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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,

This Monday, January 17, our nation celebrates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King. I am always moved by Dr. King's words in his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." In that same speech, Dr. King reminded his listeners, "...unearned suffering is redemptive."

Tuesday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). January 25 was and is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for

2022 is "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship Him" [Matthew 2:2]. According to the Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, "Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ."

Last Wednesday the Parish Council developed our input to the Archdiocese in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in 2023. If you would like to offer your personal input, you may access the survey at <https://www.archindy.org/>. There is both an English and a Spanish option. The survey needs to be completed by the end January.

This Saturday, January 22, the Catholic Church in the United States marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* which legalized abortion throughout the United States with a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Congratulations to the following students from Seccina Memorial High School who made the second quarter honor roll:

High Honors			
Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores	Freshmen
Alexis Dohleman Maria Nevins	Isabelle Comley Jakob Kehrer Lucy Williamson	Wil Battles Lilly Cunagin Susan Williamson	Dean Cheever Ivan Martinez Lee Myers

Honors		
Seniors	Juniors	Sophomores
Anden Glawatz Madelynn Martin Mya White	Ana Moreno-Jerez	Sydney Deiwert Seth Trimble-Sunderland

Finally, thank you to all who purchased *True Impact: 25 Short Stories and Insights that Inspire Transformational Leadership*. They made great gifts to ourselves and to others. Also, by purchasing them, we supported CYO. We sold 55 books.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob

Due to the increase in the number of coronavirus cases and an in an effort to keep all of our seniors and students in school healthy, the **Senior Prom scheduled for February 5 has been cancelled**. It may be rescheduled for a later date, depending upon on things go with the virus.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Caleb Allen, and Nicholas Alexander Wise, sons of Jody Wise and Nicole Lachmayer, who were baptized on Sunday, January 2, 2022.



Readings for January 22 and 23

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

I Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012322.cfm>.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 – February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - November 2020	219
December 2020 – May 2021	280
June 2021 – November 2021	397
December 2021	413
January 2022 (so far)	417



We extend our sympathy to *Bill Moylan* on the death of his cousin, **Martin Joseph "Joe" Dugan**, who passed away on December 28 and whose

funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 15. Joe was 90 years young, a parishioner for many years, helping out when he was able to do so, and very faithful about attending Mass until his health declined. We extend our condolences to *Andrew Gordon and Mindy Dant-Gordon and their family* on the death of Mindy's uncle, **Chris Dant**. Chris' funeral services were held at St. Jude Church on January 10. *Fr. Nick Dant* is Chris' brother, so we offer him our sympathy as well. We extend our sympathy to *Judson and Christen Kring and their family* on the death of Christen's aunt, **Mary Jane Struck**. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Joe, Chris, and Mary Jane into his eternal glory.

Make A Difference



We are looking for one or two more volunteers to join our IU Health Little Flower Congregation ministry. There will be a training session in

February. The class lasts only an hour once a week for 4 weeks via Zoom. If you have an hour or less a week to phone someone that can use telephone support or help from a network of community resources, you may enjoy this ministry. We are learning how to address issues of social isolation and loneliness, especially for persons with chronic illnesses. If you would like to join our ministry or learn more about it, please contact *Pattiann Gavaghan*, 317-502-4630, or email gavagpt@gmail.com.

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 17,
in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.**



MASS Schedule

For the Week of January 17 - 23, 2022

17	January	Monday	5:30 p.m.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
18	January	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Norma Jean Clark by June Ann Jorgenson
19	January	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Fr. John Beitans
20	January	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Susie Young by Charlie Goodman
21	January	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Charles & Sheila Lyon
22	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	Mary Margaret & Gerald Kelly by the Family
23	January	Sunday – The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Mary Jo Campbell by the Ladies Club For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 16 - 23, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
Monday	Parish Office and School Closed.		
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	The Reformers
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Committee
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting (Parents, Parish, School)
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

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



YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, January 16, in church from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, January 23, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

New Members are always welcome.

Questions? Please contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be sent via email in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Friday, January 28. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

Help Wanted: Cafeteria Worker

Seecina Memorial High School is looking for part-time cafeteria help. The hours are 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and could be for either a few days a week or all week depending on your availability. Please contact Casady Williamson (cawilliamson@seecina.org or 317-352-3264) if you are interested.

FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2022 June 3, 4, and 5

We can't believe it either – it's time to start planning SUMMERFEST 2022!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 26 in the school cafeteria** for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you'd like to be a new part of the team.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working/selling at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org, with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" **by January 31**:

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information previously, and nothing has changed, you **don't need to send again**.

IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. *If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list.* If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of January 8 and 9	\$	8,388.00
Electronic Contributions 1/3-1/7	\$	8,989.50
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	353,603.85
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	364,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 10,396.15

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	1,820.00
December Contributions	\$	1,928.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,244.50

Knights of Columbus

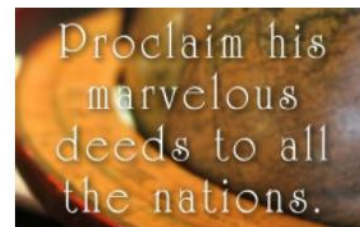
Fatima Council No. 3228

Holy Spirit Church and the Knights of Columbus Fatima Council would like to welcome those with special needs at the 10:15 a.m. Mass on January 30, 2022. After Mass, the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a continental breakfast at Early Hall for our special guests, their families, caregivers, and friends. Please contact Jack Fisher at (317) 895-8876 by January 25, 2022, so that the Fatima Council and Parish Office know who will be attending and what accommodations will be needed for this Faith in Action Program (e.g. hearing aids, a sign language interpreter, transportation to/from Mass, presence of guide dogs, etc.).

your attention please

Building and Grounds Committee members needed!

We are in the process of reviving the Building and Grounds Committee. This committee will assist the parish administration in planning current and future projects. We specifically would like those that serve in or have knowledge of building trade fields, but all are welcome to be a part of the committee. **Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center.** Anyone interested in serving on the Building and Grounds Committee should contact Steve Clegg at 317-538-6636 or steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org.





Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Tricia Allstatt, Charles Aughe, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Roberta Galluzzi, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Lois Irwin, Fr. Paul Koetter, Bobbie Lawless, Mitzi Loomis, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Gene Miller, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Denice Rose, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

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:

Marinela "Nela" Fox

4400 Terrace Dr Apt 301, New Palestine, IN 46163

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.

Matthew Hughey, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.

St. Simons' SINGLES (ages 45-60) fellowship ministry SHIP

(Singles Hoping 4 Involved PartnerSHIPS CompanSHIPS, FriendSHIPS or RelationSHIPS)
8155 Oaklandon Road, Indianapolis, IN

Will hold their next gathering on **Monday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m.** in the St. Elizabeth Family Room. (See the article in the Criterion on Friday, Jan. 7). All SINGLES are welcome, any denomination. This month is an Italian pitch-in and Pictionary game. Fun & Laughter! Questions to martinlow8@cs.com. Thank you.

Next weekend, January 22 and 23, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.

7th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

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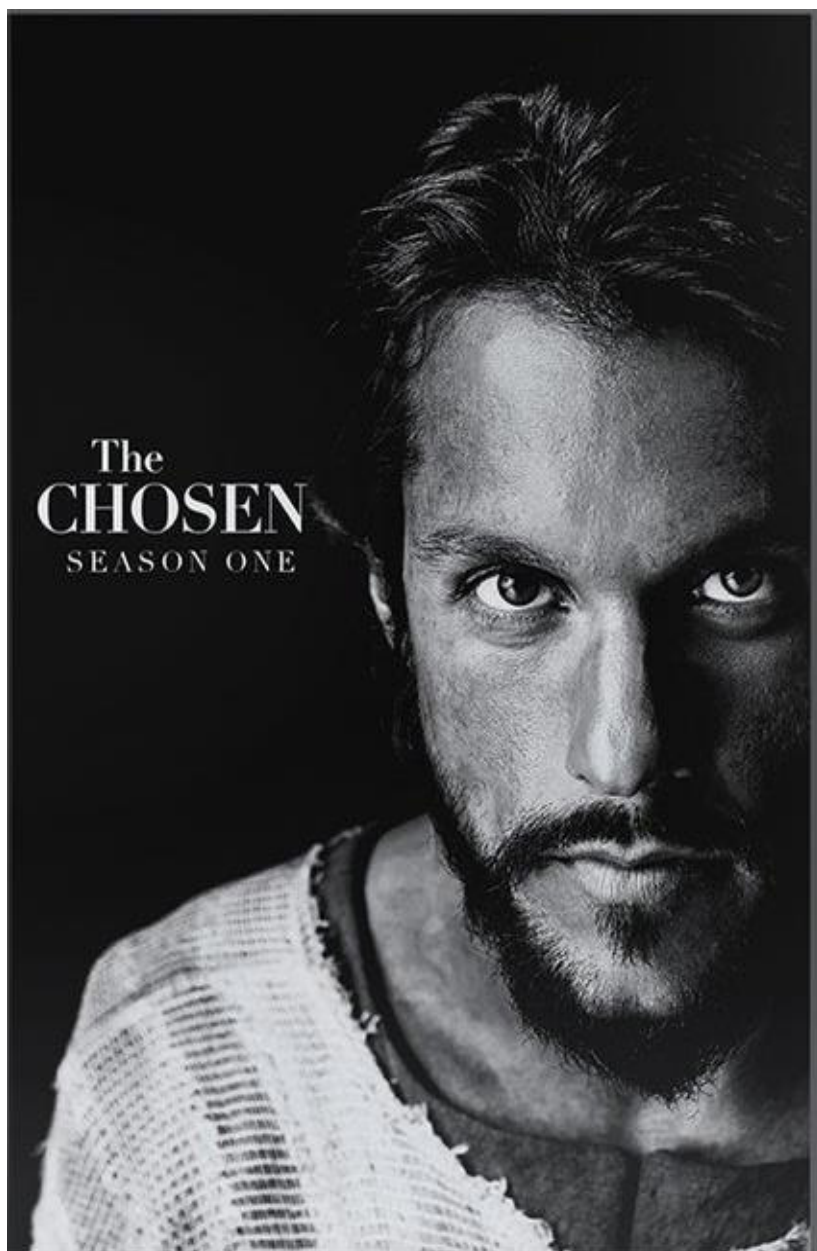
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The E6 Catholic Men's Conference is designed to bring men into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Catholic Church through: a worthy celebration of the sacraments, engaging talks to strengthen their faith, opportunities for true fraternity and exposure to good resources to aid them in living their faith as disciples of Christ. In a world that is losing a truly biblical understanding of masculinity, fatherhood and brotherhood, this conference aims at equipping men to put on the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18) and stand as men of Christ.

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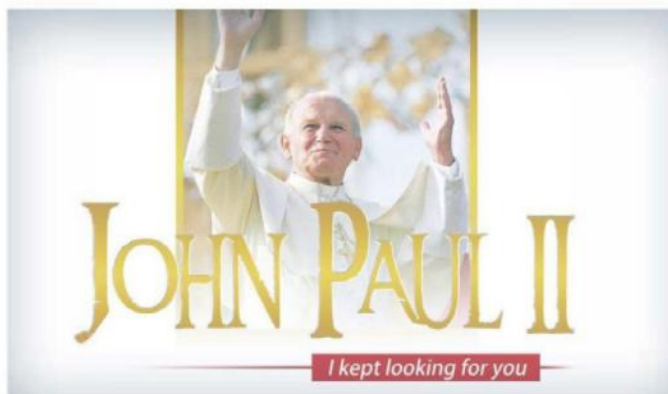
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 16, 2022

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



FORMED NOW! MISERY MEETS MERCY: SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

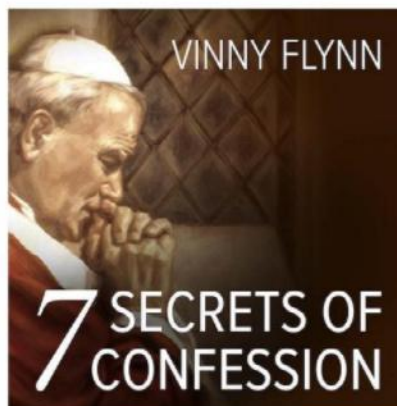
St. Faustina is known as the "secretary of Divine Mercy" because of the revelations of the Lord to her about His incredible mercy. Join Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz as they discuss her proclamation of the message of Divine Mercy.

LEARN

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7 SECRETS OF CONFESSION BY VINNY FLYNN

The Sacrament of Confession is the place where we get to encounter the Lord's mercy in a tangible way. In this talk, best selling author and Catholic speaker Vinny Flynn explores the incredible gift of mercy we encounter in Confession.



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