FOURTH SUNDAY OF THEST

I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.

John 9:39

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Saturday:

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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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

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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 MARRIAGEContact 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 parishippor in admitted. 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 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,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the mid-point of Lent. This might be a good day to review for ourselves how we are doing keeping our Lenten promises. On Easter Sunday, we want to be able to celebrate not only Jesus' resurrection from the dead 2000 years ago but also our own resurrection to new life with him. This will only be possible to the extent that we have put to death the selfishness and sin that is part of our lives in order to rise to new life in Christ.

These are certainly challenging times. There are some similarities and some differences with previous crises. For example, the only time I remember a parish shut down like this was during the Blizzard of 1978. However, the shut down was only for a few days. On the other hand, after 9/11, church attendance increased at least for several weeks. Because of the risk of transmission, church attendance this past weekend was approximately one-half of what it normally is. Now, of course, Masses have been suspended indefinitely.

During this time you are invited to watch or listen to Mass online or on television. While praying or while viewing the Mass on T.V. or online, you are encouraged to make an act of Spiritual Communion. This traditional Church practice is a real source of grace in communion with our Lord. Below is an example of a prayer for Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

You are also encouraged to prayerfully read the readings of Sacred Scripture for the day or to pray the rosary.

The pandemic is taking a toll on everyone physically, emotionally, financially, and spiritually. Throughout the world, large numbers of people are becoming ill and a significant number are dying from this new disease. The constant news reports about the virus are creating a lot of anxiety for a lot of people and panic in some people. Likewise, social distancing is very hard for some people. Financially, this pandemic is hurting the national and local economies. The people for whom I feel most are the people who can least afford not to have income. Likewise, I feel for parents who still have to work and who are now challenged with finding childcare for their children who are suddenly out of school. The pandemic may cause some to question their faith. The perennial question is how God can allow a pandemic that will kill or sicken so many people.

Just the other night I started reading Bruce Scifres' latest book, *True Impact: 25 Short Stories and Insights that Inspire Transformational Leadership*. Bruce Scifres is the Executive Director of CYO. As coach of Roncalli's football team for 20 years, he led them to seven Indiana Football State Championships. Chapter 1 is titled "The Choice Is Ours." In this chapter, he presents Urban Meyer's success equation: E + R = O. According to Bruce, E represents events that occur in our lives over which we have no control. R is how we react to the events around this. I would prefer the word *respond*. O represents the eventual outcomes. Certainly we cannot control the coronavirus or the restrictions in our lives because of it, but we can control how we respond to them, which in turn will determine the outcome.

What should our faith response be? In the reading from Genesis two Sundays ago, God said to Abram, "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you....Abram went as the LORD directed him." In other words, God asked Abraham to give up the search for security and to set out on a journey to an unknown land and an unknown future with only God's word of promise to guide him. In other words, God asked Abraham to entrust his life and his future to God and God's word of promise. We are called to do the same. At the same time, we have to do our part. We should remember the words of French philosopher Maurice Blondel: "Once we have done everything as if expecting nothing from God, we still have to expect everything from God as if we had done nothing of ourselves." Part of doing everything we can may be to help those with unexpected needs resulting from the coronavirus.

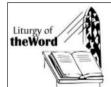
Finally, if possible, we ask you to continue to share your gifts of treasure with us. As you know, before any of this, we already had a major Sunday collection deficit. This will only continue to grow as we fight the coronavirus. Also, because our parish and school staff depends on their income from the parish, we want to be able to continue to pay them. Therefore, please continue to support the parish in these extremely difficult times. If you have not already signed up for EFT, an Electronic Fund Transfer, please consider doing so. This can be done online, or you may contact the office.

Stay healthy and safe. You are all in my prayers.

fr. bob

Little Flower Catholic School is closed until Monday, April 6. The school office will be answering phone calls M-F from 9-12 at 317-353-2282. All school parents are asked to come in to school to pick up student work and supplies.

The Parish Office will be closed to the public through at least April 5. During this time you may call the parish office with questions Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.



Readings for March 28 and 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 Romans 8: 8-11

http://usccb.org/bible/readings/032920.cfm

John 11: 1-45
To read the readings on-line, go to



Mass Intentions

	For	r the Week of March 23 - 29, 2020			
Due to the Suspension of Public Celebration of Mass, Fr. Bob will be celebrating Mass privately for the following Intentions:					
23	March	Monday - Chris Tebbe			
24	March	Tuesday - Daniel Freeland by Carol Freeland			
25	March	Wednesday - Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly			
26	March	Thursday - Elizabeth & Anthony Mauer			
27	March	Friday - Rosalind White by Mary Jane Delinger			
28	March	Saturday - Vigil of The 5th Sunday of Lent			
	-2	Mike Shikany by Mrs. Michael Maio			
29	March	Sunday - The 5th Sunday of Lent			
		For the People			



Due to concerns with COVID-19, all remaining Fish Frys have been canceled. Thank you for your generous support during the first three weeks of the Fish Fry. Big thanks to the Men's Club and all volunteers who helped make the Fish Fry a success. Until next year!

Trash bag sales extended

Due to school closures, order forms and payment for trash bag sales will be due the Wednesday after we return to school. Currently, that makes the due date April 8, which is subject to change. Please watch for updates. Delivery is estimated to be around three weeks after orders are due. Please use a little of your free time to help us raise funds for field trips and other worthy experiences once we're all reunited! Thank you for supporting our school. Christen Kring & Your PTO.

Fourth Sunday Of Lent



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:

Denice Rose Wildwood Health Care Center, Room 713 7301 E. 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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.

FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2020 – May 29, 30, and 31

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196, or edeputy1@yahoo.com) 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 when we are able to re-open. Thank you for your patience.

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!

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, April 8 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass, to celebrate Easter. We will be doing some Easter activities. Please call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending.



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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,550.00
Collection of March 7 and 8	\$ 7,435.10
Electronic Contributions 3/2 – 3/6	\$ 9,812.84
Collection of March 14 and 15	\$ 5,624.12
Electronic Contributions 3/9 – 3/13	\$ 2,245.34
Annual Contribution-one parish family	\$ 6,066.69
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$ 496,990.99
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$ 514,900.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 17,909.01

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	1,995.64	
February Contributions	\$	2,124.14
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,530.57

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.



Sip, savor and nosh with the Little Flower Ladies Club. Our annual wine trip concentrates on the diversified wineries/breweries in central Indiana. Venues range from farm to finesse. Join us in tastings at Silver Grotto Riesling, Saint Cheri Cider, and many others. Our trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 2020 and transportation will be leaving at

10:30 AM to arrive happily home by 6:30 PM. Cost is \$75.00 per person which includes transportation, tasting at two wineries, a brewery and lunch. Reservations/payment are due by Saturday, May 2. Payment can be made via check to the Little Flower Ladies Club. Please arrive at Little Flower School Parking Lot no later than 10:15 AM. Questions can be directed to Rita Chapman, 317-709-7879 or Anita Moody, 317-918-0997. Don't hesitate, seating is limited and Saint Cheri will be waiting!!

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!



The Sacraments

Based on the recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic all Sacramental programs & Religious Ed are postponed at this time. This would include Confirmation, First Eucharist/Reconciliation Prep as well as RCIA and RCIA for Children. If you have any questions please contact Chris Arvin at carvin@littleflowerparish.org for teenage Confirmation Prep or Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org for RCIA, RCIA for Children, Religious Ed, and First Eucharist & First Reconciliation.

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.

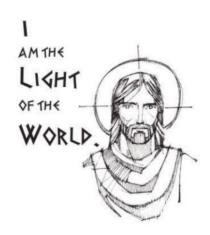
April 11 - Holy Saturday

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.



Information sent in an e-mail to parishioners on March 17, 2020:

As you may have already heard on the news, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis has released a statement on the suspension of public celebration of Mass. Based on recommendations from health officials concerning the danger of the COVID-19 pandemic and the urgency to stem the spread of the virus, the five Catholic bishops of Indiana have suspended all Sunday and weekday Masses beginning Wednesday, March 18, until further notice.

The archbishop and some of the priests on his staff will be making online Masses available soon. Please visit the homepage of the archdiocese, www.archindy.org, for more information.

The following is from the communication provided by the Archdiocese:

- Out of an abundance of caution perpetual adoration chapels should remained closed until further notice.
- · Decisions about the celebrations during Holy Week and beyond will be made in the coming days.
- As to the celebration of other Sacraments, whenever possible any scheduled celebrations should be postponed
 until further notice. This includes the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy
 Matrimony.
- Finally, the celebration of funerals should be postponed whenever possible. If a funeral is offered, then it should
 be celebrated outside of Mass and in the presence of a very small number of the faithful who practice the
 prescribed precautions for hygiene and social distancing. A Mass for the intention and the repose of the soul of
 the deceased may be offered privately by the priest.
- · As it pertains specifically to Little Flower parish, the following decisions were made by the parish staff:
- All remaining Fish Frys have been canceled.
- Lenten Stations of the Cross and Communion Services have been canceled.
- Confessions will not be heard until further notice.
- All parish meetings and gatherings are suspended until further notice.
- The Parish Office will be closed to the public through at least April 5. During this time you may call the parish office with questions Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- The Theresean (bulletin) will be sent to parishioners weekly via e-mail, and it will be posted on our website, www.littleflowerparish.org, on a regular basis. You may also check www.discovermass.com for the bulletin. If you know anyone who does NOT have e-mail and would like a copy mailed to their home, please ask them to call the parish office between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon Monday-Friday.
- Fr. Bob will celebrate Mass privately for scheduled intentions. Check the Theresean for information on intentions.
- The Church will remain available for personal prayer. If you need the door code for access, please call the parish office.
- We are committed to taking care of our employees during this difficult time. As we are committed to supporting them, we hope you will, as much as possible given your own personal situation, continue to support us. We welcome you to mail your regular Sunday contributions to the parish office, or you may go online to make a contribution using the following link: http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/donation-opportunities/. If you would like to establish automatic contributions, you may do so using the link, or you may fill out the attached form and send to the parish office.
- We will be checking on our elderly parishioners regularly. If you know of a parishioner with needs, please contact
 the parish office, and we will do our best to help them.

We will continue to update you as new information becomes available. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19, whether it be physically, emotionally, spiritually, or financially.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name: you are mine.

When you pass through waters, I will be with you; through rivers, you shall not be swept away.

When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, nor will flames consume you. For I, the LORD, am your God, the Holy One of Israel, your savior. (Isaiah 43:1-3)





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