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 317-236-1469.

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 lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.
Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with the second graders 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 reminds them 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 living within them and their call to be lights to the world. Please pray for these families during this preparation time.

I want to extend special thanks to Mark and Tracy Erdosy who shared their stewardship story at all the Masses last weekend. I found their story inspiring. One line really struck me: “Practically speaking, we need to support the Church because we can’t imagine life without the Church and without our Catholic faith.”

Also, thanks to all who returned their completed stewardship cards this week. If you have not returned yours, please return it as soon as possible either through the collection or through the mail or by dropping it off at the parish office.

Special thanks to our 8th Grade Class who hosted our Senior Prom on Saturday, February 8. The theme was “Dancing Through the Decades.” Highlights of the evening were the delicious dinner prepared by Don Nevins, the crowning of Prom King Morris Miller and Prom Queen Judy Nichols, 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.

After more than 20 years as Chairperson of the Art and Environment Commission, Mary Martha Costello is stepping down. Our church is always beautiful, but it is never more beautiful than at Christmas and Easter. If you might be interested in assuming this role, please check out the job description elsewhere in The Theresean.

Also, our Adult Choir has a great need for men’s voices. Again, please check out the announcement elsewhere in this Theresean.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob
Liturgy of the Word

Readings for February 22 and 23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48
To read the readings on-line, go to
http://usccb.org/bible/readings/022320.cfm

We extend our condolences to Brenda Crosley on the death of her daughter, Christina “Tina” Crosley, who recently passed away. Tina was 45 years old and a parishioner here as well. We remember our parishioner, Rosalind White, who passed away on February 3 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on February 8. Rosalind was a parishioner for many years, most recently living at The Barrington of Carmel. Please keep all of Christina’s and Rosalind’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Tina and Rosalind into his eternal glory.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!
The Art and Environment Committee, as a subcommittee of the Liturgy Commission, is responsible for decorating the Church and enhancing the beauty of our liturgical celebrations according to the various liturgical seasons and feasts. Although their work is most evident at Christmas and Easter, they are responsible for various feasts and seasons throughout the year. After more than 20 years, Mary Martha Costello will be stepping down as chairperson and we are looking for someone willing to step into this role. Mary Martha will be available as a resource for the first full liturgical year. If this area interests you, please consider donating your time and talent to this important task. If you are interested or have questions, please call Mary Martha at 317-544-0473 or email her at mmcindy352@aol.com.

Fridays during Lent, beginning February 28!
The LF Men’s Club and various LF Parish groups will be providing weekly workers. Please contact drewtorz@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer in any way.

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

Lenten Fish Fry
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SPIRITUAL ADOPTION
Week Two
Thanks for adopting me. I look forward to sharing my story with you. Here is how I started. As an egg from Mom’s ovary starts down the Fallopian tube to the uterus, it was fertilized by one of 250 million sperm. Within 30 hours the nucleus of the egg and that of the sperm combine their genetic material. At that time, it is already determined that I am a girl. The cells divide over and over again, and I became a zygote and implanted in Mom’s uterus. As little ball of cells that’s officially referred to by scientists as a blastocyst, I have an inner cell mass that is becoming the embryo itself, a fluid-filled cavity that is becoming the amniotic sac, and an outer cell mass that is becoming the placenta, the pancake-shaped organ that delivers life-sustaining oxygen and nutrients to me and carries away my waste products. I have started my great adventure that may last for 100 years on earth.


WE NEED SVDP Truck Drivers and Helpers on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 7:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Saturday morning donation pick-ups are critical, as we cannot assist those in need in our community nor have enough merchandise to supply our Mission 27 Resale Store, if we do not get our trucks out. Go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da5a628a0fa7-saturday 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.

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 is due by March 1.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com
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 Switt, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Pat Sweeney, Molly Hahn, Christine Sinclair, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz.

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:

Christine Sinclair
Miller’s Merry Manor
1651 N Campbell Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.

Ladies Club News

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 February 28, Please call or text Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 or email moodyak1@yahoo.com.

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Make your plans now to break your fast with the Scecina baseball team's annual Fish Fry from 4:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in Scecina cafeteria. Tickets are $7. Dinner includes fish or pizza, coleslaw, french fries, drink, and dessert. Get tickets from a Crusader baseball player or at the door. For more information, contact Coach Gandolph, davidgandolph@yahoo.com.

Future Crusaders: Curriculum Night

Class of 2024: It’s time to request your freshman academic courses. 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. February 19 or March 4, 2020, in Scecina’s cafeteria. To RSVP, please log into your SchoolAdmin account.

Applications for Admission

Applications for the Class of 2024 are now open! To apply, please visit 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. 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.

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!

Sunday, February 23: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

Sunday, March 1: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

WE NEED A FEW GOOD MEN! For quite some time, we have appealed for some new male voices for our adult choir. Due to several factors, our need has become more critical. Adult choir practices on most Tuesday evenings, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., September through May. Additionally we sing at most 9:30 a.m. Sunday Masses and a few other times September through May. Please, consider this request seriously. If you have any questions at all, please email Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org. I know there are at least a couple of guys out there to help us. I will be waiting to hear from you!
THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP CORNER
Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal $13,550.00
Collection of February 8 and 9 $8,382.25
Electronic Contributions 2/3 – 2/7 $8,419.41
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual $424,898.45
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget $447,150.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT $-22,251.55

Home Improvement Fund
December Contributions $2,194.64
January Contributions $1,995.64
February Contributions (to date) $1,467.32

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 2/6/2020)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 14 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 118
Amount of gifts received of pledged $23,946.00

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

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.

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 Bil McLaughlin, 317-748-2800, by phone or text with questions or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone number, and email address.

LEN Retreat & Conference Center

From the Desert to the Garden: Keeping Watch with Jesus
Join Sr. Susan Marie Lindstrom for this Ash Wednesday program. Begin your Lenten journey with this day of reflection, artistic expression, and discussion on those temptations that take us away from God. Wednesday, February 26, 2020 from 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. Cost: $50 (includes lunch). Presenter: Sr. Susan Marie Lindstrom, OSB. For more information visit our website at www.benedictinn.org or call us at 317-788-7581.

Cathedral High School

Shadow at Cathedral High School
Come be a VIP—“Very IRISH Person”—for a day! We invite all 8th grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Go to gocathedral.com/Shadow for more information or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Middle School Band Night with The Pride of the Irish
Join Cathedral’s High School Band on February 21. All 7th and 8th grade students are invited to play with the Irish Pep Band during a high school basketball game. Register now at gocathedral.com/pepbandnight.

STEM Conference for students 5th through 8th Grade
Register today for Cathedral’s first ever STEM Conference offered to all 5th through 8th grade students, February 22, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You will get first hand experience with Cathedral Teachers and Students. Registration is $50 and includes T-shirt and Lunch. Register today at gocathedral.com/stemconference.

High School Placement Test Summer Academy
Cathedral High School is pleased to offer our STS High School Placement Test Academy. This course goes beyond a one-day practice test by allowing students to take two practice tests—one on Monday and one on Friday—with direct instruction from Cathedral math and English teachers for the three days between the practice tests. Students and families will see growth in student scores, and students will leave prepared to maximize their scores on the STS High School Placement Test during 8th-grade. The Academy is being held June 8-12 and July 13-17. Register at www.gocathedral.com/hostpacademy.

Cathedral Trivia Night
Grab your friends and put together a team for Trivia Night! Saturday, March 21; doors open at 5:00 p.m. The event will also feature a competition for best themed table. Beer and wine are provided; you must be 21 and over to attend. Register now at gocathedral.com/giving/events/trivia.

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