

# 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 is-

Submit photos and info by 07/18/19 in order for them to be published in the 08/15/19 issue.

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

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## **SUMMERFEST OF LOVE**

May 31, June 1 and June 2

Are you ready? It's almost here! Plans are coming



together for this year's festival, which is right around the corner. This year's theme is "Summerfest of Love," to commemorate the anniversary of another great summer festival – Woodstock! More details will be available in the next two weeks about the exciting things in store at

Summerfest for this year! Watch for information in the weekly bulletin, print ads, and email announcements.

We will once again implement the wristband process for entrance into the festival to ensure a safe environment for everyone. Wristbands will be required for entrance, and 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.

Here's how you can make the festival a success!

- 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 Elizabeth Mann at 463-206-5196 or Andrea Johnson at 317-340-5292.
- A successful raffle goes a long way to ensure 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 SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT A VERY SUCCESSFUL RAFFLE.





Last year's stained glass raffle raised \$3,300. This year's goal is \$5,000. Two beautiful pieces, shown above, are up for bid. For more information about how to win, see page 2.

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- Advance sale tickets for the rides will be available at a discount beginning May 15th in the parish center, and after all Masses of May 18/19 and 25/26. Our profit percentage is higher on presale tickets.
- 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 start to summer!

## SEE YOU AT SUMMERFEST!

#### Stained Glass Raffle Proceeds to Benefit Summerfest 2019

This year the parish is again very fortunate to have not one, but two beautiful pieces of donated stained glass art to be raffled off at the close of the festival. The winner gets first choice of either a Notre Dame glasswork or a crucifix glasswork. Both are featured on the right side of page one of this newsletter.

The artist, parishioner Steve Wright, has spent over \$400; taken two trips to Nashville, IN, and one trip to North Vernon, IN; and invested countless hours creating these works of art.

All of the proceeds from this raffle will go to Little Flower. Because of your past generosity we raised \$3,300 in 2018 and hope to reach \$5,000 this year. CAN YOU HELP? Tickets are reasonably priced and the per-ticket cost decreases the more tickets vou buy.

6 tickets: \$5 13 tickets: \$10 28 tickets: \$20 36 tickets: \$25 75 tickets: \$50

To enter, please mail a check made out to Little Flower to:

Steve Wright 915 N. Hawthorne Lane Indianapolis, IN 46219

Mail entry deadline is June 1. The drawing for both pieces will be at the close of the festival's silent auction at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2. You do not need to be present to win but please include your phone number with your check so you can be contacted when you do win! Artwork will be shipped to you if necessary.

Thank you for your support!

Please note: Steve also does custom work on logos such as those shown below. Contact him separately for a quote.









## Gabriel Project and 40 Days for Life

by Bobbie Lawless



In December, I went to do a referral for the Christmas store at the Catholic Center for a young woman who was expecting her 10th child. I walked in the door and there was no furniture. I asked if she knew about St Vincent de Paul Society and she said she had a referral that would expire soon, but she had no way of bringing things home. We arranged for a truck, she got furniture for the

home, but SVDP can only give one mattress. Within a week or two, people called and asked if I knew anyone who needed a bed. It was another of those miracles! This woman now has five beds and had her baby on March 30th. The family is looking for a larger house. She, her husband and their beautiful large family are so grateful to the Gabriel Project and the parishioners of Little Flower. May God bless you all.

Editor's note: In the August 2018 newsletter we featured a story, "Gabriel Project Twice Blessed," about a parishioner who matched found money from all over the US, Canada and Europe in order to support The Gabriel Project. That parishioner is happy to report that the total amount submitted in baby banks on Palm Sunday was about \$250.00, over twice the amount from 2018!

### 40 Days for Life



A man went to pray at Planned Parenthood with his nine-year-old granddaughter. The child kept saying how happy she was to be there praying for the babies and their moms. It was very windy that day and the sign she was carrying kept blowing around. The other folks praying there were teasing her about the wind and her sign, so the grandfather snapped a picture and sent it to his daughter-in-law. Later, the woman replied that the photo made her cry, because 10 years ago she was at Planned Parenthood...but she chose life for her baby.

This is why we go and pray for those who choose to have their babies so that, one day, that child can also pray and show compassion for women who think they have no other choice but abortion.

## **Springing Back to Life**

Easter Sunday in Washington, D.C. This beautiful redbud tree was on full display just west of Lafayette Park near the White House.



## Meet Little Flower Parishioners Denis and Ita Moriarty

Little Flower parishioners Denis and Ita Moriarty were both born in Ireland and came to the USA in the 1950s. They have been members of the parish since 1962 and have five sons and nine grandchildren.

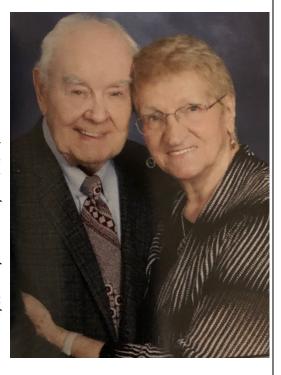
LFG: Tell us about your background.

About Denis: Denis was born in Sneem, County Kerry, Ireland, a favorite retreat of former French president Charles de Gaulle. He graduated from Mount Melleray College, County Waterford, where he played Gaelic football and hurling. He was a member of the Sneem Rowing and Cycling Clubs, winning many County Kerry cycling championships. In 1949 he managed to place third in the two-mile National Championship of Ireland.

He came to the US in March 1950 and settled in Indianapolis. He served in Korea from 1951 to 1953 and, upon his discharge, worked for Chrysler Corporation. He and Ita O'Brien of Limerick, Ireland, were married in 1956 and became members of Cathedral parish. After graduating from Purdue with a degree in Drafting and Mechanical Technology, Denis took a job in 1962 with the Indiana Department of Transportation's Drafting and Mapping Division.

Denis is a charter member of the Kevin Barry Division #3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH), founded in 1958, and has held the office of President, State President and National Organizer. In 1965 he won the National Gold Medal history contest for an essay about soldier-priest Father Duffy of the Fighting 69th. While working for the State of Indiana, Denis created art work for six Indiana governors from Matthew Welsh to Evan Bayh. As state president of the AOH in 1978 and in partnership with Father Murray of the University of Notre Dame, Denis established the Notre Dame Hibernian Fund.

Denis was honored in 1995 as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Evan Bayh for his many years of service to the state. In 1998 he was awarded the AOH President's Award as a person who embodies the Hibernian motto of "Friendship, Liberty and Christian Charity."



Denis and Ita Moriarty

In recognition of his Catholic faith, the support of his family and his proud Irish heritage, his five sons now sponsor the Denis J. Moriarty AOH Scholarship which provides financial aid to students from the area's Irish-American community.

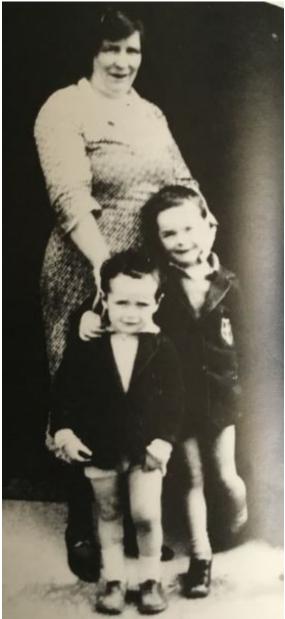
#### About Ita:

Ita Moriarty, nee O'Brien, was born in County Limerick on a big farm. Her great-grandfather purchased Coolress Castle in Limerick and that is where she played as she grew up. At an early age she wanted to be an airline hostess but her mother, fearing for Ita's safety, discouraged it because it was too dangerous. Instead, her mother, who had been a nurse, suggested nursing. However, at that time, there was a three-year waiting period in Ireland to get into nurses school. Not wanting to incur this delay, she applied and was accepted to train in London at St. James Hospital, a 1200-bed facility. Eventually, she wanted to try other health fields, became a midwife and delivered over 65 babies. Thereafter, she went into private duty, attending to members of the extended British royal family, including Lady Niedham and the Duke of Somerset. As a spectator, she was at arm's length of Elizabeth II along the procession to the Queen's coronation in 1953.

One day Ita was contacted by her London employment agency to tend to an ill man, a Mr. Sherwood. Upon his recovery, Sherwood and his wife invited Ita to come work in his hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana. Ita had never heard of Indianapolis and originally pronounced it "Indy-nah-PO-lis." She declined his invitation but he began writing her monthly and asked when she had planned to come to America. Eventually, he enlisted the assistance of Sister Lydia of St. Vincent's and even the executive state nursing board to try and recruit Ita. Still she declined. She eventually returned to Ireland and discussed her dilemma with her family.

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Denis Moriarty, right, as a child in Ireland with his younger brother Pat, a longtime parishioner of Little Flower, and their mother, the late Bridie Moriarty. Pat resides at St. Paul Hermitage in Beech Grove.

Most of the family agreed she shouldn't go to Indiana because they feared they would never see her again. However, her father said, "Ita, you're sensible. Why don't you try it for a year?"

She arrived in New York City aboard the Queen Mary on January 23, 1955. A day later she traveled by train to Indy where she was met by Mr. Sherwood at Union Station. She stayed in the Sherwoods' guest house and had dinner every night with them and the Episcopal bishop (the Sherwoods were Episcopalians). During her first job at St. Vincent's, Ita worked in labor and delivery as an entry-level nurse's aid. She wanted to advance and become a registered nurse so in April 1955 she sat for the state board exams. To her surprise, the test was multiple choice which she viewed as tantamount to being given the answers, something she had not seen previously because her tests in London were essay-like, for example, describe the kidney. As it turned out, she not only passed the exams, she received the highest score out of 300 candidates who took them!

Upon retirement from her job at Community Hospital where she was the editor of the newsletter for 17 years. Ita organized and conducted private vacation trips to Ireland for 10 years for people from as far away as California.

LFG: How did you meet one another?

The Moriartys: Even though we are both from Ireland, we did not know each other when Ita first arrived in 1955 (Denis came in 1951). There was a patient at St. Vincent's from Kerry, Ireland, who Ita had met and who had invited Ita to dine at her home. When Ita arrived at the home for dinner, there was another guest already there whose name was...Denis Moriarty. Denis offered to drive Ita home that night but she refused and walked home. Denis persisted and he and Ita were married in December 1956 at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. A seven-year-old boy by the name of Robert Gilday was in attendance at the ceremony. Today we know him as our pastor, Fr. Bob.

LFG: How did you become members of Little Flower?

The Moriartys: We originally lived in Cathedral parish and then St. Philip Neri parish. In 1961, we moved back to Ireland and bought a house in Dublin. A year later, we sold our house in Dublin and returned to Indy, residing on Wallace Street until we moved into a house we had built in 1968 and in which we still live. We raised five sons who attended Little Flower School and Scecina High School; four of the five attended Indiana University and the fifth

attended Notre Dame. We were very active in the parish, holding various administrative positions for the school and church. We regularly attend Mass at 5:00 on Saturdays.

LFG: What does your Catholic faith mean to you?

The Moriartys: Our faith anchors us. We are rooted in it. It is a part of our being. Ita's family prayed the rosary every evening at 8:00 p.m., enlisting any visitors to participate and lead a decade. Our faith is as essential to us as eating and breathing.



#### THE ROSARY PRIEST

Editor's note: LF parishioner Ita Moriarty coauthored this magazine article for the March 2019 edition of Indianapolis' Kevin Barry Division #3 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in America. See pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter for the interview with Ita and her husband Denis.

Father Patrick Peyton, a member of the Congregation of he Holy Cross, was conducting a Rosary Rally in South America when he was contacted by Ita Moriarty who asked him to speak at the Kevin Barry St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in 1970. When he asked how many people would attend, she told him to expect 500. He'd had a previous commitment in Belize but rescheduled it to come to Indianapolis, telling Ita, "How can one Irishman say no to another Irishman." When it was advertised that Fr. Pevton was coming, the response was overwhelming. with more than 1000 people attending the breakfast!

Father Peyton was born in County Mayo, Ireland, and was one of nine children. After coming to America he and his brother Tom became priests of the Congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame. Fr. Peyton told Ita the story of visiting a Catholic family and how he was surprised that the family did not say the rosary together in the evening as his family had done. During his second year of theology he was stricken with tuberculosis which lasted for over a year. During that time, Holy Cross Father Hagerty told Father Peyton to pray to Mary the way the Irish prayed: with great faith. He did and, after a novena, declared himself cured of the tuberculosis. This gave him the resolve to promote the rosary.

Known worldwide as "The Rosary Priest," Fr Peyton encouraged family prayer and coined the phrase "the family that prays together stays together." He organized rosary crusades in 40 nations that drew 28 million people. He produced over 600 radio and television programs, some featuring Hollywood stars and other celebrities. In addition to his autobiography, he published two works "The Ear of God" and "Fr. Peyton's Rosary Prayer Book." Among his many awards are the George Washington Honor Medal, the Freedoms Foundation Award, The National Mass Media Award and the Thomas Alva Edison Foundation Award.

Father Peyton died in 1992 at age 83 and his cause for sainthood was presented to the Vatican in 2015. On December 18, 2018, Pope Francis recognized him as Venerable by the Roman Catholic Church. Posito of his life, virtues and reputation for holiness has been discussed and recently approved by a group of 15 Cardinals and Archbishops who voted affirmatively to recognize his heroic virtues.



Little Flower parishioner Ita Moriarty, right, greets Fr. Patrick Peyton on St. Patrick's Day in 1970. In her left hand she is holding a signed copy of Fr. Peyton's autobiography "All for Her: An Autobiography of Father Patrick Peyton, CSC.



The Lighter Side of Our Faith



## **Praying for One Another**

Prayer is an important part of each of our lives. Most of us have seen and felt the power of prayer at work in us or in others. Did you know that each of you have the opportunity to pray for others on a daily basis? You also have the opportunity to request prayers as well for any reason such as illness, decision-making, someone in the armed services, the list is endless.

There are several ways to request prayers and to find out who is in need of prayer.

- There is a Prayer Intention book in church in the main gathering space where you may write your prayer request. This book of prayer intentions is presented with the offertory gifts at each weekend liturgy.
- You may post your prayer intention on the bulletin board in the Adoration Chapel and those visiting the chapel will pray for your intention.
- Names can be submitted for prayer request in the bulletin by contacting Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352. You may only submit your name or a family member's name. Names will be left on the prayer list in the bulletin until you request that they be removed. Please indicate if the prayer request is for someone in the military and if so, what branch of the military.
- You may use the prayer vine and you may also become a member of the Little Flower Prayer Vine.

The Little Flower Prayer Vine is a group of parishioners who pray for fellow parishioners, or their relatives and friends in need. There are NO meetings! This is a ministry that can be done in your home, at work, in your car, whenever and wherever you pray. Likewise, you may also request prayers for family members and friends through the Prayer Vine. It is important to obtain permission from the person for whom you wish to request prayers before adding the person to the Prayer Vine.

There are several different ways to leave prayer requests and to receive prayer requests for the Prayer Vine.

- 1. Call the Parish Office at 317-357-8352 and ask for extension 38. If you are calling after office hours, simply press \*38 when the recording plays. In either case you will be transferred to a voicemail box where you can leave your prayer request. You could also give our parish secretary your prayer request if that is easier for you.
- 2. You may use the following e-mail address, helpwithprayers@littleflowerparish.org, to send your prayer requests and to ask to be added to the Prayer Vine to receive prayer requests.
- 3. You may also go to our parish website, www.littleflowerparish.org, and follow the steps below to send a prayer request and to be added to the Prayer Vine.
  - Click on the "Prayer and Liturgy" tab
  - Click on "Prayer Vine Form"
  - You will be requested to give your e-mail address and prayer request. Once you have done this hit "submit." After a waiting period your prayer request will be posted on the Prayer Vine.
  - If you wish to automatically receive all prayer requests that are submitted so that you can pray for these intentions, click on the" Prayer and Liturgy" tab, then click on the "Prayer Vine Form" tab; at the very bottom of the page there is a place where you can enter your email address and subscribe to the prayer vine.
  - If you wish to only view prayers that have been requested, you need to click on the "Prayer and Liturgy" tab and then click on the "Prayer Vine" tab – this will take you directly to all prayers that have been recently requested.

Please don't miss out on this opportunity to help your fellow parishioners. Sometimes prayer is the only thing and the best thing that we can do for someone going through a difficult time. We should never underestimate the power of prayer.

#### **Lenten Fish Frys Were Fin-tastic!**













Top left: Fish fry coordinator Drew Torzewski of the LF Men's Club directs the efforts of Bill Schlosser, left, and Mike Wehlage, right, who collected money at the April 12 fry.

Top middle: Kitchen crew members Jeff Lyons, Scott Sidor, Frank Mackell and Paul Clegg love their jobs!

Top right: Men's Club president and Frymaster Rick Fischer prepares hot freedom fries and shrimp.

Bottom left: Volunteer servers and kitchen crew hard at work during the final fish fry on April 12.

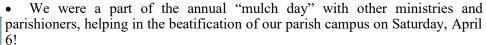
Bottom right: Not everyone at the fish fry cooks, serves, cleans or takes money. Comradery is a fish fry tradition.

Our net profit for all six weeks of the Fish Fry was approximately \$6,000.00. This money goes into our regular operating budget. We also collected \$775 in donations for Tuition Assistance! Thank you!

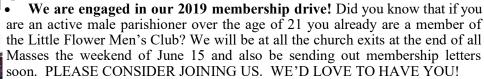
#### Little Flower Men's Club

Spring is an exciting time for the Little Flower Men's Club! We have many activities and social events in the upcoming months.





- We concluded another successful fish fry season on April 12! Many thanks to all who participated or volunteered, especially Drew Torzewski!
- We hosted the annual Mother's Day breakfast on May 12.
- We will be helping the festival committee on Saturday, May 25, by setting up the festival booths.



- We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. For the June 19 meeting we will meet at little earlier for a cookout! Please join
- We also have the Reds/Cubs game in Cincinnati on June 29 and an upcoming canoe trip planned this summer!





#### TV Mass for the Homebound

WHMB channel 40 (LeSEA) at 9:30 a.m. and WNDY channel 23 (MyINDY) at 6:30 a.m.

Is someone you love unable to join us at church on a regular basis? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation Sunday TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joy-filled hope in our Risen Savior. Please invite anyone you know who cannot get out to church to tune in to Catholic Mass on TV or watch online anytime on Sundays at www.heartofthe nation.org. (Please note: for those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation.)



#### Parish Outreach to Those Who Cannot Be With Us

Each week there is the name of a homebound or ill parishioner in the bulletin for whom there is a request for cards and letters. We would like to expand this section of the bulletin to include not only the names of ill/homebound parishioners, but also as any parishioners who are serving in the military. If you or someone in your family is ill/homebound or serving our country and you would like that person's name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for him/her (separate article on page 7), please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Please indicate when calling if the person you want listed is ill/ homebound or a member of the military. No name will be listed unless we get a request from an individual or a family member. Names will be removed from the list upon request of each individual or family member.

#### **FACEBOOK Friends?**

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles used by Facebook. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom, etc. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook! I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.

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



#### **Minnie Hartmann Center - Now Open for Seniors**

Transformation of IPS 78 into 64 beautiful apartments for senior adults at Minnie Hartmann Center (Sherman & Vermont) is complete. The housing facility opening this month. is TWG Property Management is now accepting inquiries and applications from neighbors at least 55 years old with limited incomes. The Minnie Hartmann Center offers one-, two- and three-bedroom apartments. **Property** Manager Jessica Smith: 317.358-8160 Contact jsmith@twgdev.com.

A child daycare will also be developed on-site, making this a one-of-a-kind initiative in Indiana.



#### Pogue's Run Waterway Photo Contest



Photography buffs and neighbors are invited to submit photos related to the Pogue's Run Waterway in this unique contest to encourage use and appreciation of the waterway and its greenspaces. Here's how it works: Amateur photographers (adults & youth age 6+) may submit two (2) digital photos (only two per person) between April 15 and June 15 to <a href="mailto:photos@nearindy.org">photos@nearindy.org</a>. The photo subject is the Pogue's Run Waterway, adjacent greenspaces, and ROW (Reconnecting Our Waterways) rest stops. Eligible Indy Parks include Spades, Brookside, Forest Manor, and the Pogue's Run Art & Nature Park. Winning photographers will receive cash prizes and gift cards to Near Eastside businesses (over 30 prizes will be awarded). Printed 8x10 photos will be

exhibited in the Near Eastside community beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> and through the month of July at Brookside Family Center, area businesses, and other locations (to be determined). Digital images will also be shared (with credits) via social media. Sponsored by ROW and Indianapolis Greenways Partnership.

## And Briefly...

**www.nearindyguide.org** - Discover little known but awesome places to eat, shop, drink, antique, and visit. Subscribe to receive biweekly updates, discounts, and news of opportunities.

**www.shermanparkplan.com** - Explore the collectively developed plan to reuse Sherman Park at Michigan & Sherman—the 50-acre site the for generations was home to RCA. NEAR looks forward to the jobs and vitality this will create for the community.



and for their families...

- Geraldine "Judy" Mitchell, February 5, 2019
- James "JDub" Warren, February 22, 2019
- Pat Reese, February 26, 2019
- Jason Swanson, March 4, 2019
- Margaret Horning, March 8, 2019
- Marilyn Fillenwarth, March 8, 2019
- Vera Presutti, March 22, 2019
- John Sinclair, April 6, 2019
- Xavier Weir, April 8, 2019
- Rick Ehrgott, April 15, 2019
- David Short II, April 19, 2019



#### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!

Jared and Addie Oswalt Zach Remmich Donald and Mary Ginder Katie Leszcynski Molly Cooper Maria Rodriguez & children, Viviana and Edgar Thanks for joining us!

## Please Welcome Those Baptized into Our Christian Community



## April 2019

Natalie Jean, daughter of Gary and Cari (Dew) Ballou

St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church 4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, IN 46201

## THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

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## **Dates to Remember**

May 25-30: Festival setups (see Sunday bulletin)

May 26: 103rd Indy 500

May 31, Jun 1-2: SUMMERFEST 2019!

Jun 9: Pentecost Sunday Jun 16: Happy Father's Day

Jun 29: Men's Club baseball trip to Cincinnati

Jul 4: Independence Day

Aug 6: Happy Birthday, Fr. Bob!



Stay cool this summer! See you in August.