THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life. John 4:14

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday:

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

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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 parishippore in admitted. when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERSPriesthood 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 DEADLINEArticles 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 weekend at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our Elect, our former Catechumens, and our *Confirmandi*. At the First Scrutiny, the former catechumens are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, and all the Elect are presented with the Ten Commandments.

Next week's Scrutiny will take place at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and the following weekend's Scrutiny will take place at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA, 141).

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! St. Patrick was the apostle of Ireland. For example, according to tradition, St. Patrick used a shamrock to explain the mystery of the Trinity. When I was a child, some years my aunts and uncles in Ireland would send real Irish shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day, which in turn I would take to school.

This week's All-School Mass will be on Wednesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. instead of Friday.

Our Lenten Penance Service is this Thursday, March 19, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. We will be joined by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, our RCIA candidates, and our children preparing for First Communion. Several priests are scheduled to be available for confessions. Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a gift, not a burden. Please take this opportunity to be reconciled to God and others.

Last Sunday after the 9:30 Mass Charles L. Duffey introduced himself to me. Charles is the great-nephew of Fr. Duffey, our founding pastor. His son, also named Charles, was with him. He said his father, Fr. Duffey's nephew, was named for Fr. Duffey. Last Sunday was his 68th birthday. He had been here once before when Fr. Bob Borchertmeyer was pastor. He noticed the changes in the church and in Duffey Hall. I always find it interesting to meet someone with a familial connection to the early history of Little Flower.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Readings for March 21 and 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41

To read the readings on-line, go to http://usccb.org/bible/readings/032220.cfm



We extend our condolences to *Ray* and *Hazel Quinn* on the death of Ray's brother, Don McSwain. Please keep all of Don's family and

friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Don into his eternal glory.

your attention please

Do you bring food to funeral luncheons? Are you missing your favorite baking dish, pie pan, or storage container? If so, you might want to stop by the parish center and check in the kitchen. There are quite a few dishes in the kitchen that do not belong to the parish. Maybe yours is one of them. In a few weeks the kitchen will be cleaned, and any unclaimed dishes will be sent to St. Vincent de Paul.



Trash Bag Sales: Ready for spring cleaning? Our school trash bag fundraiser forms

are in this week's bulletin! Proceeds from sales pay for field trips and more. Trash bags are \$12 per roll and made in Indiana from Indiana recyclables. Forms along with payment (cash or check made payable to "Little Flower PTO") are due at the school or parish center by Monday, March 23, or in the collection basket by March 22. Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

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 NOTE SCHEDULE – THERE WILL BE TWO SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

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.

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.



The Parish Life Commission will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday**, **April 9**. Dinner will be served from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m**.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Look for more information in future editions of the Theresean!

Third Sunday Of Lent



For the Week of March 16 - 22, 2020

6 March Monday

5:30 p.m. John Heck by Family

17 March Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Norbert Arvin by Mike and Diane Shruba

18 March Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Teresa Eckrich by Sandra Koehl

19 March Thursday

1:30 p.m. at Greenbriar Village - Elizabeth & Anthony

Mauer

20 March Friday

5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross and Communion Service

March Saturday – Vigil of The 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 p.m. Fr. George Menke, S.J.

2 March Sunday - The 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. Jerry Sweeney by Bob and LuAnn (Zimmer)

Hellwig & Family

6:00 p.m. For the Parish



Dates to Remember

March 15 - 22, 2020

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.				
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir		
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study		
Monday	St. Patrick	11:30 a.m.	SDVP		
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Soul Core		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary		
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council		
Thursday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance		
			Service		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry		
Saturday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance		
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.				
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA 2 nd Scrutiny		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice		
			Sing at 6 p.m. Mass		
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep		



NOTICE: PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD!

My name is Dick Kramer, a member of Little Flower and the Liturgy Commission. Each year one of my voluntary tasks for the Commission is to recruit six parishioners to take part in the ritual of the washing of the feet during the Holy Thursday Liturgy at 7 p.m. I am inviting you to consider volunteering as a participant in this ceremony. This ritual is a call and an expression of our willingness to serve all humankind as demonstrated by Jesus Christ when He knelt to wash the feet of His disciples. Call me at 317-965-1869 and give me your name and contact information, or leave a message on my voicemail. I would like to engage those who have not, as yet, been invited to participate, but no one will be excluded who has already represented our community in the past.

Spiritual Adoption Week 6

Hi again. My nose, mouth, and ears are beginning to take shape. My head is oversized, and dark spots appear where my eyes and nostrils are starting to form. My emerging ears are marked by small depressions on the sides of the head, and my arms and legs by protruding buds. My heart is beating about 100 to 160 times a minute — almost twice as fast as yours — and blood is beginning to course through my body. My intestines are developing, and the bud of tissue that will give rise to my lungs has appeared. My pituitary gland is forming, as are the rest of my brain, muscles, and bones. I have gotten so big, about a quarter of an inch long, about the size of a lentil. Please continue to pray for me and my parents. God has so much planned for me.



Our next session is Sunday, March 22, after the 6 p.m. Mass. Our topic is "Confirmation" chapter 10. The letter to Archbishop Thompson is due.

Please continue to pray the prayer process cards we received in February.

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, 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:

Chester and Elizabeth Dyer 1427 N Drexel Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201

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.



Please welcome into our Christian community London Diann, daughter of Kevin and Zarah (Cecich) Fogler, who was baptized on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Festival News Summerfest 2020 May 29, 30, and 31

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196, or <u>edeputy1@yahoo.com</u>) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate!

- Are you an artisan or just plain crafty? Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.
- Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25? Consider donating them!
- Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder?
 Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.
- Do you have a timeshare or vacation property?
 Consider donating a week this year.

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00, and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie, and she will mail information to them. Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!



Come One! Come All!

Please join us on Fridays during Lent through April 3 for a wonderful Lenten meal! Serving takes place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Carryout is available.

Invite your family and friends to help make our Fish Fry a success!

Just Desserts, Ladies!

The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the fish fry. All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club, so whip up your favorite dessert to share and bring it to the school cafeteria after 3:00 p.m. on Fridays. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!

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



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir - New Members are always welcome!

Sunday, March 15: Practice in Church at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 22: Meet in Church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass Sunday, April 5: Meet in Church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, March 15, 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! Please consider it!



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 evening, 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!



Scecina's Spring Musical: "Newsies"

The theater students of Scecina Memorial High School present "Newsies" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21, at Scecina. More than 75 Scecina students will be coming together on and off the stage to put on this production.

Set in New York City at the turn of the century, "Newsies" is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a ragged band of "Newsies," who dreams only of a better life far from the hardship of the streets. But when publishing titans Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst raise distribution prices at the newsboys' expense, Jack finds a cause to fight for and rallies newsies from across the city to strike for what's right. Tickets can be purchased using a credit card online at Scecina.org/theater or by cash at the door.

Ticket pricing:

- Grade School Age Free
- Scecina Student \$5
- Reserved Seating \$10
- General Admission \$8
- Weekend (both nights) Reserved Seating \$16

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00	
Collection of March 7 and 8		\$ Check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 3/2 – 3/6	\$ Cl	eck back next week	
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	465,806.90	
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	487,800.00	
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 21,993.10	

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 1,995.64
February Contributions	\$ 2,124.14
March Contributions (to date)	\$ 668.91

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 2/27/2020)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 17 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 119 Amount of gifts received of pledged \$24,711.00

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

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House Upcoming Lenten Events

On The Way to the Tomb – Lenten Weekend Retreat Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22, 2020 Led by Fr. Jim Farrell

Inspired by a painting of John and Peter racing to the empty tomb on Easter, this retreat led by Fr. Jim Farrell will offer opportunities to reflect on the experience of the Resurrection for those who lived in the time of Jesus. It will invite us to consider how we respond to God's movement in our life today.

Walking with Christ: Journeying Through Holy Week as a Fragile Disciple Lenten Weekend Retreat – Friday, April 3 – Sunday, April 5, 2020 Led by Fr. Steve Banet

Join Fr. Steve Banet on a weekend retreat to prepare your hearts and minds to enter Holy Week.

Weekend Retreat Registration: \$200/person (private bedroom & shared bathroom), \$400/married couple (private bedroom and bathroom). Registration includes: program, meals, snacks, and overnight accommodations. Contact Jennifer Burger at 317-545-7681 or jburger@archindy.org with questions on registration.

Day/Evening programs

Miracles of Healing: The Power of the Sacraments

• Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

\$40, includes light supper and program

Thursday, March 26, 2020, 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\$45, includes continental breakfast, Mass, program and lunch.

Both dates are led by Fr. Keith Hosey.

A full list of programs are on Fatima's website at www.archindy.org/fatima.



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