidates is this Sunday March 3. The topic for this session is, "The Holy Spirit," Chapter 8 in our book. We focus on the fruit, gifts, and promptings of the Holy Spirit. We learn about of the virtue of "Gentleness." Who do you know who exemplifies this virtue? A special assignment was handed out at the last session and will be due on "Holy Thursday," April 18. Candidates should be working on their letters individually, and service hours with their sponsors. If you have any questions, call Chris 317-270-2930, or email carvin@littleflowerparish.org.

40 Days for Life March 6 - April 14

The peaceful, prayerful vigil will be held from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 12 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Sunday outside the Planned Parenthood at 8590 Georgetown Rd. Join pro-lifers from across central Indiana in praying to change hearts and save lives.

Little Flower commits to cover Saturday mornings from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. Parishioners are asked to sign up for one of these hours.

For more information or to sign up to participate visit www.40daysindy.org or contact **Anita Moody 317-918-0997 or moodyak1@ yahoo.com.**

40 Days – peaceful, prayerful, and powerful!

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last week Jesus said to his disciples: "Love your enemies and you will be sons of the Most High." This week Jesus tells his

disciples: "Every tree is known by its own fruit." Our topics for the lesson on Tuesday, March 5 will be the Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders. We begin at 7:00 p.m. 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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Special thanks to the Stewardship Commission and all of their hard work and innovative ideas that helped form this year's annual drive. I appreciate each of you. ~Angie

Weekly Budget Goal		13,550.00
Collection of February 23 and 24		8,110.87
Electronic Contributions 2/18 – 2/22	\$	4,269.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Actual	\$	456,675.98
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget	\$	474,250.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 17,574.02
Home Improvement Fund		
December Contributions	\$	1,888.33
January Contributions		2,321.83
February Contributions	\$	2,142,33

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 2/21)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 17 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	\$ 31,738.00

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

your attention please

Festival News Summerfest 2019 – May 31, June 1, and June 2

Believe it or not, **Summerfest 2019** is right around the corner. This year we are in need of a Food Booth Chair for the hamburger and hot dog booth. After many years of volunteering as Booth Chairs, Kurt and Mary Hunt are giving up the reins. Thank you Kurt and Mary for your many years of working the festival! Your dedication is greatly appreciated. The booth chair is responsible for making sure that there are workers at the booth during the entire festival. They are also responsible for making sure the workers that come at the beginning are able to arrive early to help with any prep work involved, and also to make sure the workers at the close of each night are able to stay and clean up their booth. You are not responsible for ordering food or supplies for the booth; this will be done for you. Food booth chairs also get a free festival tee shirt!!

We are also in need of someone to be responsible for getting workers to help with serving and clean up for the dinner on Saturday evening and the brunch on Sunday morning. You do not need to prepare the food – someone else is in charge of that – all you need to do is get workers to serve and clean up. If you are interested in helping chair a food booth or get workers for our dinner and brunch, please contact Angie Mackell at 317-357-8352 or amackell@littleflowerparish.org.

The Summerfest leadership team is already hard at work planning this year's festival. Stay tuned for exciting news and updates as we get closer to the big weekend!

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

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

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.

Sample Bible Timelines are available in the baskets near the Altar. Registration will be held the weekends of March 3/4 and March 9/10 at the tables in the back of Church. Registration closes March 10 so materials can be ordered.



Ladies Club Annual Bedding Plant Sale

Order forms are at all church entrances for the Ladies Club annual bedding plant sale. Orders must be submitted by March 29 to the Parish Center, or you may drop them in the Sunday

collection basket. Please include payment with your orders. Pick-up will be on Saturday, May 4, from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Just in time for Mother's Day!

Just Desserts Ladies!

The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fry, beginning this Friday, March 8! 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 Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!

COME ONE!

DINNER INCLUDES:

- Fried or Baked Fish Plank, Fish Sandwich, Shrimp, Fish Nuggets or Cheese Pizza
- Choice of Two Sides
 (Au Gratin Potatoes, Mac &
 Cheese, Green Beans, French
 Fries, Cole Slaw, Apple Sauce,
 or Tossed Salad)
- Dinner Roll
- Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee, or Ice Water
- Dessert (Provided by LF Ladies Club)

\$8.00 for adults \$7.25 for seniors \$5.00 if under 10

CARRY OUT

FRIDAYS DURING LENT March 8th thru April 12th

4:30 pm until 7:00 pm

Fish Fry

sponsored by Little Flower Men's Club

Faith, Family, Fellowship



COMMUNION SERVICE & STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held each Friday in church at 5:30pm

HELP MAKE THE LF FISH FRY SEASON SUCCESSFUL!
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO ATTEND

Call the parish office with questions: 317-357-8352

Ala Carte Menu also available: \$ 2.00 Potato Soup Potato Soup with Clam \$ 2.50 Extra Fish with Dinner \$ 1.25 Fish Sandwich \$ 3.75 **Fish Nuggets** \$ 3.00 Nachos and Cheese \$ 2.50 Soft Drinks \$ 1.00 Cheese Pizza \$ 3.50 **Extra Dessert with Dinner** \$.50 Desserts without Dinner \$ 1.00 Extra Side with Dinner \$ 1.00 Sides without Dinner \$ 1.50





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