

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

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?

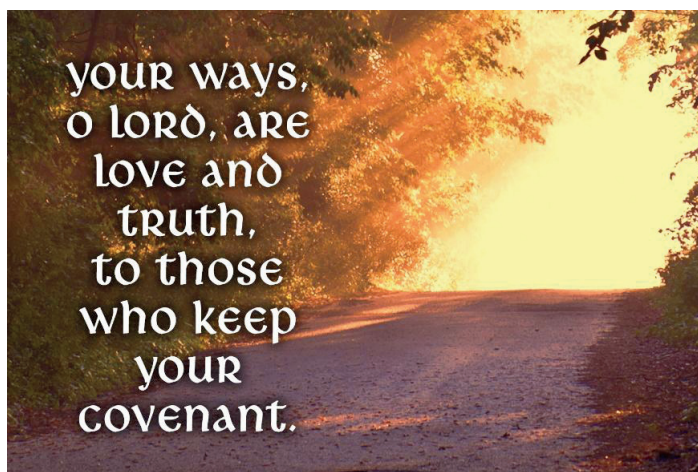
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

During Lent, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) catechumens begin their final preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which they will receive at the Easter Vigil. This weekend we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We, as a community, send our catechumens to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. At the Rite of Election, on the basis of the testimony of their sponsors and catechists and on the reaffirmation of the intention of the catechumens and candidates themselves, Archbishop Thompson will declare them ready to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation. This year we have ten catechumens, three adults, two young adults, and five children. In addition, at the Easter Vigil, one adult candidate will be received into the Catholic Church and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation, and two Catholic adults will receive First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Monday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. A chair is a symbol of teaching authority. Monday would be an appropriate day to pray for Pope Francis and unity within the Church. This prayer comes from the former Sacramentary:

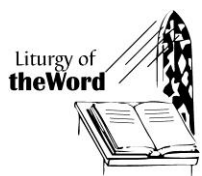
Father of providence, look with love on Francis our Pope, your appointed successor to St. Peter on whom you built your Church. May he be the visible center and foundation of our unity in faith and love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Please bring your stewardship intention card to Mass next weekend, February 27-28. Only about 20% of them are returned each year, which makes it challenging to plan for the next fiscal year.

On Friday, February 5, I received my second COVID vaccination. Although I had some minor side effects Friday night and Saturday, they were not debilitating. Pope Francis has encouraged everyone who is able to receive the vaccine. In his words, receiving the vaccine “is the moral choice because it is about your life but also the lives of others.”

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for February 27 and 28

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Romans 8:31b-34

Mark 9:2-10

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022821.cfm>

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

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of February 22 - 28, 2021

22	February	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Mildred Mauer
23	February	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Elsa Vian
24	February	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
25	February	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	James and Daniel Freeland by Carol Freeland
26	February	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross & Communion Service
27	February	Saturday – Vigil of the 2 nd Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	Harriett Hamilton by the Ladies Club
28	February	Sunday – The Second Sunday of Lent	9:30 a.m.	David Clegg by Jim and Loretta Miller
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 21 – 28, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA- Rite of Sending
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	RCIA – Rite of Election
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	The Search (In-Person)
Wednesday	Zoom Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Summerfest Planning
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Reconciliation
Sunday	School	9:15 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed



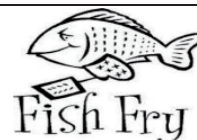
Just Desserts Ladies!
The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the Fish Fry. This year we are asking ladies to please put desserts in single-serving plastic bags. All

Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club, so please bring your sweets to the school cafeteria after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!

Festival News

Summerfest 2020 – Tentative June 4, 5, & 6

The next leadership team meeting is Wednesday, February 24, at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.



Little Flower Fish Fry
Sponsored by the Men's Club
Fridays during Lent through March 26
4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Because your safety is important to us, there are changes to this year's Fish Fry. Drive-thru carryout service is available as well as limited indoor dining with restrictions. Details can be found in the Fish Fry flyer on our parish website www.littleflowerparish.org. Help make our Fish Fry a success!



We extend our condolences to Nela Delaney Fox on the death of her son-in-law, Frank Hagerty. Frank and his wife, Denise Delaney Hagerty, were parishioners here for many years, and their children went to Little Flower School until they moved to the south side. Please keep all of Frank's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Frank into his eternal glory.



As is our custom, we will have Stations of the Cross and a Communion Service on each Friday during Lent, beginning on Friday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m.

We hope to live stream the stations on February 19 and to have that recording available on the following Fridays of Lent. Watch your email for more information.

We have some extra booklets that we will be using to pray the Stations. If you are currently not attending church in person but would like to have a booklet to pray the Stations at home along with watching the recording, please call the parish office at 317-357-8352. We will mail you a booklet, or you can stop by and pick one up.



Indiana University Health

We are seeking 2-3 parishioners who would be interested in joining our ministry of partnership with IU Health. Training for our second phase will begin soon. It consists of one hour per week for four weeks. At the end of training, you will be able to help build social networks around patients in our neighborhood by connecting with them by phone. If interested or would like to know more about the ministry please call or message Chris Arvin at 317-270-2930.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of February 13 and 14	\$	10,307.00
Electronic Contributions 2/8-2/12	\$	3,829.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	425,728.35
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	429,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD	\$	- 3,271.65
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Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,619.32
January Contributions	\$	2,163.65
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,247.16

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 2/11)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		109
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	27,591.00

Coming Soon!

Watch your mail for your annual stewardship intention card. Intention weekend will be February 27/28. Please plan to return your completed card to Mass that weekend, or you may mail it to the parish office in the enclosed return envelope.



Gabriel Project Baby Banks

Lenten Baby Banks are at all doors of the church and are to be returned on Palm Sunday. This is the primary financial support for the Gabriel Project and our Respect Life Committee. A portion of the proceeds will also be sent to Fr. Barton's Comboni missionaries. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our apologies go to the Gabriel Project that their information was omitted from last week's State of the Parish report. Below is an account of their accomplishments. We are grateful for all the support given to the Gabriel Project.

- Gave material assistance to 89 women ranging from full layettes to diapers and clothing.
- Assisted 4 women with various forms of monetary support, rent shortage, utilities, car repair, and a motel stay.
- Provided monetary assistance for several referrals to the Christmas Store, totaling \$887.29.

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, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Joe Clegg, Mary Skinner, Carol Freeland, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Lourdes Riedeman, and the Forestal Family.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

**Catherine McKenna-Sexton,
5879 Shimer Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219**



Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

Christopher Torzewski, currently deployed in the United States Army.

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.

Part-Time Maintenance Assistant

We currently have a part-time daytime position (approximately 25 hours per week) for a highly motivated person to fill an immediate opening. Position will include general maintenance and light custodial work of all parish buildings and grounds. Applicant should have general knowledge of maintenance and custodial duties related to school and church buildings. Applicant will work in conjunction with Maintenance Director and night cleaning contractor to maintain Little Flower's Campus. Applicant must be able to do heavy work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning. Previous work experience in maintenance preferred. This position could be ideal for a handy person who is retired and looking for something part time to stay busy.

Interested persons should email information to Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org.

First Sunday Of Lent



The Search Week 2

In the second episode, we first look at ourselves to find clues as to the meaning of life. Who am I? Is there more to me than matter? Is there more to us than meets the eye? We talk with neuroscientists, psychologists, composers, and artists to examine the mystery of you. If you're just a body, then satisfaction in life should come

from tending to simple bodily needs. Fill your stomach, be comfortable. But there's more to you than that. You are material and immaterial. And that unseen part of you craves for so much more. As C. S. Lewis once said, "If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world."

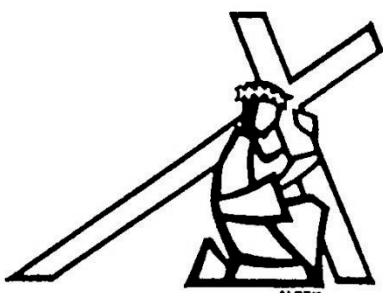
It's not too late to join us for discussion and fellowship. Check out Little Flower on Facebook or Instagram (@littleflowerindy) to find the registration link for this program, or send an email to invite@littleflowerparish.org. And, make sure to register for Formed at formed.org. It's free!



Kroger Community Rewards

Our fourth-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$834.02, with 230 households participating between 10/1/2020-12/31/2020. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months! How? By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card,

go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, **please enter our organization number CP031**. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!



Scecina educators honored

Congratulations to four Scecina educators who were honored recently by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Catholic Schools for their 25+ years of Catholic education service. The Archdiocese's honor was part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration.

- Teacher and football and boys golf coach Ott Hurrle: 44 years
- Librarian and former teacher Sister Sheila Hackett: 47 years
- Physical education and health teacher and coach Kurt Guldner: 39 years
- Math teacher Elizabeth Williams: 25 years

Win a \$3,000 Scecina Scholarship

Students who apply and enroll at Scecina by March 31, 2021, are eligible for a \$3,000 Early Bird Scholarship. All five items below must be completed. The winner's name will be drawn on April 5, 2021!

1. Apply for admission and complete your application.
2. Be accepted as a member of Scecina's Class of 2025.
3. Complete your registration form and pay the registration fee.
4. Complete the tuition assistance application or financial aid waiver.
5. Course Request by attending Curriculum Night on February 24, March 3, or by making an individual appointment

Don't Miss Early Bird Registration

If your child has been accepted to Scecina, don't miss out on the reduced Registration Fee of \$125, which is available until March 31, 2021. You can complete the registration form and pay the registration fee through your SchoolAdmin enrollment checklist here.

Sign Up for Curriculum Night!

An important step in preparing for high school at Scecina is creating a class schedule! Sign up for a Curriculum Night session at Scecina, and our School Counseling team will help you and your Crusader choose the required and elective courses for the 2021-2022 school year! Curriculum Night will take place at 6 p.m. on February 24 and March 3. You only need to sign up for one session! You can register through your SchoolAdmin portal!

Visit Scecina - School Tours

Taking a personalized tour is the best way to experience Scecina. Meet our teachers, guidance counselors, coaches, and learn why you'll love being a Crusader! Register here for a tour!

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