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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.

“Let your
'YES'
mean
'YES,'
and your
'NO'
mean
'NO.'”

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. 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 which represents the “Light of Christ” that was given at baptism and reminds us that Jesus is the “Light of the World.” Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers during these months of preparation.

If you have not already, you should receive information in the mail very soon about our annual stewardship drive. The online platform for the stewardship commitment cards is encouraged for all who are able to complete it in this manner. For those who do not have internet access, paper versions are available at the church doors and in the parish office. Instructions and further information about the online process will be included in the mailing.

Next Sunday, February 19, will be our annual Volunteer and Ministry Fair, which will allow parishioners to explore all of the ministries and volunteer opportunities available here at Little Flower. Also, once again this year our PPS will host a Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the fair at no cost to you. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Volunteer and Ministry Fair and determine where you can lend your talent(s) to help Little Flower grow as a parish community.

When thinking about your stewardship intentions, please consider volunteering for Children's Liturgy, one of the oldest ministries in the parish. We are losing several volunteers and need to replace them. This ministry presents Catholic teachings to children 3 years old to first grade on Sunday mornings during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is very life-giving for the smallest members of our parish as well as the adults that help. Please visit their booth at the Ministry Fair on Sunday, February 19, for more information or contact the parish office.

Little Flower Catholic School Open House was a huge success. Our current registration numbers are equal to those of the past two years COMBINED at this time. Special thanks to Amy Torzewski and Mary Rodriguez for putting us so far ahead this year. Thanks to the School Commission and all the organizations who shared their stories that day. Thanks to teachers, Gloria Fernandez, and the many volunteers who led tours, set up, and cleaned up. Our Open House truly showed off our outstanding community and how we come together.

Tuesday is the 30th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Stanley (Duke) Manowski, a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He liked brain teasers. This was one of his favorites for school children: “A man had 3 children and 23 horses. When he died, he left one child $\frac{1}{2}$ of his horses, another child $\frac{1}{3}$ of his horses, and the last child $\frac{1}{6}$ of his horses. How many horses did each child receive?”

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



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.

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



Winter is ending soon. A good way to spring into warmer weather is to support the Ladies Club Bedding Plant Sale. More details will be provided soon.

Save the Date! FISH FRY



**FRIDAYS DURING LENT (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY)
BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24!
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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. Contact Bill McLaughlin, 317-748-2800, by phone or text with questions, or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone number, and email address.



MASS Schedule

For the Week of February 13 - 19, 2023

- 13 February Monday
5:30 p.m. Anna Nguyet Chu by Sam T. Chu
- 14 February Tuesday
5:30 p.m. Betty Heidelberger by Antoinette Martin
- 15 February Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Loretta Kelnor by Diane and Ron Sharp
- 16 February Thursday
5:30 p.m. George Johns
- 17 February Friday
9:30 a.m. Norma Greeley by Ladies Club
- 18 February Saturday – The Vigil of 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family
- 19 February Sunday – The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m. Doug Fuhrman by Thursday Afternoon Bible Study Group
6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 12 - 19, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure	Check after all Masses.	
	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
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Gym	6:30 p.m.	Athletic Commission
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Executive Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Ladies' & Men's Club Dinner & Dance
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Ministry & Volunteer Fair
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir

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	504
February 2023 (thru 2/5)	480



Readings for February 18/19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

I Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021923.cfm>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of February 4 and 5	\$	7,597.30
Electronic Contributions 1/30-2/3	\$	8,550.49
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	419,366.31
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	419,200.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	166.31

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,324.00
January Contributions	\$	2,073.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,280.00

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.



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.

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday February 26 and March 5, meeting in church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass. New members are always welcome.

Questions? E-mail tom@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, 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:

**Gertrude McAtee
Greenbriar**

8800 Spoon Dr #316, 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.

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!



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.

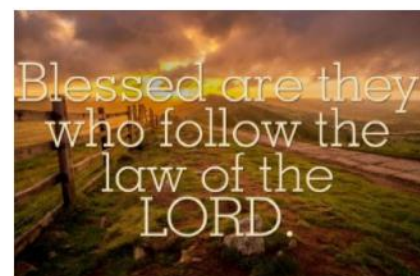
Here is what's in store:

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



The Gabriel Project's annual Baby Bank collection will take place Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. Your generous donations allow us to provide practical, loving support to women who find themselves in difficult pregnancies minus the red tape of many social services. We are so grateful for your support over the past several years! To keep our costs down, we ask that you return bottles even if they are empty. The bottles may be returned at all Palm Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering with the Gabriel Project, please contact Tricia Poplicean at tappoplicean@aol.com or Joanna Slisz at slisz.joanna@gmail.com.

Next weekend is the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week, and place the envelope provided in your regular packet in the regular collection.



Little Flower PPS &
Stewardship Commission
invite you to the...



Volunteer & Ministry Fair with Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, February 19, 2023

10:30 AM - NOON
LITTLE FLOWER CAFETERIA

MINISTRY FAIR:

- Meet & learn about the variety of parish ministries available
- Complete your 2023 Stewardship card at one of our tech stations
- Drawings to win prizes (up to \$50 gift cards)!

Each **FREE** meal includes:

- Pancakes
- Eggs
- Choice of Bacon or Sausage
- Choice of Milk or Juice
- Coffee

Free will donation
appreciated to
benefit the school!

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