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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 357-5316

Fax

SCHOOL 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 <a href="mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org">lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</a> by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today. Alleluia.

The parish staff and I want to wish all of you a most blessed and happy Easter. In a special way, we want to welcome all of our visitors and all who have returned home to Little Flower to celebrate Easter.

If you are a visitor and live in our area, we invite you to join and become active in our community. We believe that our community has something to offer you, and we believe that you have something to offer us. The Christianity of Jesus is a Christianity of community!

Today we congratulate all those who received sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

### **Former Catechumens:**

- 1. Kylee McVicker
- 2. Aliyah Leffler
- 3. Julian Winters
- 4. Emeria Olvera
- 5. Vaughn Olvera

### 6. Mary Janek

- 7. Emily Smith
- 8. Geovanny Flores

### **Former Candidate:**

1. Maia Dulworth

### **Former Confirmation Candidates**

- 1. Kristin Hagenmaier
- 2. Luke Hothouse
- 3. Audrey Black
- 4. David Black
- 5. Jodi Young

Thanks to the RCIA Team under the leadership of Chris Arvin for preparing the adults for Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Thanks to Lisa Gibbons who prepared the grade school students for Baptism, Reception into the Church, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Without all these people who are so willing to give of their time and to share their faith, our parish could not adequately welcome new members into the Catholic Church.

Special thanks also to all our Liturgical ministers who work so hard to prepare and execute our special Liturgies, especially our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Both our parishioners and our visitors recognize the quality of our Liturgies.

Tomorrow the parish office and Little Flower School will be closed to celebrate Easter.

Several people have asked what to do with their blessed palm from 2018. Please bring it to church on Sunday, May 5, and we will take care of burning it for you.

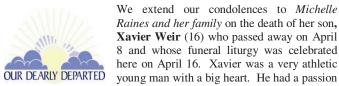
Next Sunday, April 28, 17 children will make their First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Because our First Communion classes are relatively small, there is always ample room for parishioners to attend First Communion. I would hope that many of you will choose to be there to show your support for our young Catholics.

Once again a few people have received bogus e-mails from me requesting financial help. I would never e-mail you asking for financial help in any form. Please know that emails from parish staff will always come from their parish email address, e.g., frbob@littleflowerparish.org. Occasionally, you might receive one from parishoffice@littleflowerparish.org. If you are in any way suspicious about an e-mail from me, another staff member, or the parish office, please be cautious and ask.

Thank you for your continued prayers for my health.

Have a blessed Easter!

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to Michelle Raines and her family on the death of her son, Xavier Weir (16) who passed away on April 8 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on April 16. Xavier was a very athletic

for playing football. He graduated from Little Flower School in 2017. His sister, Ania is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at LF and his older brother Dillon went to LF as well. We extend our sympathy to David and Dora Hughey and their family on the death of David's grandmother, Madeleine Fletcher. Please keep Xavier's and Madeleine's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Xavier and Madeleine into his eternal glory.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, April 29, 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 welcome into our Christian Community Natalie Jean, daughter of Gary and Cari (Dew) Ballou, who was baptized on Sunday, April 7, 2019.

The Eastside Catholic Community (Little Flower ~ Holy Spirit, ~ Our Lady of Lourdes ~ St. Philip Neri) will host a Health Fair on Sunday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes in Lyons Hall Gymnasium. All are welcome!! There will be an opportunity for the following screenings: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood glucose and bone density. Indianapolis Fire Department, Purdue Extension, Kinetic Energy, Catholic Charities and many other health agencies will be present. Spending an hour or so focusing on your health may have long lasting results. For questions or more information contact Kathy McCoy at kathyrnibclc@hotmail.com or 317-902-9105. Don't miss out on this opportunity to focus on your health!!!

### **Ladies Club News**

Please join us Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria for our final Ladies Club meeting of

the year. It is a dinner meeting (please note the time change). Meat will be provided by the Ladies Club so bring your favorite salad, side or dessert to share. After dinner at our business meeting we will be making Graduation cards for the 8th grade girls who we have been praying for over the school year. Please try to come if you have a student's name.



### For the Week of April 22 - 28, 2019

22	April	Monday		
	5:30 p.m.	Teresa Eckrich by Patty Legere		
23	April	Tuesday		
	5:30 p.m.	For Healing for Fr. Bob by the Lee Family		
24	April	Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Richard Fane by Peg Kramer		
25	April	Thursday		
	1:30 p.m.	Crestwood - Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly		
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service		
26	April	Friday		
	8:30 a.m.	Jim Hawkins by Dianne Rosa		
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service		

27 April Saturday – Vigil of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter 5:00 p.m. Jason Swanson

28 April Sunday – The Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 a.m. Pat Reese by Butch and Donna Brown

10:30 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m. Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### April 21 -28, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Happy Easter!				
Monday	Parish Office and School Closed				
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary		
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Chess Team Party		
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA		
Wednesday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting		
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study		
Thursday	Church &	6:00 p.m.	First Communion		
	Duffey Hall		Practice and Dinner		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday					
Saturday	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Following Christ Retreat		
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Church	10:30 a.m.	First Communion		
	Church	10:30 a.m.	Liturgical Choir Sings		
	off-site		Confirmation Retreat		

### **Spring Blood Drive**



Little Flower's Spring Blood Drive is Tuesday, May 7, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Please consider donating. You may sign up online at www.indianablood.org or by contacting Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Please consider

giving the gift of life! Your donation gives another person the chance for one more birthday, one more anniversary, as well as another day at the beach, another day with a friend, another hug, and another laugh!

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

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### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of April 13 and 14	\$	11,879.26
Electronic Contributions 4/8 – 4/12	\$	2,080.67
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Actual	\$	553,166.19
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget	\$	569,100.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 15,933.81
Home Improvement Fun	<u>ıd</u>	
February Contributions	\$	2,142.33
March Contributions	\$	2,972.33
April Contributions (to date)		1,610.33

### STEWARDSHIP INTENTION CARDS

To date we have only received 207 intention cards back from parishioners. This represents only 22% of our parish families. It only takes a few minutes, so if you have not returned your card, please fill it out and return it to the parish center or drop it in the collection as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if needed.

Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:



Karen Ackerman, Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Richard "Dick" Mayer, Gene Miller, Judy Moss, Joe Swift, Teena Soto, Dave Parris.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will really brighten their day.

This week we especially want to remember:

# Rosalind White 13596 Brentwood Lane, Carmel, IN 46033

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352, or <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a>.

### Youth Choir

(Grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, April 21 NO PRACTICE THIS MONTH

Sunday, April 28 Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 5 Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

Trash Bag Sales: Last chance to order PTO trash bags! Order forms are due to the Parish Center or school by 4/23/19. Order forms are at the entrances to church and the school website at <a href="https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/pto/ptoblog-page">https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/pto/ptoblog-page</a>. Checks may be made payable to "Little Flower PTO." Bags are expected to arrive in 2-4 weeks. Thank you for supporting our students!

Do you want to volunteer, but your schedule doesn't allow you to attend regular meetings or adhere to a group's calendar? Do you like being outside and don't mind getting your hands a little dirty? We may have just the opportunity for you! The Green Thumb ministry is looking for people to adopt a garden on our campus. You don't need to be an experienced gardener to help keep our grounds beautiful. If you think you might be interested in this rewarding effort, please contact Louise Earlywine at 765-438-3510 or Imfaust1@juno.com for more information.

**John Traub "80"** 

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