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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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 317-236-1489.

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?
Inquirers 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 lgbbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.
Dear Parish Family,

Today is the World Day of Marriage. Today we want to pray for all married and engaged couples.

Tuesday is feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Today we want to pray for Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Our Lady of Lourdes, together with Holy Spirit, Little Flower, and St. Philip, is part of the Eastside Catholic Community. Our Lady of Lourdes School, together with Holy Spirit, Little Flower, and Scecina Memorial High School, is part of the Eastside Catholic School Partnership. Tuesday is also the World Day of Prayer for the Sick.

Last weekend I presented our annual Stewardship and Accountability Report in conjunction with stewardship of treasure. As you can imagine, most priests do not like talking about money or asking for money, and I am no exception. However, it is a necessary conversation. As I have said many times, Little Flower is your parish more than mine. If you were unable to be here for Mass last Sunday, my homily can be found at http://www.littleflowerparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/PresentationA_hom_.pdf and the Stewardship and Accountability report can be found at www.littleflowerparish.org.

Research shows that in the United States, Catholics give less generously than other Christians. I have thought about this a lot. One reason, I think, is that because of our church structure, Catholics feel less ownership and take less ownership of their parishes. Another reason is that many of our parishes have been large enough that other parishioners will carry the parish. With fewer priests and smaller parishes, everyone will need to do his or her part to enable the parish to thrive.

Last Sunday I discussed the distinction between ordinary and capital expenses. To be fiscally responsible, ordinary expenses need to be funded by ordinary income. When it comes to the parish, our primary source of ordinary income is Sunday collections.

When it comes to ordinary expenses, it is important to understand that the parish has very little discretionary income. In other words, most of our parish expenses are fixed or out of our control. The only thing we can do that would significantly affect the bottom line is to reduce staff and, therefore, services. However, from a pastoral point of view, we are probably understaffed. For example, parishioners frequently encourage us to add a Director of Religious Education and/or a Youth Minister.

As you prepare to complete your stewardship card, please carefully review our Stewardship and Accountability Report and then prayerfully consider your financial commitment to the parish for the next year. Also, please know that if you submit a stewardship card and your circumstances change, you are completely free to change your giving.

If anyone wishes to talk to me regarding their giving or non-giving or about other ways to financially contribute, please contact me.

For the past several years, we have scheduled Communion Services on weekdays when there is not a 5:30 p.m. Mass. However, we have found that as often as not, no one comes, or one or two people come. Therefore, we are going to discontinue weekday evening Communion services.

Recently we found all the large candles at the various statues lit. It was very evident that they had all been lit at the same time. It takes a lot of time and work to make candles available, and candles are expensive. Whoever lit the candles did not pay for them. Therefore, I am asking you to be vigilant. As they say, if you see something, say something.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Catherine McKenna Sexton on the death of her brother, James McKenna and her nephew, Danny McKenna and to Eileen Pfeiffer on the death of her aunt, Kathryn Pfeiffer. We extended our sympathy to Joe and Marlaina Pertile and their family on the death of Joe’s father, Joe Pertile and also to Kathleen Goodin and Rose Goodin on the death of their cousin Jan Chaffin. Jan was a parishioner here until 2018 when she moved to the south side. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome James, Danny, Kathryn, Joe, and Jan into his eternal glory.
Mass Intentions

For the Week of February 10 - 16, 2020

10 February Monday 5:30 p.m. Anne Sitzman Hook by Diane Beasley
11 February Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Richard Zapfe by Pauline & Charlie Graf
12 February Wednesday 11:00 a.m. Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B. 5:30 P.M. No Communion Service
13 February Thursday 5:30 p.m. Ralph Rancourt by Carol Freeland
14 February Friday 8:30 a.m. Paul Sanford by Pattiann Gavaghan-Johnson
15 February Saturday – Vigil of The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Father Jerry Kirkoff by Steve & Katie Wright
16 February Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. For the People 6:00 p.m. Janey Commiskey by the Ladies Club

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 9 - 16, 2020

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Festival of Prayer
February 11 - 18, 2020
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
Eight Days of Meditation, Prayer, Music, & Fellowship
All are Welcome.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will host its sixth Festival of Prayer from Feb. 11-18. The eight days of meditation, prayer, music, and fellowship was instituted in 2015 by the late Father Noah Casey. It honors Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. For more information, call OLL’s Parish Office at 317-356-7291 or visit www.ollindy.org.

JOIN THE ADVENTURE
SPIRITUALLY ADOPT AN UNBORN CHILD

The Venerable Fulton J. Sheen initiated the project of spiritually adopting an unborn child to pray for & to save them from abortion and for grace to be requested for them. It is very simple. There are pamphlets at each of the church doors. Pick one up and get started. On the day you choose to adopt one of the millions of babies conceived each day, your adventure will begin. Say the suggested prayer for your baby or make up one of your own.

There will be updates in the bulletin. Weekly at first, when the development slows and maturation is the main focus, updates will be less often.

On the day of conception, the sperm from the daddy and the egg from the mommy unite there is a flash of light and hormones are immediately exploded into the mommy’s body to keep other sperm from uniting with that egg. Immediately cell division takes place and then there are 2, then 4, then 8, etc. cells that form into a ball of cells. Check in next week to continue the adventure. Don’t forget to pray.

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

YOUTH CHOIR - New Members are always welcome!

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, February 16, from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in Church. New members are needed. Parents, encourage your kids in grades 8 through 12, and consider making the sacrifice to help them participate. They practice one Sunday evening per month and sing at the 6 p.m. Sunday evening Mass on the 1st and 4th Sunday of each month, arriving at 5 p.m. to practice before Mass. This group makes a huge contribution to our liturgy! We will especially welcome new eighth graders to this practice as well as other new members. Please consider it!
The Ladies Club Spring Flower sale is in full swing! Order forms are at all Church entrances. Completed forms with payment to Little Flower Ladies Club are due by March 1.

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.

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.

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.

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!


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, Molly Hahn.

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:

Esther Capps
Creekside Health and Rehabilitation Center
3114 E 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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.

Registration is open for Summer Camp at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa
Camp Rancho Framasa welcomes youth to the outdoors to hear God’s voice and seek the Holy Spirit in the beauty of nature. Nestled in the hills of Brown County, CYO Camp was established in 1946. There are inclusive camp programs available for children age 5-18, which include eight weeks of summer camp and four weeks of day camp around Indianapolis. Visit our website for more information about our organization and to register online: www.campranchoframasa.org or for more information contact Lauren V at registrar@campranchoframasa.org.
On Sunday, February 16, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with the children making their First Eucharist this spring. The children have been learning about how we celebrate as a family and as God’s people. This rite reinforces their baptism and a reminder that as Christians we are especially happy because we know that Jesus is present with us when we come together to celebrate. They will receive a lit candle from their parents as a reminder of the light of Christ. Please pray for these families during this preparation time.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Your Gifts of Treasure**

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**Home Improvement Fund**

| December Contributions | $2,194.64 |
| January Contributions   | $1,995.64 |
| February Contributions (to date) | $681.41 |

**United Catholic Appeal**

*gifts processed as of 1/23/2020*

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 12 weeks, and as you can see we are about $31,000 short of our goal, and only 13% 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 $55,359.00

# of gifts pledged 117

Amount of gifts received of pledged $24,121.00

Your annual stewardship intention card should have arrived in your mail this week. Please plan to return your completed card to Mass NEXT weekend, February 15/16.

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**Applications for Admission**

Applications for the Class of 2024 are now open! To apply, please visit [www.scecina.org/admissions](http://www.scecina.org/admissions).

**Scholarships for 8th graders**

Scecina is pleased to offer several scholarships for incoming freshmen. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit [www.scecina.org/scholarships](http://www.scecina.org/scholarships). For applications that require an application and/or essay submission, the deadline is March 16, 2020.

**Registration Fees**

An annual registration fee of $250 is required for each family who is enrolling a student at Scecina. Families with multiple students will pay the family registration fee on the oldest student enrolled at Scecina. If you complete the Tuition Assistance Application or complete the Tuition Assistance Waiver by March 20, 2020, you are able to pay an “Early” Registration Fee of $125.

Congratulations to Scecina teacher Amy Fix who received the St. Theodora Guerin Award for Excellence in Education!

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**Men’s Lenten Prayer Group**

Are you looking to experience God’s presence and power? Are you open to letting the Spirit transform you and bring you freedom?

If so, join a Lenten Prayer Group that will meet for 8 consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings starting on February 18 from 6:30 to 7:30 AM at the Fatima Event Center, 1040 N. Post Rd. Doors open at 6:15 AM. Our study is based on the Wild Goose video series on FORMED and will help men experience a deeper relationship with the Person of the Holy Spirit, and in so doing lead men to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence with God.

On February 18 we’ll view Segment 9 of the Wild Goose series, THE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. After the video we’ll break into smaller groups with a table leader posing questions for reflection and leading a shared prayer with a hard stop at 7:30 AM so you can get to work or go about your day.

All Catholic men from the East Deanery are invited to attend as your schedule permits. We are asking for a one-time goodwill $10 donation to cover coffee, snacks, printing, and facility costs. This series of meetings is sponsored by the K of C Our Lady of Fatima Council. Please let the Holy Spirit make a positive difference in your life by joining other men in fellowship and prayer during this Lenten season. Contact Bill McLaughlin, 317-748-2800, by phone or text with questions or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone number, and email address.

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**Mission 27 Resale Store**

If you do not get our trucks out. Go to [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da5a628a0fa7](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da5a628a0fa7) to establish a username/password and to sign-up; or call Chris Arvin at 317-270-2930 if you need help signing up or have questions.

Please arrive at the SVDP Distribution Center at 1201 E. Maryland Street between 7:30-7:45 a.m.
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