

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord, your God,
shall you worship and him
alone shall you serve.

Matthew 4:10

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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.



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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.

*‘One does not live
on bread alone,
but on every
word that comes
forth from the
mouth of God.’*

Dear Parish Family,

During Lent, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) catechumens begin their final preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which they will receive at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. This weekend we will celebrate the Rite of Sending at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

We, as a community, send our catechumens to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. At the Rite of Election, on the basis of the testimony of their sponsors and catechists and on the reaffirmation of the intention of the catechumens and candidates themselves, Archbishop Thompson will declare them ready to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation. This year we have four catechumens, three adults, and one child. In addition, at the Easter Vigil, one adult candidate will be received into the Catholic Church and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation and one already Catholic adult will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be this Tuesday, February 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Also, confessions are scheduled from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. each Saturday except Holy Saturday. Likewise, you are invited to call to make an appointment for confession.

Tuesday also marks the 10th anniversary of the resignation of Pope Benedict XVI.

Thanks to Rick Fischer who shared his stewardship witness talk with us last weekend. Rick noted that “once you help out around here and build on the relationships, you want to be here. You want to make a difference.” His personal story exemplifies this. He first got involved as an assistant coach. He was then asked to work in the concession stand. From there, his stewardship blossomed into all the ways he has been or is involved in Little Flower today.

I also want to thank the combined efforts of the Stewardship Commission and PPS for their collaboration in putting together the Volunteer and Ministry Fair and Pancake Breakfast and the representatives from the various ministries who were present at the fair. Special thanks to Cassie Echegaray of the Stewardship Commission for designing the online Stewardship Intention Card and putting together the ministry video.

Finally, thanks to all who attended and signed up for ministries. It was really a success due to those who attended the fair. There was a positive energy in the room throughout the event, and many seemed eager to join something new or help out in new ways.

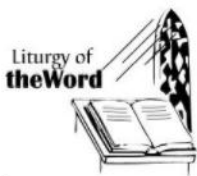
At the same time, I would encourage parents to encourage your children to be good stewards of their time, talent, and treasure. When I was a child, my parents, as did most of the parents of my friends, insisted we put some of our own money into the Sunday collection. Today, for example, I would hope that parents of children fifth grade and up would encourage their children to become altar servers. Finally, Little Flower students and Sunday religious education students will receive a children’s stewardship form. Please be sure they complete and return the form.

During Lent, the Archdiocese schedules several of the annual special collections. However, sometimes additional collections are added in times of special need. Unfortunately it makes it seem as though the Church is asking for money all the time. The reason the Church schedules these during Lent is because it is during Lent that we are especially called to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please do not feel obligated to contribute to all of them. Although all are good causes, support the ones that you feel called to support.

Saturday marks the first anniversary of the death of Msgr. Joseph Riedman. Msgr. Riedman was a very popular teacher at Scecina in his early years as a priest. His final assignment was as pastor of Holy Spirit Parish, where he was loved by his parishioners.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



**Readings for March 4 and 5
Second Sunday of Lent**
Genesis 12:1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17:1-9

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030523.cfm>



We extend our condolences to *Joe & Mary Shaler* on the death of Joe’s brother, **Patrick Shaler** and to *Kevin & Judy Jones and Madison Jones* on the death of

Judy’s mother and Madison’s grandmother, **Mary Roney**. Please keep all of Patrick’s and Mary’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Patrick and Mary into his eternal glory.

✠✠✠ Masses For The Week

For the Week of February 27 – March 5, 2023

27	February	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Dick Kaufman
28	February	Tuesday		No Mass
01	March	Wednesday		No Mass
02	March	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Pat Moriarty, Jr. by Fr. Joe Moriarty
03	March	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Mary Sweeney by Mary Beth Walby
			5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
04	March	Saturday – The Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	Martha Haddin by Family
05	March	Sunday – The Second Sunday of Lent	9:30 a.m.	Catherine Mears by Jim & Loretta Miller
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 26 – March 5, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA Rite of Sending
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	RCIA Rite of Election
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	at Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Euchre
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	School Commission
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Gym	6:00 p.m.	Intramural Basketball
Saturday	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion
	New Parishioner Registration at all Masses.		
Sunday	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



Ladies Club Annual Bedding Plant Sale beginning next week, order forms will be at all church entrances for the Ladies Club annual bedding plant sale. Deadline to order will be Monday, March 27, and pick up will be on Friday, April 28, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in front of the church.

Please welcome into our Christian community Zelig Rose, daughter of Paul & Kathleen (Miller) Grimm, who was baptized on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of Feb 18 and 19	\$	6,011.00
Electronic Contributions 2/13-2/17	\$	8,312.42
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	448,162.38
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	445,400.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	2,762.38

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,324.00
January Contributions	\$	2,073.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,920.00

If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the church doors.



SAVE THE DATE: The 8th grade class will once again host a Senior Prom for all of your young at heart parishioners. There hasn't been one in a couple of years due to COVID, so they are excited to be bringing it back! The date will be **April 29** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This year's theme will be "*Springo Bingo*." Please mark your calendar now and plan on attending! You won't want to miss out on all of the fun!!

Next weekend, March 4 and 5, there will be a second collection to support relief efforts for the devastating earthquake which struck Syria and Turkey on February 6. Please be as generous as possible as we help those who are experiencing terrible losses.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, March 8** following the **11:00 a.m. Mass**. We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. You may call the parish office at 317-357-8352 if you plan to attend. Don't forget to wear green and feel free to invite a friend!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Come One! Come All!
 Please join us on Fridays during Lent through March 31
 for a wonderful Lenten meal!
 Serving takes place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
 Drive-thru carryout service is available!
 Invite your family and friends to help make our
 Fish Fry a success!

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2023
 June 2, 3, and 4

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!



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

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

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - December 2022	441
January 2023	504
February 2023 (thru 2/19)	467

Just Desserts Ladies!



The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the Fish Fry. All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club, so bring your sweets to the school cafeteria after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!



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, Katie Goodin, 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:

Louise Loyd

1521 Park Ridge Way, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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.

Little Flower Euchre Nights

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club



Who: Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age

Where: Little Flower Cafeteria

When: The following Wednesday nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m.:

March 1 and 29

April 5 and 19

May 3 and 24

Cost: \$5 each week you attend

We will play a round robin within groups of 8, so you will play 7 rounds and partner with everyone in your group of 8. Rounds will last 15 minutes with each player dealing twice if time allows – we will strictly limit each round to 15 minutes. We will play 4 rounds then take a 15-minute break before playing the final three rounds.

Snacks will be provided and soft drinks/water will be available for \$1 each.

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you register.

Questions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or johnsojc@iupui.edu.

2023-2025 Little Flower Parish Strategic Growth Plan

Developed for the parish by your representatives on Parish Council as part of our ongoing planning process. These goals help us focus and prioritize the use of our most valuable resources—your time, talent and treasure.

Every parishioner is a vital part of our growth and success as a parish family and we invite you to see how each and every one of us can help to achieve our goals.

How can I help?

Goal #1: Continue to create a vibrant and growing parish by increasing the percentage of active parishioners.

- ⇒ Consider your gifts from God and how they can be put to good use volunteering.
- ⇒ Invite someone you know to join a ministry!

Goal #2: Invite current parishioners to a deeper relationship with Christ in the Eucharist thereby increasing the average Mass attendance to a pre-pandemic level of 600 by 2025.

- ⇒ Attend Mass every weekend
- ⇒ Invite family and friends to join you at Mass
- ⇒ Consider attending one of more of the adult formation classes
- ⇒ Check out Formed.org for tons of content to further your knowledge about our faith

Goal #3: Throughout 2023-2025, Little Flower will continue to identify and execute on opportunities for community outreach and creating moments of belonging at Little Flower.

- ⇒ Get to know those around you at Mass or in your volunteer commitments
- ⇒ Introduce yourself to faces you don't know at Little Flower events
- ⇒ Call the Parish Office to find out which ministry may already serve a need you see in the community

For more information please visit our website (littleflowerparish.org) or contact Parish Council Chairperson Elizabeth Mann at edeputy1@yahoo.com.

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