

Dear Parish Family,

Saturday, February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the World Day of the Sick. This year's theme is "Take care of him": Compassion as a synodal exercise of healing." In his message for the World Day of the Sick, Pope Francis wrote, "I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

Next Sunday is World Marriage Day. Therefore, there will be a blessing for married couples and engaged couples at all the Masses next weekend.

Also, next weekend, we will be eliminating the hand sanitizing stations in the aisles of church. At this point, very few people are using these stations. We will continue to keep hand sanitizer at all three doors of the church. If you would like to continue to use hand sanitizer as you come forward for Communion, we encourage you to do so by carrying a small bottle of hand sanitizer with you. As we transition away from the sanitizer stations in the aisles, we would like to provide those who will want to carry a small bottle with them with their first bottle.

Last Saturday our Athletic Commission and PPS hosted this year's Reverse Raffle and Bingo. Both the event size and income were the largest we have on record for any reverse raffle or bingo event at LF. Attendance was over 250 people! First, we want to thank all those who attended and encouraged others to attend. We also want to thank the Little Flower Athletic Commission and the Little Flower PPS (Parents-Parish-School) board members and volunteers for putting this event together. We especially thank the planning committee, which consisted of Lynda Trimble, Jennifer Lathrop, and Drew Torzewski. All proceeds will benefit the Little Flower Athletic Commission and the Little Flower PPS.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



MASS Schedule

For the Week of February 6 - 12, 2023

06	February	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Joe Mader
07	February	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
08	February	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Charlene Runge by Family & Friends
09	February	Thursday
		No Mass
10	February	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Anne Elam Hook by Virginia Gin Maher
11	February	Saturday – The Vigil of 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Manuel Corpuz by Friends
12	February	Sunday – The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Katie Bruno by Dana Leszczynski Sills
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

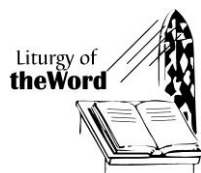
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 5 - 12, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall (school Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Music Director Search Committee
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination for First Communion
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



Little Flower Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. You can schedule a tour and pick up registration forms by contacting the school office at 317-353-2282 or email kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org. Little Flower does accept state vouchers. Catholic education is affordable for all families.



Readings for February 11/12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20
I Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021223.cfm>

Save the Date! FISH FRY



**FRIDAYS DURING LENT (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24!
SPONSORED BY THE MEN'S CLUB**

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



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, February 6 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.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - August 2022	421
September 2022 - November 2022	455
December 2022 (first three weekends)	466
January 2023 (thru 1/29)	504



We extend our sympathy and condolences to **Mary Barr** on the death of her brother, **Ben Spaeth**, and to **Joe and Mary Shaler** on the death of Joe's mother, **Barbara Shaler**. Please keep all of Ben's and Barbara's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Ben and Barbara into his eternal glory.



Men's Lenten Prayer Group

A Lenten Prayer Group will meet for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings starting on Feb 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 AM at the Fatima Event Center, 1040 N. Post Rd. Doors open at 6:15 AM. Our study, *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, examines the role of Mary in salvation history. All Catholic men from the East deanery are invited to attend as your schedule permits. We are asking for a one-time goodwill \$10 donation to cover coffee, snacks, printing, and facility costs. This series of meetings is sponsored by the K of C Our Lady of Fatima Council and the HS Men's Ministry Group. Please let Mary the Mother of Jesus make a positive difference in your life this Lenten season. Contact Bil McLaughlin, 317-748-2800, by phone or text with questions, or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone number, and email address.



On Sunday, February 12, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass our First Communicants & their parents will meet for the Rite of Illumination. The children have been learning about how we celebrate as a family and as God's people. This rite reinforces what the children have been learning and how important it is to attend Mass every Sunday. They will also receive a lit candle from their parents. The candle represents the "Light of Christ" that was given to them at baptism and reminds us that Jesus is the "Light of the World."

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of January 28 and 29	\$	4,932.95
Electronic Contributions 1/23-1/27	\$	2,967.09
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	403,218.52
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	406,100.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,881.48

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,034.00
December Contributions	\$	2,324.00
January Contributions	\$	2,073.00

Coming Soon!

Watch your mail for information about our annual Stewardship drive. This year's intention commitments will be done primarily online.

Intention weekend will be February 25/26

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan now to attend our Volunteer/Ministry Fair and FREE Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Duffey Hall. This is part of our annual stewardship awareness and will provide a great opportunity to learn about ways to give of your time and talent at Little Flower.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2023 June 2, 3, and 4

The next leadership team meeting is
Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.
(after Ash Wednesday Mass)

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!



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, Fr. Mike Barton, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Roberta Galluzzi, Olivia Jo Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Ray Riley, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, and 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.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving aboard aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

Gary Ballou, currently deployed overseas in the Air Force reserve.

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.



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, February 19 from 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in church.

New members are always welcome.

Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, February 8, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** in the Parish Center. This month we will be celebrating Valentine's Day. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring

a friend and don't forget to wear red or pink!!



SCECINA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Early Bird Scholarship

We are currently accepting applications for admissions to Scecina for the class of 2027. Students who apply and enroll by March 17, 2023, are eligible for a \$3,000 Early Bird Scholarship. Scecina will announce one name on March 20, 2023. Contact Director of Admissions Miriam Medina for more information at mmedina@scecina.org.

Club 53

Save the date for Club 53!

Last year's Club 53 was sold out. Don't be caught out in the cold this spring when Scecina's signature fundraiser returns on April 15, 2023! Tickets go on sale in late January.

This year's Club 53 will be a special night to celebrate Scecina with you and support the school.

Here is what's in store:

- \$10,000 grand prize reverse raffle
- Catered meal by Indy Anna's
- Silent Auction
- Beer and wine
- Dancing with The Doo

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, Indiana has summer

Catholic Youth Organization



Camp Rancho Framasa

camping opportunities for ages 7-19. Established in 1946, CYO Camp is an inclusive residential camp offering 3 and 6 day sessions. Employment opportunities are available for high school seniors and older at our residential camp as well as high school age at our Day

Camp locations. For more information, registration, and employment please visit www.campranchoframasa.org.



We would not expect a car, or a house heating/air conditioning system to run for years without any servicing, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 21-23, and November 3-5 2023. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend after 18 years of marriage:

"We were blown out of the water after our Weekend. We didn't fully appreciate that our Sacrament was a vocation to be cherished and nurtured."



*Looking for a way to
cure the winter blues?*

**Need a break from
the day to day
at home and at
work?**

Want an adult only evening
without the hassle of trying to plan all of it?

**Join us for The Little Flower Men's and
Ladies' Clubs:
Social Dinner Dance!!**

- Who: Men and Women over 21
(Do not need to be a parishioner.)
- What: Catered dinner with beer, wine, and soft drinks included, followed by dancing!
- When: Saturday, February 18, 2023
Social hour - after 5 p.m. Mass, dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Where: Little Flower Cafeteria
- Cost: \$40 per person / \$80 per couple
- RSVP: Buy tickets at parish office or by contacting Amy & Steve below, no later than Monday, February 6 at 3 p.m.
- Contact: Amy Clegg, 317-223-6850, or amy.clegg@att.net
Steve Clegg, 317-538-6636, or steven.clegg@att.net

**Knights of Columbus
Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road**

The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, February 5 at the Fatima Event Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

Football Viewing Party

The Fatima Council will host its annual **Football Viewing Party** on Sunday, **February 12, 2023**. Doors will open at **5 p.m.** We hope you can join us.

Jackpot Racing Drawing Board will begin on **Friday, February 3**. Tickets are on sale (#001617). The Jackpot will grow progressively every week. The kitchen opens at 6 p.m. Come, bring a friend, enjoy a light dinner and some great camaraderie.



JOIN OUR TEAM!!

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House is seeking a full time Food Services Manager to be responsible for all aspects of the daily food service operational needs at Fatima Retreat House. This position involves maintaining food cost and labor cost budgets; menu planning and ordering; inventory control; supervising, training and scheduling of kitchen staff; and cooking. With a team of part-time cooks, the Food Services Manager presents Fatima meals and refreshments attractively and in a spirit of hospitality. The successful candidate must be available for a flexible schedule of at least 40 hours per week. Days may vary throughout the week, Monday through Sunday, depending on the Retreat House schedule.

The successful applicant must have institutional foodservice experience, supervisory and management experience, have good time management and communication skills and be attentive to detail. Also, they must have a heart for ministry and the mission of Fatima Retreat House.

Compensation is commensurate with experience. Benefits include Comprehensive Health plan, Employer contributed HSA for medical plan participants, Dental Insurance, Paid Vacation, Sick, and Personal Days, Life and Disability Insurance and 403(b) matching.

Persons may send a letter or email of interest to:

Georgene Beiriger, Director
Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House
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Indianapolis, IN 46226
gbeiriger@archindy.org

or call (317) 545-7681, Ext. 105 for more information
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