

Sunday of the Word of God

God's Word

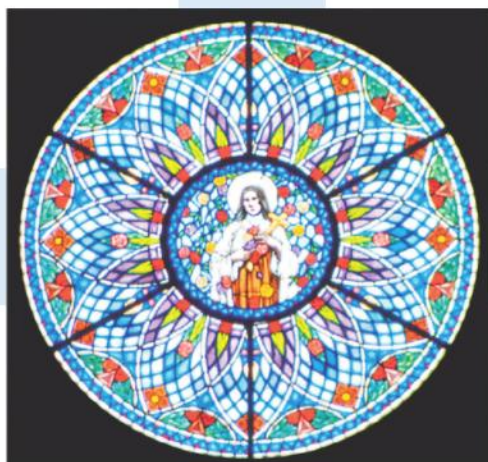
has the power to open our eyes and to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity.

Pope Francis

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702

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 9:30 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 5 times per year. 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 317-236-1490.

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?

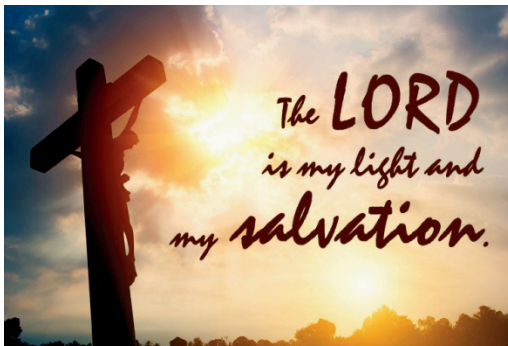
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

On September 30, 2019, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter “Aperuit Illis” instituting the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God. Today, then, marks the first celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God. All of us are familiar with the story of Jesus and the disciples on the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday night. After Jesus was revealed to them in the breaking of the bread, they said, “‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’” [Lk. 24:32; NJB]. Today we are celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God by enthroning the Book of Gospels at all the Masses this Sunday and by blessing your Bibles.

In my homily today, I am challenging you to read the Gospels. There are two ways of doing this. The first is simply to read a chapter a day. The second, and I think better, way is to read a pericope a day. In Bibles, these are usually bolded introductions to a passage. First, read the pericope, then imagine yourself there seeing and hearing what Jesus and others are saying and doing, not as though you lived 2000 years ago but as you are today, then read it again, and let it speak to your heart. I would suggest that you read Mark first, then Matthew, then Luke, and finally John.

Today also marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. This year’s theme is *Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.* Our Little Flower School open house will be this Sunday, January 26, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited, especially those with young children. Likewise, I would encourage all of you to be ambassadors for Little Flower School and invite friends or neighbors with preschool-age children and/or grade-school-age children who are searching for a school for their children.

This week the Church celebrates three saints who were educators of young people. Monday is the feast of St. Angela Merici. St. Angela Merici founded the Ursulines, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls. She sought the re-evangelization of families through the education of future wives and mothers. Tuesday is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas, theologian and philosopher, is the patron saint of Catholic schools. He is the author of the *Summa Theologiae* and the author of the hymns *Adoro te devote*, *O Salutaris*, *Tantum ergo*, and *Pange Lingua*. Friday is the feast of St. John Bosco. St. John Bosco is known as the Apostle of Youth. He founded the Salesian Order which is dedicated to educating youth. He was also a pioneer in vocational education. These three saints demonstrate how important Catholic schools and education have been in the life and mission of the Church.

Congratulations to Little Flower parishioners and/or graduates of Little Flower Catholic School who achieved high honors or honors at Scecina Memorial High School for the second quarter:

High Honors		Honors	
Alexis Dohleman	Allison Minton	Manuel Avila	Maria Nevins
Walter Egan	Joshua Thomas	Isabelle Comley	Jazmin O’Day
Miriam Herrera	Mya White	Anthony Grant	Rebecca Rayl
Cayla Long	Lucy Williamson	Courtney Harris	Isabella Salas
Madelynn Martin		Grason Holt	Travion Woods
		Hunter Howard	Julia White
		Jakob Kehrer	

Have a wonderful week!

fr. bob



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 3, 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 April.



We extend our condolences to *Nancy Glawatz, Zach Glawatz, and Bob and Mary Sitzman* on the death of Nancy’s and Mary’s brother-in-law and Zach’s great uncle, **John Short**. His funeral services were held in Cloverdale, IN. Please keep all of John’s family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome John into his eternal glory.

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

A new schedule will be coming out soon for March, April, and May. If you have away dates or changes in your profile please let us know.

- **Altar Servers** please contact Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-658-6550.
- **Eucharistic Ministers** please contact Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com or leave a message at 317-356-3488.
- **Lectors** please contact Diane Sharp at dmssharp02@aol.com or leave a message at 317-356-3488.

The deadline date is February 7. Thank you for your service in this ministry.

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



For the Week of January 27 – February 2, 2020

27	January	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Mildred Mauer
28	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
29	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Patricia Hawkins by Charlene Huffmeyer
30	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Adelle & Charlie Lawless by Bob & Bobbie Lawless
31	January	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Joseph Moore by Jim & Jodie Erlenbaugh
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
01	February	Saturday – Vigil of The Presentation of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	For the People
02	February	Sunday – The Presentation of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	Mary Anna Achgill by the Ladies Club
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Msgr. Paul Koetter by the Parishioners of Little Flower Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 26 – February 2, 2020

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Catholic Schools Week!		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Scout Room & Holy Family	6 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Soul Core
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Off-Site	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Festival Kick-Off Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/ Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party

Annual financial statements have been prepared and mailed. Statements for *Christ our Hope* United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the School Annual Fund will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations. Please contact Angie at 317-357-8352 ext. 30 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org with any questions.



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, February 12, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. This month we will get in touch with our creative side by painting. Our parishioner, Angel Adorey, will show all of us how to make a beautiful heart picture! You don't want to miss out on the fun, so plan on joining us and bring a friend!. Please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending!



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir – New Members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 26 Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass.
Sunday, February 2 Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass.

There will be a Super Bowl gathering for all youth in grades 8 thru 12 here at Little Flower in the basement of the parish center following 6 p.m. Mass on February 2. We have a new TV available for Super Bowl viewing! Plan now to attend. Pizza will be provided. Parents should plan to pick kids up at their convenience but no later than 9:00 pm.



Little Flower registration for the 2020-2021 school year is just around the corner! All families are invited to our Open House on January 26, from 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m. You can tour, talk to

teachers, parents, and administrators, and begin the registration process. There is a \$50 per student registration fee. Please visit or contact the school office at 317-353-2282 to schedule a private tour, or to get more registration information.

This year, we will be able to accept credit card payment for registration fees (only). There will be a 5% charge to pay by credit card for a total registration fee of \$52.50 per child.

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



Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Pat Sweeney.

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:

Dave Parris

100 Derbyshire Dr, Cumberland, IN 46229

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 pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

Special Event

On **Thursday, February 13** there will be a **Stop the Bleed class at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**. This class is to prepare anyone to assist in the event of a medical emergency in which someone is severely bleeding. Anyone is welcome to attend this class but it would be especially beneficial to those involved in youth sports, ushers, greeters, or volunteers in school. Please e-mail or call Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan to attend. A count is needed so that Emergency Medical Services can provide enough teachers for this class.

Ladies Club News

- Join the Ladies Club **Thursday, February 6**, for a fun evening of art and wine (or just critique the artist's attempt to create, and visit no pressure!). Business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Wine and Canvas will begin around 7:30 p.m. Angel Adore will lead the art experience. Cost is \$10 per artist. Please RSVP if you plan to participate in the painting so we will have enough supplies. Text 317-918-0997 or email moodyak1@yahoo.com by January 31.
- The Ladies Club is sponsoring a trip to Columbus, Indiana on **Saturday, April 18**, for an Architectural Guided Bus Tour. We will meet in the school parking lot at 8:40 a.m. and car pool to the Visitor Center. The tour is approximately 2 hours long and the cost is \$25.00 per person. We will have lunch at the conclusion of the tour. We have a 12 passenger bus reserved at this time. If we do not fill the bus, we will release the private bus and sign up as individual participants for a public tour. The tour is open to anyone. We must have reservations by January 31. Please call or text Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 or email moodyak1@yahoo.com.



Senior Adults

Senior Prom

The 8th grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" for all our "young at heart" parishioners. This year's theme, "Dancing Through the Decades," 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 8, following the 5 p.m. Mass. Please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, or email, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, by Monday, February 3, if you plan to attend.



Kroger Community Rewards

Our fourth quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$798.19 with 222 households participating between 10/1/2019 to 12/31/2019. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months!! How? By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first sign-in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, it will ask for an Organization Number. **Our Organization Number is CP031.** The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of January 18 and 19	\$	9,491.06
Electronic Contributions 1/13 - 1/17	\$	6,851.91
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	388,039.04
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	406,500.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 18,460.96

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	1,822.55
December Contributions	\$	2,194.64
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,734.73

Gifts to deficit reduction (to date) \$ 7,630.00
(These gifts have been added to the regular collection figures above.)

Untied Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 1/9/2020)

Parish Goal	\$55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged	117
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$24,071.00

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2020 – May 29, 30, and 31

Holy cow, can it be??

SUMMERFEST 2020 planning will begin soon!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 29, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org with questions.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's summer festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working/selling at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org, with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" **by January 31**:

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information last year, and nothing has changed, you don't need to send again.

IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. *If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list.* If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

Next weekend is Propagation of the Faith Sunday. By our Baptism we take on the responsibility to be Christ's witnesses and to share our faith with the world that has yet to hear the Good News of God's love. Please use the envelope provided in your regular packet and place in the regular collection.



St. Therese

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 26 • 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

LF has openings in classes from PreK-8th grade
Enrollment opens 1/26 and classes fill up quickly

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