



The Little Flower Garden

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We would love to hear from you if you have any upcoming events, Take lots of pictures so we can use them in future issues. Submit photos and info by 4/18/20 in order for them to be published in the 5/15/20 issue.

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SUMMERFEST 2020

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for SUMMERFEST 2020 – May 29, 30, and 31

The festival team has begun planning for this year's Summerfest, and it's sure to be a winner! Plan to attend and bring your friends and family to help make it a success!

We believe we have the best possible team of leaders and volunteers to make this year's festival another success. We have decided once again to direct this year's proceeds towards further improvements to the rectory building. Last year we replaced the upper roof to keep Fr. Bob dry. This year we need to invest in a new cooling system to keep him comfortable in the hot months. The success of the festival can only be possible with the generous help and support of our parishioners. Below are various ways to help, most of which almost anyone can do:

- Raffle! Please do your best to help with our raffle. Last year's raffle ticket sales were down, and since this is a primary source of festival revenue, we need to have a successful raffle. Raffle tickets will be distributed in April.
- Volunteer! Opportunities to sign up to help will be provided in the coming weeks and months. Even an hour or two of your time would help greatly.
- Come one, come all! 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.
- Donate! Watch the bulletin for details on donation of items. And finally...
- Pray! Please pray for the success of your festival.

Watch The Thereasean (Sunday bulletin) for more news as the festival draws closer!



Parishioner Steve Wright is donating three stained glass pieces for auction at this year's festival. One will be a Notre Dame logo, different from last year's. His generosity in 2019 allowed us to raise \$4,000. If you are able to buy more tickets to help yourself win and help Little Flower in the process, many thanks. It would be fantastic if we matched that \$4,000 number or even exceeded it. (Shown above is a partially finished piece to which there will be flowers added in the middle.)



LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER CALENDAR - 2020

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday
Mass and Distribution of Ashes: 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 28
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 13
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 19
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT LITTLE FLOWER – 7:00 P.M.
(This service includes the parishes of Little Flower AND Our Lady of Lourdes,
as well as first reconciliation for Little Flower children)

Confessions will also be heard on:
Saturdays, February 29, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4 from 3:45 until 4:30 p.m.

Friday, March 20
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 27
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3
Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

April 4/5 – Palm Sunday
Regular Mass Schedule – All children invited to participate in procession with palms
Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

April 9 – Holy Thursday
Soup Supper in Duffey Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. – serving until 6:30 p.m. - All are welcome!
Adoration Chapel closes at 7:00 p.m.
Mass at 7:00 p.m. including commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Adoration in Church after Mass
ending with Night Prayer at 9:15 p.m.

April 10 – Good Friday
Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 a.m.
Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

April 11 – Holy Saturday
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions

April 12 – Easter Sunday
Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Adoration Chapel reopens after 10:30 a.m. Mass -- There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Make a note now to pick up your Lenten reflection book when you come to Mass on the weekend of February 22nd and 23rd. Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw provides various devotional books for Catholics. They provide reflection readings and scriptures to urge readers to spend some quiet time with the Lord. For many years the parish has made these books available as just one way to help parishioners observe the Lenten Season. These reflections only take about 5 to 10 minutes each day. Pick up your copy and observe Lent in unison with your parish family.



HOLY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER



The **Parish Life Commission** will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9, from 5:30-6:30p.m. in Duffey Hall** (school cafeteria.) This is a great opportunity to share a meal with your fellow parishioners before attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. It's also a free night from cooking for all you working moms and dads; and that's a deal that can't be beat! The menu will include vegetable soup, rolls, salad, hot dogs for the little ones, desserts, and drinks. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

EASTER SUNDAY GOSPEL REFLECTION

Experience Christ's Living Presence

While there are differences in the various Passion narratives, common to all four Gospels is the concern of Jesus' friends and followers that he be given a decent burial. Most of them had abandoned him or at best were standing off at a distance during his anguish and suffering. After his death, however, they were committed to providing a proper burial for this good and courageous man.



Although his mission in life appeared to be a colossal failure, his integrity and courage were without question. Seeing to it that his body was washed, anointed, shrouded, and secured seemed to be the least they could do. Coming to the tomb after the great Sabbath rest, they had this purpose in mind. They were astounded to find the stone rolled away and burial clothes rolled up. In the words of John's Gospel, "They did not yet understand ... that he had to rise from the dead."

Easter faith involves readiness to encounter Jesus as a living personal presence. It is not primarily about respecting his heroic witness, or even about contemplating and applying his remarkable teaching. Believers learn to experience his presence among them in every age as they discern their purpose and mission in life. We, as worshippers, say "Amen" to the reality of that presence when we gather for the Eucharist on Easter Sunday and every Sunday — remembering and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus.

— Corbin Eddy of Catholic Digest

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

The Ever-Vibrant Little Flower Ladies Club



Members of the LFLC toured the Bona Thompson Historical Center in Irvington. The exhibits, including a West Baden Hidden Angels replica, were fascinating.

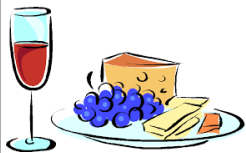


A LFLC meeting frequently includes a guest speaker. At this meeting, we heard from one of our own, Cindy Woods, about her trip to France.



It's been a busy but fun first half of the year with big plans to keep the ball rolling in 2020!

A guest speaker talked about a local charity, New Limbs For Life, which supplies artificial limbs to Sri Lankan casualties of war and poor health. At the December meeting there was a craft project to make Christmas decorations from buttons and ribbons. Plans are in the works for a Canvas and Wine event in February. Well-known Hoosier Gardener Jo Ellen Gordon has been invited (but not yet confirmed) to speak at the March meeting. Watch *The Theresean* [Sunday bulletin] for updated news.



The annual wine tour is tentatively planned for Saturday, May 23rd, so mark your calendar!

There have also been several off-site activities. Members visited the Indiana Historical Society's Festival of Trees in December (pictured right). In January, there was lunch at the LS Ayers Tea Room at the Indiana State Museum. An architectural tour of Columbus, IN, is planned for April 18 and the club hopes to go on Richmond's Chocolate Tour.



There is a Little Flower evening at Beef and Boards coming on February 20th to enjoy *Saturday Night Fever*. If you were unable to attend, watch for a return evening in the fall.

The Ladies Club and Men's Club teamed up for a chili supper and Euchre Tournament on January 4 which was a big success. There are plans for more collaborative events between the two groups in the future. If you are sick of winter, get ready! The spring flower sale is just around the corner.

Last but not least, with the addition of the cheese ball sales which proved to be a key ingredient, the Holiday Bake Sale was the most successful ever. See picture at left.

Stewardship Commission

The Stewardship Commission is small but hardworking. Here, members of the Commission are having fun setting up tables for the Annual Stewardship Appreciation event.



Men's Club Busy at Christmas and New Year's — Fish Frys Coming Soon



The Little Flower Men's Club assisted with putting up and taking down Christmas decorations in the church.



The Little Flower Men's Club Euchre Tournament 2020: On Saturday, January 4th, the Men's Club hosted its 2nd annual Euchre tournament with generous help from the Little Flower Ladies Club who provided their award-winning chili!



Friday Lenten Fish Frys, sponsored by the Men's Club, begin on February 28 and run for six consecutive Fridays, ending April 3. Everyone is invited!

The Men's Club will host the 74th Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 10.



Little Flower School News

Upper left: Fourth-grade students follow a Little Flower School tradition of dressing as a saint for the Feast of All Saints on November 1.

Lower left: Celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe in December.

Right: Winners of the Joseph and Veronica Thie Service Award pose with Father Bob and members of the Thie family after Mass.



*Four generations of Little Flower students!
From left: Jim Erlenbaugh, daughter Julie Wallpe, granddaughter Jessica Freudenstein and great-granddaughter Mya Freudenstein.*



 **LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Shop, Swipe Your Plus Card and Earn Rewards for Little Flower School!



Little Flower Catholic School has been a part of the Kroger Community Rewards program for a few years now. Currently we only have 222 household participating! This program is so easy. All you have to do is link your Kroger Plus Card to Little Flower. **Please register your Kroger Plus Card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and use our organization code # CP031.** Little Flower will earn a percentage of spending on a quarterly basis which will help with tuition assistance. You can earn rewards on almost anything every time you shop. However, there are specific purchases that cannot be included: Alcohol; tobacco; government-assisted prescription purchases; postage stamps; Kroger gift cards and debit cards; lottery and promotional tickets; Western Union; fuel and sales tax are all ineligible. If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger. **We earned \$798.12 during the last quarter of 2019! Register your Kroger Plus Card NOW!**

CHRISTMAS MEMORIES MADE AT LITTLE FLOWER

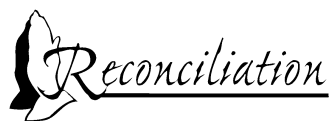
From Advent calendars to a Christmas party with Santa to band concerts and Christmas plays, Little Flower had it all during the Christmas season.



The Little Flower Christmas Choir had fan mail! Tom Costello shared these two testimonials with the members of the Christmas choir who wrapped up the season with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 5.

From Tom to the choir: "I wanted to pass along a note I received today about the Gloria. C. is a young man in elementary school: 'C. got so excited with the Gloria at Mass, he recorded it. He said it was "spicy." Took care of all that was wrong and gave him hope. He is still talking about it.'"

Also from a parishioner to Tom: "Unable to attend 5PM Mass yesterday, I came to 9:30 Mass this morning. There is nothing better than Christmas music to me. Your choir was fabulous and the Hallelujah chorus was absolutely fantastic!"



First Reconciliation will be on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 7 p.m., during our Lenten Penance Service. Please keep all our children preparing for Sacraments in your thoughts and prayers.

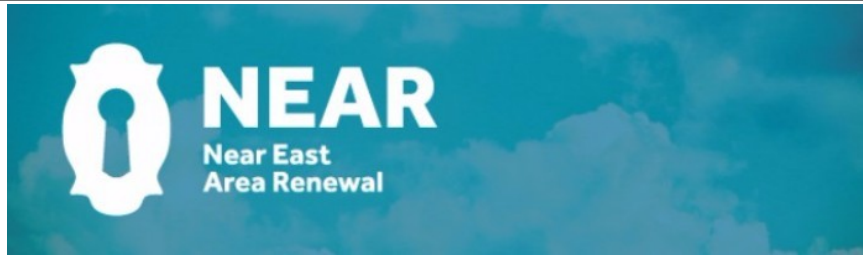


HOLY COMMUNION

First Communion Mass will be Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. We have 27 children preparing to make their First Eucharist. Please come and celebrate with us!



Thinking ahead to summer? Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! July 13 - 17, 2020, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. for children entering pre-4 – 4th grade (in the fall of 2020.). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 ext. 33.



Community Development in 2020



In response to continuing blight and housing and economic challenges, NEAR is working with neighbors, local government, and community partners on a range of development initiatives in 2020. Among them:

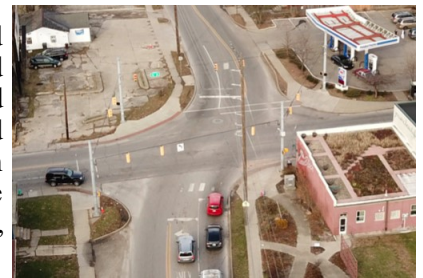
- Design and infrastructure planning at **Sherman Park** to create job opportunities for 100s of Near Eastside neighbors and catalyze economic vitality in the area. See www.shermanparkplan.com
- Create a revolving façade improvement loan fund for **small Near Eastside businesses**.
- Complete buildout at **Minnie Hartmann Center** (Sherman & Robson/Vermont) for childcare and early learning for over 100 infant-pre-K and school-age children—and connect their learning to the senior adults living there.

- Move planning forward on new, small-scale multi-family affordable housing at **10th & Temple**.
- Work strategically to encourage greater diversity and inclusivity across Near Eastside neighborhoods.
- Complete 9 affordable homes in the **Willard Park Neighborhood** and make them available to low-to-moderate income (80% AMI) households.
- Cooperate with JBNC, ECDC, and other partners to encourage accessible, vibrant **economic and arts engagement along E. 10th Street**. See www.10eastarts.org
- Develop 5 permanently affordable houses in **Rivoli Park Neighborhood** and make them available to low-to-moderate income (80% AMI) households.
- Rehab long-vacant **960 N. Rural** (southwest corner of 10th & Rural) and create a compact commercial space behind it.
- Complete the final 3 houses (22 total) in **The Educators' Village** and sell them to low-to-moderate income (80% AMI) households.
- Help create a **Community Land Trust** to permanently preserve affordable housing in our urban neighborhoods.

These opportunities to address housing and economic challenges--and to work with neighbors to create community-responsive solutions—inspire us to do our best in 2020 to “develop community as we create great places for neighbors” (our mission). Contact John Franklin Hay for info (john@nearindy.org).

Public Input for 10th & Rural Streetscaping

Progress is being made in redesigning the 10th & Rural intersection and developing streetscaping along 10th and Rural Streets. Engineering firm CMT and design firm MKSK invited neighbors to a public input meeting that was held January 29 at the John Boner Neighborhood Center, 2236 E. 10th St. Concepts and plans are advancing and need community input. This project is intended to calm traffic, improve pedestrian safety, and develop positive placemaking for the 10th Street corridor and the 10th and Rural gateway. According to DMD, construction could begin in the spring of 2021.



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Little Flower Neighborhood Association's Art & Seek Project



This past fall the Little Flower Neighborhood Association (LFNA) was awarded an Art & Seek grant in partnership with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful & the Art's Council. As a part of this grant, the LFNA worked with local artist Mike Graves of the Bridge Collective and Shi-Kay owner Joe Shikany to create a neighborhood-specific art installation on the north-facing wall of the Shi-Kay. This installation will be in place for the next 18 months, and will be input into the Art & Seek app which will give art enthusiasts a self-guided tour of all 20-plus projects across the city come this spring.



Future LFNA events include: Speed Neighboring at the Shi-Kay on Feb 18 at 6:30 p.m. and LFNA Neighborhood Meeting in the LF School cafeteria on March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Editor's note: Parishioner Rita Chapman first authored this article about 10 years ago.

The Eastside of Indianapolis enjoyed a great period of prosperity from the 1950's through the early 1970's. Many were employed at RCA, Western Electric, Chrysler and Naval Avionics, and the emergence of chain stores and restaurants was still minimal. The "mom and pop" store continued to thrive and prosper!

Ice cream stores featured Lindner's at 10th and Sherman, known for their double dips for an extra dime and their wonderful shakes! Teenagers looking for their first job flocked to the Dairy Queen at 10th and Denny. After a few years' experience, it was a real coup to be employed at the Dairy Queen just west of 16th and Emerson.

Drug stores were mostly of the neighborhood variety. Heid's specialized in prescriptions and little else and SuperX had great beauty products and magazines. Fritz Drugs (later known as Bosart Drugs) boasted a soda fountain that was a local hangout; Fritz had another location on Michigan Street in the '50s and early '60s. Delbo Drugs at 16th and Emerson was a Scecina hang-out and filled with every magazine available.

Drive-Ins were a major attraction to this area. The Blue Ribbon was one of the oldest drive-ins and was known for its great ice cream. Before the construction of Linwood Square, an A & W Root Beer was located on 10th Street. The most popular drive-in was the Steer-In, known for its Steerburger and as a lively hang-out. The Steer-In continues to be an eastside institution. Arlington Avenue was known for two small drive-ins, Little Brown Jug and the Double-L Drive-In. Further east, Al Green's Drive-In was located and renown for its giant tenderloin and movies.

Standard Grocery, at 10th and Bosart, was the main neighborhood grocery. Preston's, at 16th and Emerson, was famous for their fresh meat. Joe Guidone's, located at 10th and Arlington, was the "highbrow" grocery of the era. Before Village Pantries emerged, small neighborhood groceries called Regal Markets existed, with one at the corner of Nowland Street and Bosart Avenue. Grabhorn's Market on 16th was also an example of a neighborhood small grocer.

Churches provided many social activities for area children. Linwood Christian Church hosted weekly teen dances in their parking lot. The Little Flower CYO group held weekly socials called "Drop-Ins." The outdoor basketball court in the schoolyard was in constant use. Kickball was—and still is—a girls sport at the Catholic schools. Many rode their bicycles and walked everywhere through the neighborhood.

Cafeterias were also prominent in this era. The Emerten Cafeteria, just west of 10th and Emerson, hosted many First Communion and Confirmation breakfasts. Laughner's Cafeteria was first on the site of the current Steer-In. Stonebraker's Cafeteria was located just east 10th and Emerson. The granddaddy of them all, MCL, still serves daily fare and great pie on the corner of 10th and Arlington.

Neighborhood theatres were commonplace. The Rivoli Theatre was known for its giant organ. After it closed as a theatre, it hosted many rock concerts, one including Leo Sayer! It was then known as an "adult arts theatre" for many years. Sadly, the Rivoli has been closed for many years and is in serious neglect. The Emerson, located in the heart of the Little Flower area, proudly hosted two Children's Matinees on Saturdays. Most theatre goers vividly remember the ushers constantly patrolling and shining their lights at the most inopportune moment. The Children's Matinees always ended with a free treat of a Slow Poke or a Dreamsicle bar. The Emerson closed in 2019 after operating as a rock concert venue for several years. However, the "elite theatre" was the Arlington. It was the largest, had the most current movies and the best sound. It is now open as an Ace Hardware.

In Memoriam

Editors note: Dane Kramer, son of long-time parishioners Dick and Peg Kramer, passed away on August 15, 2019, the date of his 49th birthday. About this tribute to Dane's life, Dick wrote: "I worked on writing and rewriting this piece for several weeks and finalized it in late December of 2019. Since then, I have read it to myself each morning as a prayer to God and have found it to be uplifting and reassuring in my journey through the grief of the loss of our son, Dane. It maintains my belief that indeed *As it 'Was' and 'Is Now' to our chagrin* will truly become *As it 'Is Now' and 'Was' to our delight!*"

The Little Flower Garden extends its deepest sympathy to the Kramer family and greatly appreciates the sharing of this remarkable tribute with the entire Little Flower Parish community.

As it 'Was' and 'Is Now' to our chagrin.

When
The port of harbor and peace of mind,
Lies beyond the horizon at a distance unknown,
And beyond an unknow time and place,
The sea of sorrow seems more expansive and,
Is only made tolerable via the hope of arrival.

For,
What 'Was' must become as it 'Is Now' and,
The acceptance of which is required to move on.
But, that takes wind to fill the sails of the vessel we are in,
And see the winking beacon's bright light in the shroud of blackness,
Coming to know that only the breath of God can propel us there.

And,
While, faithfully praying for those breaths of God,
We await His complicity in answer to our plea,
To balloon the drooping, limp sails and,
Move the vessel beyond raging waves of sadness,
Relinquishing the pain and plant our anchor in Him.

Now,
Being that 'Was' is no longer within our grasp and,
The loss of it is sadly beyond our control,
We face the spontaneous welling up of tears in memories.
And, wiping the teardrops rolling down our cheeks,
We breathe deeply, swallow the ache and continue as he would have it.

Because,
Dane, himself was a powerful source of joy and love,
And filled the sails of others with his enthusiasm for life.
He always left his time spent together with everyone,
With sincere expressions of this thankfulness and,
Instilled mutual respect and satisfaction at departure.

So,
When he calmly answered God's call to come home,
What 'Was' morphed into an abyss of grief in the 'Is Now'.
But, born into new life, Dane is in paradise with his real Father and,
Has left us to pine for God's grace to dock where we long to be,
And disembark knowing that we should be happy for him.

And finally,
Celebrate the person we knew in life, and who still is because,
He has been reborn into a greater 'Is Now' than it once 'Was.'

As it 'Is Now' and 'Was' to our delight!

In Sympathy

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,
and for their families...*



- ✠ Linda Swain, October 27, 2019
- ✠ Jerry Sweeney, October 30, 2019
- ✠ Dale Hawkins, November 1, 2019
- ✠ Dottie Spalding, September 21, 2019
- ✠ Betty Streicher, November 21, 2019
- ✠ Mark Hannah, December 7, 2019
- ✠ Thomas McKeon, December 22, 2019
- ✠ Charles Whitehill, January 5, 2020



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!

Helen & Donald Gruner

Zulema & Edgar Mariscal and children, Eduardo, Nadia, Gabriela, and Evelyn

Richard & Julia Redell

Ian Schneider

Lumumba Athumani and children, Salome, Anna, Justin

Donna Doran-Bamberry and William Bamberry

Mary Janek

Thanks for joining us!



Please Welcome Those Baptized into Our Christian Community

December 2019

- * Emerson Kay Bradley, daughter of William and Angela (Girolami) Bradley

January 2020

- * Evan Randall, son of Bryce and Ashley (Breedon) Schneider
- * Maren Jane, daughter of Michael and Sarah (Robertson) Harding

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Dates to Remember

Feb 26: Ash Wednesday

Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr 3: Lenten Fish Frys

Mar 8: Daylight Savings Time begins

Mar 19: Lenten Penance Service at LF (see page 2)

Mar 28-Apr 4: LF School spring break

Apr 9-11: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday (see
page 2)

Apr 12: Easter Sunday (see page 2)

April 26: First Communion at 9:30 Mass

May 10: Mother's Day and LF Mother's Day Breakfast

May 29, 30, 31: Summerfest 2020!

Wishing you a Joyous Easter!
See you in May.
Summerfest 2020 starts May 29!

