

Fifth Sunday Of LENT

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. **This weekend at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with all those who will receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.** Last Sunday the Elect were presented with the Nicene Creed. During the Third Scrutiny, all the Elect receive the Our Father.

This coming Friday is our last Lenten Fish Fry. Every year at the last fish fry, someone tells me that he/she wishes that this was not the last fish fry of the year. Because it is the last one, I encourage you to come to the fish fry either to dine in or to carry out.

This Saturday, April 1, will be the last scheduled confessions before Easter. Confessions will be heard from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. There will be **no** confessions on Holy Saturday, April 8. If anyone would like to make an appointment for confession, please contact me.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with our Elect.

There is no better way for us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising than through celebrating the Triduum as a parish family. However, for those unable to attend, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will also be live streamed.

We are asking that no activities conflict with Holy Week services and activities. This would include 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday and from noon until the end of Good Friday.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will invite all children from toddlers through 8th grade to join in the procession around the church carrying palms. Please encourage your children to participate. Little Flower School students who participate will receive an out-of-uniform pass.

As we prepare to celebrate Holy Week and Easter, I would like to offer a special thanks to our Adult Choir. It requires a big commitment from all the members to sing weekly and that includes a 90 minute practice each week. We are blessed with a wide variety of singers who are willing to make this commitment. This also includes our instrumentalists who play each week, Laura on clarinet, Megan on flute, and Dave on viola. It would not be unusual, particularly in other denominations, for these instrumentalists to be paid, but Laura, Megan, and Dave also volunteer their talents to make our choir even better. They sounded especially wonderful this past Sunday. When you have an opportunity, please thank them for sharing their gifts with us.

Today is the 39th anniversary of the death of Fr. Louis Gootee, the founding pastor of Nativity Parish. Fr. Gootee lived here at Little Flower during his retirement. Saturday is the 53rd anniversary of the death of Fr. John Reidy, who served as an associate pastor at Little Flower from December 1960 to April 1961.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob

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	484
March 2023 (thru 3/19)	510

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers who serve the parish at Mass or take communion to those who are homebound or in the hospital, will be commissioned/re-commissioned at Mass on Holy Thursday. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. Please plan to attend.



IT'S THE LAST FISH FRY THIS FRIDAY! DON'T MISS OUT!
Come One! Come All!

Please join us for our last fish fry this Friday, March 31.

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!

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 27 – April 2, 2023

27	March	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Charlene Fisher by Patti Cook
28	March	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Norma Jean Clark by Judith A. Moran
29	March	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Lucy Lavelle by Eric & Becky Mauser
30	March	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Mike Corcoran
31	March	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
01	April	Saturday – The Vigil of Palm Sunday
	5:00 p.m.	Vincent Tucher by Robert & Gerry Burgin
02	April	Sunday – Palm Sunday
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Patricia Sullivan

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 26 – April 2, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Easter Flower Collection after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	RCIA – 3 rd Scrutiny
Monday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Invite Commission
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:15 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Church	9:00 a.m.	RCIA Retreat and Vigil Practice
	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



SAVE THE DATE: The 8th grade class will once again host a Senior Prom for all of you 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!!

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

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of March 18 and 19	\$	5,896.28
Electronic Contributions 3/13-3/17	\$	8,881.84
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	503,507.64
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	497,800.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	5,707.64

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$	2,073.00
February Contributions	\$	2,215.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,969.00

NOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED FEWER THAN 100 COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARDS FROM PARISHIONERS. By filling out a Stewardship card, you help populate a database that helps us best plan for, and utilize, the time, talent, and treasure of all our stewards at Little Flower.

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.



Please welcome into our Christian community the following children:

- Theodore (Teddy) Lincoln, son of Peter and Kate Elliott, who was baptized on Sunday, March 5, 2023.
- Margo Maxine, daughter of Matthew and Allison (Delaney) Bedwell, who was baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2023.
- Sullivan Jordan, son of Lex and Bridget (Delaney) Martin, who was baptized on Sunday, March 12, 2023.



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, Mark Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, 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:

Bobbie Lawless

**Lafayette Regional Rehab Hospital
950 Park East Blvd. Room 303, Lafayette, IN 47905**

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.



NOW HIRING

Due to the impending retirement of Tom Costello, we are seeking his replacement. We are searching for a part-time (approx. 20 hrs. per week) Director of Music Ministry to lead a well-developed liturgical ministry.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing for music at three Masses per weekend, including personal direction and/or performance for at least two Masses.
- Recruiting and supervising volunteer musicians.
- Directing adult and youth choirs.
- Training cantors.
- Assisting with liturgical music for school liturgies.

This dynamic person of faith should have a Bachelor's Degree in music or equivalent experience, a strong knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy, and proficiency in keyboard and choral direction. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

E-mail cover letter, résumé, and references, to musicdirectorsearch@littleflowerparish.org



**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 27, 2023, and pick-up will be on Friday, April 28, from 3 p.m. -7:30 p.m. in front of Church.** Please call Daun Sidor at 317-625-4209 with any questions.

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 6:30-9:00 p.m.:

April 5 and 19

May 3 and 24

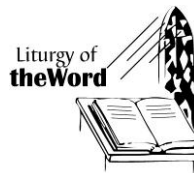
Cost: \$5 each week you attend

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.



Readings for April 1 and 2

Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040223.cfm>



The Gabriel Project's annual Baby Bank collection is still going strong through Palm Sunday. It's not too late to grab a bank from one of the three church foyers. We thank you for your current and past support of the Gabriel Project. Your support and generous donations have had a tremendous and positive impact on our mothers and babies by providing essential supplies for their everyday needs. To keep our costs down, we ask that you return your bottles even if they are empty. All bottles should be returned at any of the Palm Sunday Masses. If you are interested in volunteering for the Gabriel Project, please contact Tricia Popicean at tappopiean@aol.com.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2023 June 2, 3, and 4

We are in need of a chairperson for the Corn-on-the-Cob Booth! If you are interested in making sure our festival-goers can enjoy sweet local corn during the festival, please contact Peggy Clegg (317-403-7444 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org) or Amy Clegg (317-223-6850 or amy.clegg@att.net).

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196) or edeputy1@yahoo.com, or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate!

- **Are you an artisan or just plain crafty?** Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.
- **Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25?** Consider donating them!
- **Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder?** Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.
- **Do you have a timeshare or vacation property?** Consider donating a week this year.
- **Are there gift cards lying around that you will never use?** Let us put them to good use as an auction item!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00 and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie and she will mail information to them. **Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!**

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, April 2, meeting in church at 5 p.m. *We will not sing on Sunday, March 26.*

New members are always welcome.

Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



Did You Know?

What is the Presentation of the Lord's Prayer for those in the RCIA process, and when does it occur?

On Sunday, March 26, 2023 at the Third Scrutiny, we will entrust the words of the The Lord's Prayer to our Elect. This prayer of hope is to Catholics a summary of the entire Christian life, and a model of that relationship of trust that we are invited to enter as children of our Heavenly Father. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this Rite symbolizes the passing down of our heritage of prayer, learned at the feet of the Savior, and nurtured in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit that is the Church.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

April 1/2 – 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 6 – 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 7 – 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 8 – Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions

April 9 – 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



**Save the date!**

The 2nd annual Fashion Show at Cynthia's Hallmark and Boutique will be **Sunday, April 23 at 2 p.m.** Event sponsored by Little Flower Ladies Club and all proceeds support our church. Come and watch our fabulous models show off the latest in Spring fashions. Cost \$20 which includes a free scarf, appetizers, door prizes and discount coupons valid the day of the show. Watch the bulletin for more information.

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, March 27** at 6:30 p.m. hosting a **Lasagna dinner that includes salad, breadsticks and dessert.** The cost is \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.

**WELCOME / REGISTRATION**

April 1 & 2, 2023

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower?

If you are not registered, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish!

Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the **WELCOME TABLE** in the gathering area for a registration form. There are also forms available if your address or contact information has changed.

You may also register at
www.littleflowerparish.org

*All things are
possible with God*

Financial Peace University

Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? This. Is. Your. Time. Just visit fpu.com/1160319 to sign up for a nine-week Financial Peace University class starting on **Monday, April 3, 2023 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House.** Make today the day you decide to own your money—not the other way around. You've got this!

Financial Peace University is a nine-lesson course that teaches you how to save for emergencies, pay off debt fast, spend wisely, and invest for your future. For over 25 years, Dave Ramsey has been teaching commonsense, biblical money principles that work. Every time.

Whether you are trying to get out of debt or save for retirement, you'll learn God's (and Grandma's!) way of handling money. No matter where you are in your financial journey, Financial Peace University helps you reach your goals faster!

Classes meet once a week for 9 weeks with each class lasting up to 2 hours. You'll be given tools to help you put what you learn into practice. You will be supported and guided by a Coordinator who has been where you are and whose life has been changed by FPU.

Leave money stress behind and learn how to get back and stay on your feet financially!

NOTE: Registration will be offered through the following link

ONLY: fpu.com/1160319

If you have any questions about **Financial Peace University** or this class, please contact Matt Wolfert

at: givinghopefinancialservices@gmail.com; 317-389-0885; <https://www.ramseyplus.com>



Want to learn more about the Eucharist?
Join us as Bishop Robert Barron examines the Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, and Real Presence.

This dynamic 4 week study starts

Monday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m.

In the school cafeteria.

Discussion following the video led by Kurt Schnell.

Snacks will be provided.

Watch the bulletin for more information.



SOUP SUPPER



Holy Thursday, April 6

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

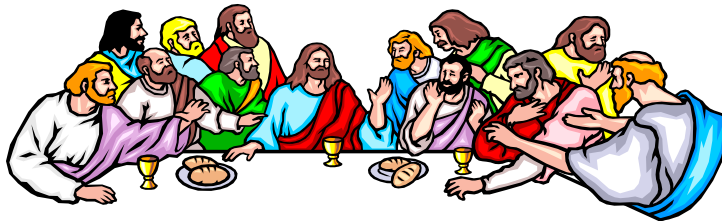
In Duffey Hall (School Cafeteria)



**Soup, salad, bread, desserts,
drinks, and tableware provided.
There will also be hot dogs!**

Don't miss out on this opportunity to "break bread"
with your fellow parishioners

Mass to follow at 7:00 p.m.



Sponsored by the Parish Life Commission