

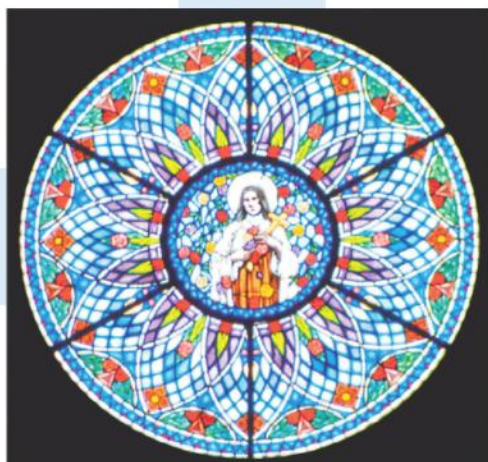
## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

He made a whip  
out of cords and  
drove them all  
out of the temple  
area. "Take these  
out of here, and  
stop making my  
Father's house  
a marketplace."

*John 2: 15,16*

# Third Sunday Of LENT

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).

This Friday will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Kevin Morris, our former parishioner and the brother of Terri Morris Downs. Please pray for him and for his family.

This Saturday is the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. This week please pray for him and for the Church universal. In his Angelus message last Sunday, he spoke about the Gospel story of Jesus' transfiguration:

As the Apostle Peter exclaimed (cf. v. 5), it is good to pause with the Lord on the mountain, to live this "preview" of light in the heart of Lent. It is a call to remember, especially when we pass through a difficult trial – and so many of you know what it means to pass through a difficult trial – that the Lord is Risen and does not permit darkness to have the last word.

At times we go through moments of darkness in our personal, family or social life, and of fear that there is no way out. We feel frightened before great enigmas such as illness, innocent pain or the mystery of death. In the same journey of faith, we often stumble encountering the scandal of the cross and the demands of the Gospel, which calls us to spend our life in service and to lose it in love, rather than preserve it for ourselves and protect it. Thus, we need a different outlook, of a light that illuminates the mystery of life in depth and helps us to move beyond our paradigms and beyond the criteria of this world. We too are called to climb up the mountain, to contemplate the beauty of the Risen One who enkindles glimmers of light in every fragment of our life and helps us to interpret history beginning with his paschal victory.

Have a wonderful week.

*fr. Bob*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

The following Holy Week and Easter services/events will utilize a ticketing/reservation system similar to Christmas Masses. More details will be mailed to parishioners early next week and will be available in next weekend's Theresean.

- Holy Thursday Soup Supper, April 1, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Thursday Mass, April 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Good Friday, April 2, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.
- Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Additionally, our eighth grade students will offer the Living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. We will not require tickets for this, but we will ask that parishioners and parents who want to attend choose the 1:00 p.m. service if at all possible. This will allow us to have as many students as possible attend in person for the morning service.

Next weekend, March 13 and 14, there will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victim of persecution, war, and natural disasters development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, legal and support services for the poor immigrants, peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence, and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Please use the envelope provided in your regular packet and place in the regular collection.

Time Change



**Don't forget on Sunday, March 14, 2021 at 2 a.m., we will set our clocks forward by one hour.**

**Happy Spring!**

# Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 8 – March 14, 2021

08	March	Monday	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Betty Cieslinski by Diane and Ron Sharp
09	March	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Stella Swanson by the Ladies Club
10	March	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Ralphie Morelos by Ma. Cynthia B. Morelos
11	March	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Williams by the Torzewski & Anderson Families
12	March	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross & Communion Service
13	March	Saturday – Vigil of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Hawkins by Chip & Lori Taylor
14	March	Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:30 a.m.	David T. Leszcynski by the Leszcynski Family
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 7 -14, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	School	9:15 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	The Search (In-Person)
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA- 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed

### 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.



### Readings for March 13 and 14 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23  
Ephesians 2:4-10  
John 3:14-21

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031421-YearB.cfm>



As is our custom, we will have Stations of the Cross and a Communion Service on each Friday during Lent.

For those who would like to pray the Stations at home, here

is a link for our recorded video:  
<https://youtu.be/rB6lcdXMPPEM>.

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 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.



The Ladies Club is conducting their annual Flower Sale. We appreciate your support to make our sales "bloom" and not "wilt." Cut-off date is Monday, March 8. Forms are available at church entrance doors or on-line at

<http://www.littleflowerparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/flower-sale-combined-1.pdf>.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of February 27 and 28	\$	6,474.00
Electronic Contributions 2/22-2/26	\$	3,244.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	449,146.63
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	455,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 5,853.37

### Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,619.32
January Contributions	\$	2,163.65
February Contributions	\$	1,909.32

### United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 2/25)

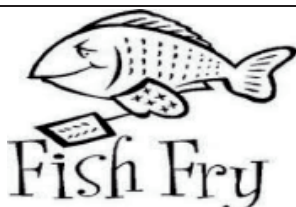
Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		109
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	27,597.00

If you did not return your annual stewardship intention card last weekend, please return it as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if needed.



**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!**



**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](http://www.littleflowerparish.org). Help make our Fish Fry a success!***



St. Vincent de Paul has some exciting news we'd like to share! Our Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk will be a hybrid event this year! Participants can run or walk in person on Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. at White River State Park on a paved trail through the park or virtually any time and anywhere April 17 – May 1.

This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise and support the neighbors we serve. All proceeds from this fun fundraiser go directly to support our homeless outreach and other critical programs.

Please go to our website [www.svdindy.org/neighbor](http://www.svdindy.org/neighbor) to register. We can only continue to support the ever-evolving needs of our community if we are in this together. This is a perfect opportunity to Love your Neighbor! Questions? Contact Darlene Sweeney, at [dsweeney@svdpindy.org](mailto:dsweeney@svdpindy.org).

***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:

**Agnes Nedeff**

**729 E 57<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220**



**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).





### The Search Week 4

Your life is a story, and it's caught up in the great story of humanity. This great story, as we see in the Scriptures, shows us the amazing love story that is God's pursuit of man. The God that is

love created us so we can ultimately be with his love. We were made to be with God. Union with God is so central to the purpose of life that we even see the afterlife in these terms. Our definition of Heaven is union with God, and Hell is the absence of him. Your life has a plot. Your life has purpose. Your life has value. We need to see how we fit into this big love story to begin to know why we exist. And that love of God isn't abstract—it has a face and name: Jesus.

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](mailto:invite@littleflowerparish.org). And, make sure to register for Formed at [formed.org](http://formed.org). It's free!



### Help Needed!

With the recent inclement weather, SVdP is experiencing an increased demand for furniture. We especially need couches, living room chairs/recliners,

kitchen tables/chairs, dressers, end tables, and coffee tables. We always have a need for used appliances too. If you are starting your spring cleaning or are clearing out the clutter, we would love to help your things find a home with someone who needs them. Call the SVdP Donation line at 317-687-1006 to schedule a pickup for larger items, or visit <http://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/#goods> for more information.

*Share  
Your  
Faith!*



## FESTIVAL NEWS

### Summerfest 2021

**Tentative dates – June 4, 5, and 6**

We are moving full speed ahead with festival plans! If we are able to receive permits for the event, the festival will take place on these dates as planned. We will work closely with the Marion County Department of Public Health to make sure Summerfest is safe for all attendees.

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann, 463-206-5196 or [edeputy1@yahoo.com](mailto:edeputy1@yahoo.com), or Andrea Johnson, at 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).



**SAVE THE DATE:** The Parish Life Commission will once again hold a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 1, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Due to COVID restrictions there will be some changes in this event. More details will be in future issues of *The Theresean*.

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