

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

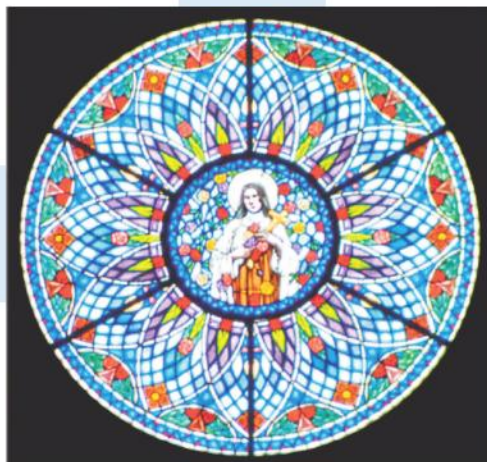
This illness is not
to end in death,
but is for the glory of God,
that the Son of God may
be glorified through it.

John 11:4

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
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.

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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 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 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.

Fifth Sunday Of LENT

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Today's Gospel is the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. In today's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* He then challenges Martha and us, *"Do you believe this?"* which implies the question, "Can you believe this?" Hopefully, we are able to answer with Martha, *"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."*

I do not know about you, but this past weekend I really missed our parish celebrations of the Eucharist. Although I am celebrating Mass daily, it is not the same without you. For me, these past few days have been a powerful experiential reminder that the Christianity of Jesus is a Christianity of community. At the Last Supper, the first Eucharist, Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples. As I have often said in homilies, for the Jews of Jesus' time, meals were sacred times of intimacy with God and others.

We believe that God often brings good out of bad. Several times this past week I have wondered if our inability to celebrate Eucharist together will increase our desire to celebrate Eucharist together. In other words, when we are able to come together again, especially if we have to miss Easter, I wonder if more people will come to Sunday Mass at least in the short term. Sometimes you have to miss something in order to appreciate it.

Our parishioner Patrick Sweeney died last Sunday. He was a longtime cantor and member of the choir. Brigid Gedig and Mary Sweeney are his sisters. Please pray for Pat and his family. What is most comforting when a loved one dies is the visitation when family and friends come together to grieve the loss of the loved one but also to celebrate his life. It will be hard not to do this. It will be difficult not to have a funeral Mass at the time of his burial.

April 1 is the 50th anniversary of the death of Fr. John Reidy. Fr. Reidy served as associate pastor of Little Flower for a very short time when I was in 6th grade.

On a practical note, because the bulletin is sent to the publishing company so far in advance, we are continuing to publish upcoming events without knowing if they are going to take place.

Finally, I want to especially thank to those who are now mailing their Sunday contributions, those who regularly contribute electronically, and those who have made special electronic contributions since the coronavirus crisis began. We depend on your regular contributions to support the parish.

Stay safe. Stay healthy.

fr. Bob

Liturgy of
the Word



Readings for April 4th and 5th

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21: 1-11

Isaiah 50: 4-7

Philippians 2: 6-11

Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

To read the readings on-line, go to

<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/040520.cfm>



Mass Intentions

For the Week of March 30 – April 5, 2020

Due to the Suspension of Public Celebration of Mass, Fr. Bob will be celebrating Mass privately for the following Intentions:

30	March	Monday – Elizabeth & Anthony Mauer
31	March	Tuesday – Genevieve Coffey
01	April	Wednesday – Mildred Mauer
02	April	Thursday – James Freeland by Carol Freeland
03	April	Friday – For the Intentions of Tom Dant by the Gordon Family
04	April	Saturday – Vigil of Palm Sunday Nell Wehlage by Mike & Carol Wehlage
05	April	Sunday – Palm Sunday For the People



We extend our condolences to *Beth Ann and Bob Smith and their family* on the death of Beth Ann's father, **Robert Brown III**, and to *Ann and Bill Schlosser and their family* on the death

of Ann's father, **Jerry O'Neill**. We also extend our sympathy to *Tom and Brigid Gedig and their family* and to *Mary Sweeney* on the death of Brigid's and Mary's brother, **Pat Sweeney**. Pat was a member of the choir for many years. His voice and presence in choir will certainly be missed. Please keep all of Robert's, Jerry's, and Pat's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Robert, Jerry, and Pat into his eternal glory.

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, James Carr, Scott Rhinehart.

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:

Agnes Evrard

1223 N Edmondson Apt B2, 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.



Did you know that you can still attend Soulcore via Facebook? There is a Facebook page that can be found @soulcorelittleflower so people can still participate in Soulcore. Type in @soulcorelittleflower in the search bar on Facebook. I will be going

live Monday at 6:00 p.m. (provided all goes well) if you want to work out and pray or just check it out. There are a couple of videos posted from live events as well as two videos from the official Soulcore website. So grab your mat or towel, (1 -3 lb weights and a playground ball - all optional) or just pray the rosary with me. If you have questions, contact Joan Bullock at joane632003@yahoo.com or 317-727-1167. Thank you and God bless

Because of the coronavirus, **Adventuresome Group** has been canceled for the month of April.



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of March 21 and 22	\$	1,629.00
Electronic Contributions 3/16 – 3/20	\$	8,225.34
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	506,845.33
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	528,450.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 21,604.67

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$	1,995.64
February Contributions	\$	2,124.14
March Contributions	\$	2,012.90

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Archbishop Thompson has suspended all public Masses and other public services during Holy Week and on Easter Sunday because of the coronavirus.

You are invited to participate in Holy Week Services at <https://www.archindy.org/>. Please watch for additional emails from Little Flower concerning Holy Week and Easter Services that we will live stream.

April 5 – Palm Sunday

April 9 – Holy Thursday

April 10 – Good Friday

April 11 – Holy Saturday

April 12 – Easter Sunday

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be distributed in mid-May. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Friday, April 17. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

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!

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