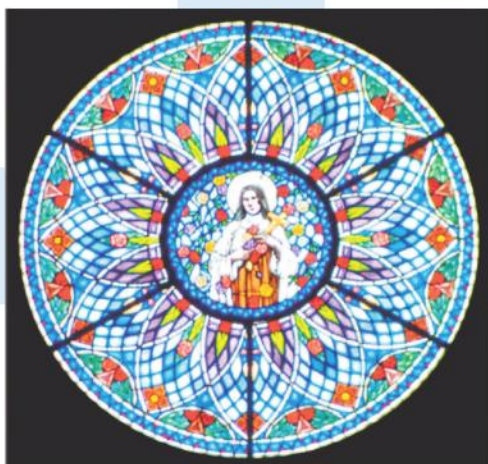


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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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 317-236-1490.

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.



Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all those who watched the live stream or the recorded version of last Sunday's Mass. At one point, it was noticed that 115 individuals or households were watching the live stream. Also, people were participating. For example, at the Sign of Peace, people were wishing peace to others.

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. In the earliest days of Christianity, there were no elaborate Holy Week rituals. Instead, the early Christians celebrated Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection in one unified service called the Pascha, i.e., the Christian Passover, or Easter.¹ This was preceded by a short time of fasting in preparation for Easter.

However, already in the 4th century, major changes began in the way Christians celebrated the Paschal mystery of Jesus' dying and rising. The unified Easter Liturgy was split into separate Liturgies that celebrated the principal events of Jesus' final week: his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, his crucifixion and death, and finally his resurrection. As one might expect, this development began in Jerusalem, where Jesus had spent the last week of his life and where shrines had grown up "on the very sites" where these important events had taken place. Within a short time, however, these services had caught on throughout the Christian world.

There is one way where we at Little Flower do what the ancient Church of Jerusalem did. A European woman named Egeria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 383 and was there for Holy Week. She kept a travel diary. On Palm Sunday, there was a procession in which the bishop "reenacted" the role of Christ while children waved palms. For the last several years here at Little Flower, we have invited our children to process with me carrying palms.

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and usually celebrate the sacraments of initiation with our Elect. Even if we unable to celebrate together, I think it will be important for all of us to celebrate Holy Week as best as we can.

To help you celebrate Holy Week, we hope to live stream the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. As I write this, a final decision concerning live streaming Holy Saturday has not been made. Of course, the Liturgies will be very simplified. Our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies will be as follows:

Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday if live streamed	8:00 p.m.
Good Friday	7:00 p.m.	Easter Sunday	9:30 a.m.

The palms that will be blessed on Palm Sunday will be made available when we are able to come together again.

One of the high points of the Good Friday Liturgy is the veneration of the cross. If you watch on Good Friday, I will suggest that at the time of the veneration of the cross, those at home venerate a crucifix or cross you have at home.

Every year during the Easter Vigil we welcome new members into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This year our Elect will not receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil but will have to wait until we are once again able to gather as the People of God. Therefore, I would ask you to pray for them especially during Holy Week, which would have been their final week of preparation. When we are able to celebrate together again, Amber Hudgins, Kinzy Kinser, Jakob Ballesteros, and Preston Ballesteros will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation. Neil Maynard and Diann Lopez have already been baptized Catholic, so they will be confirmed and receive first Eucharist. Finally, Richard Redell will be confirmed.

As I was reflecting on Holy Week and the coronavirus, one Gospel verse kept coming to mind: "*If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me*" [Lk. 9:23]. What does it mean to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus? It seems to me that many Christians believe they should look for crosses to carry. I would suggest that taking up our cross and following in the footsteps of Jesus means no more or less than dealing well with what life deals us without losing faith or hope and without losing love for others. For each and every one of us, the coronavirus is one of the crosses we are carrying every day.

Finally, I want to especially thank 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

¹Nathan Mitchell, "Holy Week," *The HarperCollins Encyclopedia of Catholicism*, ed. by Richard P. Mc Brien, (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1995), p.'s 636f. This article is the basis for much of this letter.



HOLY WEEK

For the Week of April 6 - 12, 2020

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

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| 06 | April | Monday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Betty Streicher by Ladies Club |
| 07 | April | Tuesday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Anne Sitzman Hook by Kurt and Patty Schnell |
| 08 | April | Wednesday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly |
| 09 | April | Holy Thursday |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Mass of the Lord's Supper – Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family |
| 10 | April | Good Friday |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Celebration of the Lord's Passion |
| 11 | April | Saturday – Vigil of Easter (if live streamed) |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Jerry Sweeney by Terri and Tim Downs |
| 12 | April | Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord |
| | 9:30 a.m. | For the People |

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:

Rita Foley
Creekside Health and Rehab,
3114 E. 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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.



We extend our condolences to *Maureen Sweeney* on the death of her brother, **Mike Sweeney**. We also extend our sympathy to *Mindy and Andrew Gordon* on the death of Mindy's father, **Tom Dant**. Tom is also the brother of *Fr. Nick Dant* who lived here for many years. Please keep all of Mike's and Tom's families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mike and Tom into his eternal glory.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

All Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services will either be live-streamed or available at www.archindy.org.

If you have a Facebook account, you may watch live at the time indicated. If not, you may follow this link approximately one hour after the end of the service.
<https://www.facebook.com/Little-Flower-Catholic-Church-and-School-272162920014/>

In addition, the service will be placed on YouTube and a link to the YouTube Video will be sent via parish e-mail. Or you may check the YouTube Channel "*Little Flower Catholic Church and School, Indianapolis.*"

April 4/5 – Palm Sunday
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.

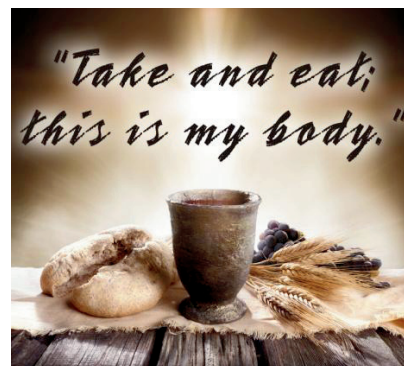
April 9 – Holy Thursday
 7:00 p.m.

April 10 – Good Friday
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

April 11 – Holy Saturday
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

This service possibly may not be live streamed. All will be notified via parish e-mail. If it is not live-streamed, we invite you to watch the Easter Vigil and pray with our Archdiocesan Family at www.archindy.org. Please check archindy.org for the correct time.

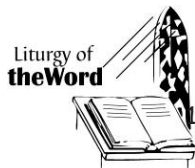
April 12 – Easter Sunday
 Sunday 9:30 a.m.



YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

We will be looking forward to getting back on schedule as soon as possible!



Readings for April 9th through 12th

Holy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14

I Corinthians 11:23-26

John 3:1-15

To read the readings on-line, go to <http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/040920-lord-s-supper.cfm>

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

To read the readings on-line, go to <http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/041020.cfm>

Easter Vigil

Only the underlined readings have been used for the vigil at Little Flower, but all readings may be used.

Genesis 1:1-2:2

Genesis 22:1-8

Exodus 14: 15-15:1

Isaiah 54:5-14

Isaiah 55:1-11

Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28

Epistle: Romans 6:3-11

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

To read the readings on-line, go to <http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/041120.cfm>

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

To read the readings on-line, go to <http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/041220.cfm>



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of March 28 and 29	\$	4,548.00
Electronic Contributions 3/23 – 3/27	\$	2,612.34
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	514,005.67
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	542,000.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 27,994.33

Home Improvement Fund

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

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 3/12/20)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about 21 weeks, and as you can see we are still almost \$31,000 short of our goal, and only 14% 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 or pledged	\$ 24,826.00

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.



Register Online
scecina.org/camps

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SUMMER CAMPS

Sports, Arts, & Enrichment Camps
for students entering grades 1-8!

Summer Camps at Scecina

Summer will be here before you know it! Looking for summer activities for your children? Scecina offers summer camps throughout June 2020. Sports, arts, and enrichment, including Bricks 4 Kidz, Safe Sitter, and Archery. New for 2020: Video Journalism with Chad Tuley, Scecina student media and English teacher. Check out scecina.org/camps for a complete list of camps and to register. Go Crusaders!

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2020 – May 29, 30, and 31 (tentative)

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.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden," **will be delayed** due to various complications surrounding the coronavirus pandemic. At this time we do not know when the next newsletter will be published. You may still send articles to lfparishnews@yahoo.com for consideration in the next newsletter.



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Pope's Prayer Intention - April

April 1, 2020

Freedom from Addiction

We pray that those suffering from addiction
may be helped and accompanied.

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!**



Sip, savor and nosh with the Little Flower Ladies Club. Our annual wine trip concentrates on the diversified wineries/breweries in central Indiana. **Currently our trip is scheduled for Saturday, May 23; however, due to the current conditions it could be postponed.** We are taking names of people who are interested in participating

whenever we go. Please call or text Rita Chapman, 317-709-7879, or Anita Moody, 317-918-0997, so we can put a list together of people who are interested in going. No money is due at this time, and we will keep you posted with information as it is received.

Hosanna!
Blessed
is he who
comes in
the name
of the Lord.

John 12:13

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick, who
at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in
Cana of Galilee,
we may

return to joy

and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

*Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary
during the coronavirus pandemic*

O Great St. Rocco,
deliver us, we beseech thee,
from the scourges of God;
through thy intercession,
preserve our bodies from
contagious diseases, and
our souls from the contagion
of sin. Obtain for us salubrious
air; but, above all, purity of heart.
Assist us to make good use
of health, to

bear
suffering
with patience

and,
after thy example,
to live in the practice of
penance and charity,
that we may one day
enjoy the happiness which
thou has merited by thy virtues.

St. Rocco, pray for us

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