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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 his time as Archbishop of Indianapolis, Cardinal Tobin defined stewardship as “what you do, with what you have, when you believe in God.” His definition of stewardship challenges each of us as we consider our stewardship commitment to Little Flower for the coming year. Please try to submit your stewardship commitments by next Sunday, February 27. You should have received your stewardship mailing with directions how to complete and submit your stewardship commitments.

It is my experience that many Catholics do not like talks about stewardship or money at Mass. This has been true in every parish to which I have been assigned. In my first assignment, one of our grades school teachers who belonged to a small non-Catholic church, told me that she could never understand why that was. She said the members of her church had a real sense of ownership of and responsibility for their church and recognized that the continued survival of their church depended on their stewardship.

This Monday, February 21, is Presidents’ Day. People of my age and older remember when we celebrated Lincoln’s birthday on February 12 and Washington’s birthday on February 22. It seems that each year we had a free day from school on one of those dates. After several holidays were moved to Mondays, the celebration of Washington’s birthday on the third Monday of February morphed into Presidents’ Day. In honor of Presidents’ Day, Little Flower School will be closed on Monday.

Monday would be an appropriate day to pray for President Biden and the leaders of our nation, for unity within our country in this time of division, and for peace in the world in this time of world tension.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. A chair is a symbol of teaching authority. Tuesday would be an appropriate day to pray for Pope Francis. 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.

In the pre-Vatican II Liturgy, there were two feasts of the Chair of St. Peter. On January 18, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Peter at Rome. On February 22, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Antioch. Before moving to Rome, St. Peter was bishop of the Church of Antioch. However, until the 16th century, February 22 was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome!

Wednesday is the feast of St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr. St. Polycarp was a disciple of St. John the Evangelist. He was martyred in 155 A.D. One of the greatest theologians to come out of St. Meinrad Archabbey was Fr. Polycarp Sherwood. Fr. Polycarp was killed in a tragic automobile accident in February 1969. As a seminarian, I was really struck by what he said about the role of a priest: “The specific role of the priest...is to make the Paschal Mystery come alive in himself, in the people of God, by the ministry of the Word and of sacrament and by what subsidiary means his personal capacities may suggest.” I would like to think that I have tried to live that definition of the role of a priest.

Finally, congratulations to Cathedral sophomores Viviana Arboleda-Arellano and Alejandro Lozano who achieved high honors for the first semester of this academic year.

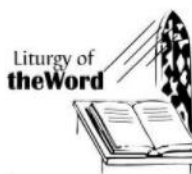
Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to Gary and Cari Ballou and their family on the death of Gary’s father, **Gary Dewayne “Snoop” Ballou**, who passed

away on February 7. Please keep all of Gary’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Gary into his eternal glory.



**Readings for February 26 and 27
8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sirach 27:4-7

I Corinthians 15:54-58

Luke 6:39-45

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022722.cfm>



For the Week of February 21 - 27, 2022

21	February	Monday	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
22	February	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Mary Jo Campbell by Hugh Thomas Forsha
23	February	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Joe & Martha Finneran
24	February	Thursday		No Mass
25	February	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Mary Wagner Perry by Penny & Nick Grady
26	February	Saturday – The Vigil of the 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family
27	February	Sunday – The 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Peggy Litzelman by Jim & Loretta Miller
			6:00 p.m.	For the Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 20 - 27, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Ministry Fair & Pancake Breakfast
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	The Reformers
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Scouts Pinewood Derby
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	at Our Lady of Lodes	7:30 p.m.	RCIA
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	The Chosen
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Gym	5:30 p.m.	Intramural Basketball
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Reconciliation Retreat
	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
Sunday	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

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 - January 2022	410
February 2022 (so far)	431



YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, February 20, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church.

We will sing on Sundays February 27 and March 6, meeting at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass

New Members are needed and always welcome. Questions? contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT, BEGINNING MARCH 4!

The LF Men's Club and various LF Parish groups will be providing weekly workers. Please contact drewtorz@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer in any way.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of February 12 and 13	\$	12,247.91
Electronic Contributions 2/7-2/11	\$	2,542.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	421,064.62
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	429,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 7,935.38

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	1,928.00
January Contributions	\$	2,014.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,248.50

Our annual stewardship mailing should have arrived in your mail this week. Please plan to complete your online stewardship commitment form or a paper form by next weekend, February 26/27.



SCECINA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

JOIN US ON ASH WEDNESDAY FOR A

FISH FRY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Scecina Memorial High School

\$7 Ticket

Dinner includes fish or cheese pizza, cole slaw, french fries, dessert and drink.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2022

June 3, 4, and 5

The next leadership team meeting is Wednesday,
February 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Calling all volunteers – the Silent Auction needs your help!

In a typical Festival year we reach out to 400+ area businesses and ask for donations. Would you be willing to make **just 10 phone calls** to area businesses for the Silent Auction? We have the businesses and their contact information identified, and we have prepared a script for you to use. Many hands make light work! Please contact Andrea Johnson at 317-340-5292 if you can help. Thank you!



Prayer List

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:

Theresa Lotz

853 N Butler Ave, 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.

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.

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



Ladies Club

Annual Bedding Plant Sale

Order forms are at all church entrances for the Ladies Club annual bedding plant sale, or you may go to the Little Flower website at www.littleflowerparish.org. Please include payment with your orders. Deadline is Monday, March 28, 2022, and pick-up will be on Friday, April 29, from 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in front of Church. Please call Anita Moody with any questions at 317-918-0997.



now hiring!

Catholic Camp is now hiring spring & summer staff. CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is an inclusive, residential camp, located in southern Indiana and operated by the Catholic Youth Organization since 1946. We serve participants of all ages. Our school year includes: Outdoor Education, Recreation, Catholic Retreats, and Community/Leadership Programs. Our summer camp includes traditional and teen camps as well as inclusive programming for people of all abilities. Two types of positions available:

1. Spring Program Staff are the core of our school season ministry. They are integral in sharing the camp vision which empowers individuals to live Christ centered lives. Start date is negotiable. Room and board provided.
2. Summer Camp Counselors are at the heart of a faith filled summer camp experience. Camp Counselors live with, play with and supervise 7-10 campers of all abilities. Start date May 29. Room and board provided. We offer a welcoming, faith filled community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Training is provided. Details and online applications can be found at www.campranchoframasa.org. Contact: Angi Sullivan at angi@campranchoframasa.org.

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Kroger Community Rewards

Our fourth-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$800.65, with 234 households participating between 10/1/2021-12/31/2021. 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. Thank you in advance.

Afternoons

Starts: Thursday, March 10th

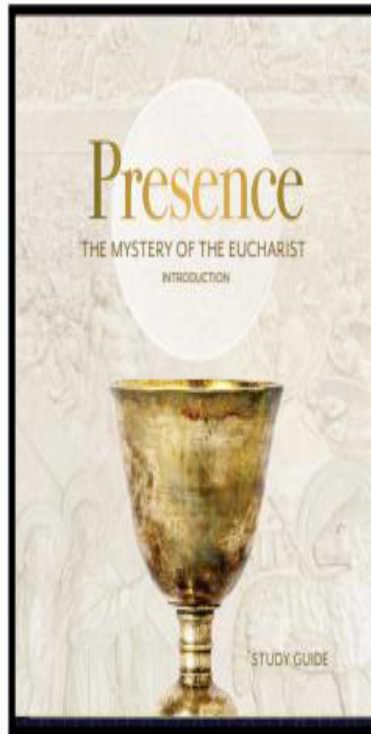
When: 1:00 p.m.

Where: LF Parish Center,
St. Therese Room

Meets: 3/10, 3/17/ 3/24, 3/31

Leader: Elizabeth Mann

Register: At back of Church
or just attend



Evenings

Starts: Monday, March 7th

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: LF Cafeteria –*Easy
to Social Distance!*

Meets: 3/7, 3/14/ 3/28, 4/4

Leader: Bernie Sponsel

Register: At back of
Church or call Cac Diehr
317-501-0060

~A Study for Lent~

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation. Join us to watch the videos, discuss, and experience the power of God's mercy in a new way.

Comments:

"This study brought a whole new life to Mass for me!" H.H.C. "I can't believe what I have been missing." J.E.L. "What a Joy! Don't miss the **Presence** study" M.H.D.

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