



# ***THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN***

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## **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- **Lent/Easter Calendars**
- **Gabriel Project**
- **Soup's On**
- **Ladies Club**
- **Secena Club 53**
- **Prayer Vine**
- **Power of Prayer**
- **Easter Reflection**

*We would love to hear from you if you have any upcoming events. Take lots of pictures so we can use some of them in future issues. Submit photos and info by 4/29/22 in order for them to be published in the **May 2022 issue.***

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[Littleflowerparish.org](http://Littleflowerparish.org)

## **SUMMERFEST 2022 DRAWS NEAR**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS – June 3, 4, and 5**

The festival team has begun planning for this year's Summerfest, and we are excited to bring you a fun and exciting weekend! Plan to attend and bring your friends and family to help make it a success!

This year's festival proceeds will go towards a new roof for the parish center. The current roof is seeing its last days, and we want to keep our parish staff nice and dry. The festival leadership team and all of our volunteers are the best in the business! We could not do it without them. We also need the help of all of you. The success of the festival can only be possible with the generous help and support of our parishioners. Below are various ways to help, most of which almost anyone can do:



**Raffle!** Last year's raffle was the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the history of the festival! Let's keep this trend alive, as this is a primary source of festival revenue. Raffle tickets will be distributed in April.

**Volunteer!** Opportunities to sign up to help will be provided in the coming weeks and months. Even an hour or two of your time would help greatly.

**Come one, come all!** Plan now to attend, and invite your family, friends, and co-workers. Word of mouth is our best advertising, and it is imperative that we bring guests in from outside of the parish if we are going to be successful.

**Donate!** Watch the bulletin for details on donation of items. And finally...

**Pray!** Please pray for the success of your festival.

Watch the Theresean (Sunday bulletin) for more news as the festival draws closer!



## LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER CALENDAR - 2022

### **Wednesday, March 2 - Ash Wednesday**

Mass and Distribution of Ashes: 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### **Fridays, March 4 and March 11**

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.

Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### **Wednesday, March 16**

#### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE AT LITTLE FLOWER – 7:00 P.M.**

(This service includes the parishes of Little Flower AND Our Lady of Lourdes,  
as well as first reconciliation for Little Flower children)

***Confessions will also be heard on:***

**Saturdays, March 5, 12, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9, from 3:45 until 4:30 p.m.**

### **Fridays, March 18 and March 25**

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.

Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### **Fridays, April 1 and April 8**

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.

Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

### **April 9/10 – Palm Sunday**

Regular Mass Schedule – **All children invited to participate in procession with palms**

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

### **April 14 – Holy Thursday**

Soup Supper in Duffey Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. – serving until 6:30 p.m. - All are welcome!

Adoration Chapel closes at 7:00 p.m.

Mass at 7:00 p.m. including commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Adoration in Church after Mass, ending with Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

### **April 15 – Good Friday**

Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m.

Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

### **April 16 – Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.

***NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions***

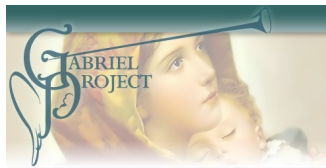
### **April 17 – Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Adoration Chapel reopens after 10:30 a.m. Mass -- ***There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass***



## GABRIEL PROJECT NEEDS HELP ORGANIZING SUPPLY ROOM



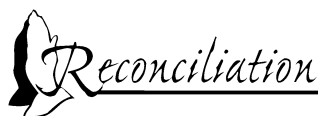
Christmas births can come in such unexpected circumstances, even over 2000 years after the birth of Jesus himself. We received a call on Christmas Eve from a mother whose daughter had just given birth to a baby boy. She did not know her daughter was pregnant. Needless to say, this was unplanned and she was at a loss as how to provide the necessary items to safely bring the baby home.

Because the Gabriel Project is parish-based, our church was able to provide the woman's grandson with a full layette, diapers, enough formula for a week, a PAC-n-Play and a car seat. More importantly, the Gabriel Project provided non-judgmental assistance to a family in need.

The Gabriel Project offers help to anyone in a crisis pregnancy or to encourage and support women who have chosen life for their children. Your help is essential in keeping this outreach alive and **we are in desperate need of assistance with organizing our supply room**. This can be done on your schedule and comes with an additional bonus: NO MEETINGS! If you are interested, please contact Anita Moody 317-918-0997.

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## FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION



First Reconciliation will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m. during our Lenten Penance Service. Please keep all of our children preparing for Sacraments in your thoughts and prayers.

First Communion Mass will be Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. We have 22 children preparing to make their First Eucharist.

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL: ALWAYS OPEN

Several parishioners have asked if the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be reopened. Please know that the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open 24/7. However, the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed because we are unable to schedule adorers on a consistent basis. Please feel free to visit the chapel at any hour on any day.

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## PARISH LIFE COMMISSION SERVING UP THE SOUP!



The Parish Life Commission will once again host a Soup Supper on **Holy Thursday, April 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall** (school cafeteria). This is a great opportunity to share a meal with your fellow parishioners before attending Mass at 7:00 p.m. It's also a free night from cooking for all you working moms and dads; and that's a deal that can't be beat!! The menu will include vegetable soup, rolls, salad, hot dogs for the little ones, desserts, and drinks. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

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

## LF LADIES CLUB NEWS

Spring is just around the corner, we promise! The Little Flower Ladies Club is always thinking of you and planning ahead. We are getting in gear for our regular Spring Plant Sale which is always a nice way to start your summer flowers and plants.

We are also excited about a returning event, The Ladies Club Style Show. This will be held on Sunday, April 24, 2022. This is a MUST-attend event of 2022.

Always more on the agenda. A good New Year's resolution would be to plan on attending a meeting and joining in the fun.



## SHOP, SWIPE YOUR PLUS CARD Earn Rewards for Little Flower School!



Little Flower Catholic School has been part of the Kroger Community Rewards program for a few years now. Currently we have 234 households participating! This program is so easy. All you have to do is link your Kroger Plus Card to Little Flower. **Please register your Kroger Plus Card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and use our organization #CP031.** Little Flower will earn a percentage of spending on a quarterly basis which will help with tuition assistance. You can earn rewards on almost everything each time you shop. However, there are specific purchases that are not included: alcohol; tobacco; government-assisted prescription purchases; postage stamps; Kroger gift cards and debit cards; lottery and promotional tickets; Western Union; fuel and sales tax. If you do not have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the Customer Service Desk at any Kroger. **We earned \$800.65 during the last quarter of 2021! Register your Kroger Plus Card NOW!**

## SCECINA'S CLUB 53 IS BACK

Club 53, Scecina Memorial High School's premier event for alumni and friends age 21 and over, returns on April 9, 2022! Club 53 will be a special night to come together to celebrate and support the school. Here are some of the features of the 2022 version of Club 53:

- ♦ Catered meal by IndyAnna's
- ♦ Reverse raffle with \$10,000 grand prize (need not be present to win)
- ♦ Night-of drawings for \$500 and \$1,000 (need not be present to win)
- ♦ Prizes to bid on: wine bottle and gift card draws, special baskets
- ♦ Early Bird Raffle drawing on March 2 (see website)
- ♦ Beer and wine
- ♦ Desserts by BitterSweet of Irvington
- ♦ Dancing with a live band, The Doo!



All proceeds from Club 53 will benefit academics and technology, arts and athletics, and tuition assistance for students at Scecina. It's a fun night to do some good for Scecina. We hope you will join us.

We also welcome volunteers and sponsors. Here are the volunteer opportunities: ticket sellers, event help (including set up/tear down; guest admissions; beer and wine monitors; pull tabs and 50-50 sellers; station monitors, and others); marketing and promotions; and donations for our Scecina stations.

Please contact Beth Murphy or Gia Spaulding if you would like to volunteer at Club 53, become a sponsor, or learn about the station donations. We need bottles of wine for the wine pull and gift cards in any amount of \$5 and above for the Pot of Gold gift card.

Order tickets for the event online at [Scecina.org/alumni/club53](http://Scecina.org/alumni/club53).



## LITTLE FLOWER PRAYER VINE - PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Prayer is an important part of each of our lives. Most of us have seen and felt the power of prayer at work in us or in others. Did you know that each of you have the opportunity to pray for others on a daily basis? You also have the opportunity to request prayers for any reason such as illness, decision making, someone in the armed services, the list is endless.



There are several ways to request prayers and to find out who is in need of prayer.

- ◆ There is a Prayer Intention book in church in the main gathering space where you may write your prayer request. This book of prayer intentions is presented with the offertory gifts at each weekend liturgy.
- ◆ Names can be submitted for prayer request in the bulletin by contacting **Peggy Clegg** at **pclegg@littleflowerparish.org** or **317-357-8352 x106**. You may only submit your name or a family member's name. Names will be left on the prayer list in the bulletin until you request that they be removed. Please indicate if the prayer request is for someone in the military and, if so, what branch of the military.
- ◆ You may use the Little Flower Prayer Vine and you may also become a member of the "Prayer Vine." Information on how to do this is below.

The **Little Flower Prayer Vine** is a group of parishioners who pray for fellow parishioners or their relatives and friends in need. There are NO meetings! This is a ministry that can be done in your home, at work, in your car, whenever and wherever you pray.

Likewise, you may also request prayers for family members and friends through the Prayer Vine. It is important to obtain permission from the person for whom you wish to request prayers before adding him/her to the Prayer Vine. There are several different ways to leave prayer requests and to receive prayer requests for the Prayer Vine.

### HOW TO LEAVE A PRAYER REQUEST

1. Call the Parish Office at 357-8352 and ask for ext 138. If you are calling after office hours, simply press 138 when the recording plays. In either case you will be transferred to a voicemail box where you can leave your prayer request. You could also give our parish secretary your prayer request if that is easier for you.
2. You may contact **Peggy Clegg** at **pclegg@littleflowerparish.org** or **317-357-8352 x106** to request a prayer be added to the Prayer Vine
3. You may use the following e-mail address, **helpwithprayers@littleflowerparish.org**, to send your prayer requests
4. You may also go to our parish website, [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org), and follow the steps below to send a prayer request and to be added to the Prayer Vine.
  - \* Click on the "Prayer and Liturgy" tab
  - \* Click on "Prayer Vine Form"
  - \* You will be requested to give your e-mail address and prayer request. Once you have done this hit "submit." After a waiting period your prayer request will be posted on the Prayer Vine.

### HOW TO RECEIVE PRAYER REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO THE PRAYER VINE

- ◆ If you wish to automatically receive all prayer requests that are submitted so that you can pray for these intentions, click on the "Prayer and Liturgy" tab, then click on the "Prayer Vine Form" tab. At the very bottom of the page there is a place where you can enter your email address and subscribe to the prayer vine.
- ◆ If you wish to only view prayers that have been requested, you need to click on the "Prayer and Liturgy" tab and then click on the "Prayer Vine" tab – this will take you directly to all prayers that have been recently requested.

Please don't miss out on this opportunity to help your fellow parishioners. Sometimes prayer is the only thing and the best thing that we can do for someone going through a difficult time. We should never underestimate the power of prayer.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER - GLORY TO GOD

*Editor's Note: This open letter from parishioner Dick Kramer is the **fourth** in a series of personal thoughts about contemporary Catholic prayer. His goal is to elicit comments, advice and criticisms about how the words with which we pray impact our faith. Dick has provided his contact information at the bottom of this article if you would like to reply to him. The viewpoints expressed here are his alone.*



Greetings Fellow Parishioners of Little Flower,

In my article "An Introduction" from the May 2021 Little Flower Garden, I explained my six reasons for suggesting changes to commonly used prayers (see page one for how to access prior newsletters online). This quarter I offer my thoughts on the "Glory To God" recited or sung at Mass.

There are three distinctive parts to the "Glory to God." First, we praise the Father; second, we praise the Son; and, lastly and briefly, the Holy Spirit. The wording of the stanzas are not a problem but the intermittent wording of the refrain has not worked for me for many years.

I have long stopped singing "Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people of goodwill." For years I have otherwise sung quietly "Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people of the earth." I have long thought that wishing peace only to those people of "goodwill" was not inclusive of all people of the earth. It seemed to me that we only wished/prayed for peace for those people who held our beliefs and acted towards others as we are called to do. This approach may eliminate our wishes for peace to much of the world's population.

We are taught to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. In an attempt to find information about the definition of the phrase "all people of goodwill" in religious terms, I researched the Encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI signed June 29, 2009. This work, CARITAS IN VERITATE (Love or Charity in Truth), defines the meaning for me and it states:

*For believers, the world derives neither from blind chance nor from strict necessity, but from God's plan. This is what gives rise to the duty of believers to unite their efforts with those of all men and women of good will, with the followers of other religions and with non-believers, so that this world of ours may effectively correspond to the divine plan: living as a family under the Creator's watchful eye.*

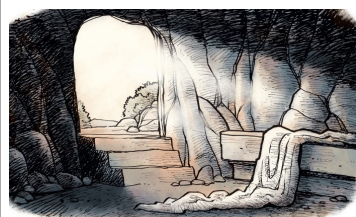
Each of us is like a drop of water falling into a pool whereupon we become one with all, even with unwanted algae and bacteria lurking around. Jesus Christ is like the chlorine that was poured into the pool to cleanse all of us. All we have to do is carry our crosses, open our hearts and let Him in—something that is, unfortunately, easier said than done.

What do you think? I welcome your comments.

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## AN EASTER REFLECTION



*The LIGHT at the END of the TUNNEL*

J.R.R. Tolkein coined a phrase that was the basis for his writing of Lord of the Rings. That phrase is *Eucatastrophe*. This is an unexpected happening that brings goodness out of devastation. In letter 89 he stated the effect of this sudden happy turn is so that joy can penetrate our hearts to the depth of our being. He concluded that the resurrection was the greatest Eucatastrophe in history. At the moment when all seemed lost, Mary Magdalene found the empty tomb and brought Peter and John.

When they entered the empty tomb. They were greeted only by burial cloths. These cloths are in two different locations which means that Jesus purposely put them in two separate locations. The fact that he is not bound by the burial cloths show us that he has passed through death and it no longer has power over him.

This should give us joy on Easter Sunday. Lent will continue to be more penitential than it might have been pre-Covid. We are still impacted by the seemingly endless pandemic. Jesus is not. He can truly raise us up out of the things we are going through. As St. Paul says, "If you were then raised with Christ, seek what is above." We can still live our faith, we can still love our families, call those who need to talk, take care of those who are in need being safe and taking precautions. We can still do these things. It is because Jesus has risen from the dead. That joy can still affect us to our soul and bring goodness of our devastation. Let us remember that Jesus took on the sin of the world in his death on the cross and peacefully rose from the dead. Let his peace be in our hearts today.



## *In Sympathy*

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,  
and for their families...*

- ✠ Mary Wagner Perry – November 12
- ✠ Joe Wiles – December 23
- ✠ Joe Dugan – December 28
- ✠ Karen Ajamie – January 9



### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!**

Malorie Maloof and Boyd Smith  
Brenda Samm and her daughter, Nadia  
Alice Selm and Kevin Nichols

**Thanks for Joining Us!**



### **Please Welcome Those Baptized into Our Christian Community**

- \* Wyatt Otten, son of Nolan and Kelsey Otten
- \* Caleb Wise, son of Jody Wise and Nicole Lachmayer
- \* Nicholas Wise, son of Jody Wise and Nicole Lachmayer

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## Dates to Remember

Mar 2: Ash Wednesday

**\* Lenten/Easter schedules (see page 2) \***

Mar 13: Daylight Savings Time begins

Apr 17: Easter Sunday

May 8: Mother's Day

May 29-30: Indy 500 and Memorial Day

**June 3, 4, 5: Summerfest 2022!**

A blessed Easter to all!  
See you in May

