

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

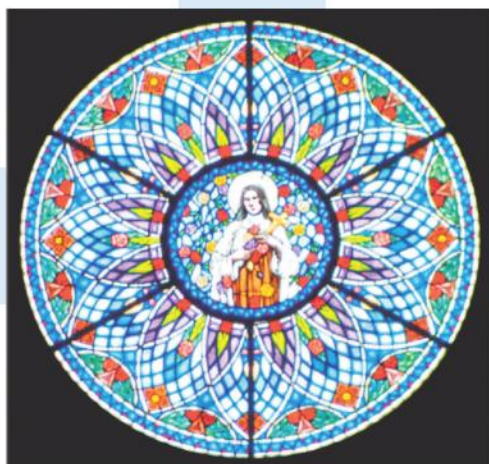
**"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am
well pleased;
listen to him."**

Matthew 17:5

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.



Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent. Every year the Gospel of the Transfiguration is read on this Sunday.

Thanks to all who returned their completed stewardship cards. If you have not returned yours, please return it as soon as possible either online, through the collection, through the mail, or by dropping it off at the parish office. Little Flower and Seccina school families must turn in their 2023 stewardship cards in order to be eligible for the parishioner tuition discount.

Today is the 28th anniversary of the death of Fr. Harry Hoover, the first principal of Seccina Memorial High School. Fr. Hoover served as principal of Seccina from 1953 to 1969. He also celebrated Sunday Masses at Little Flower.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Sacrament News

On Saturday, March 11, the children of our parish, who are preparing for First Communion, and their parents, will meet for our Blessing Cup Retreat from 10 a.m. to noon, in the school cafeteria.

Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their final preparation to receive the Eucharist.



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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 6 - 12, 2023

06	March	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Larry McAtee
07	March	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James T. O'Hara
08	March	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Thomas Haigerty by Jeanine Adkins
09	March	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth McPherson by Ladies Club
10	March	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Brian Cuppy by Donna & Thomas Kemp
	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
11	March	Saturday – The Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family
12	March	Sunday – The Third Sunday of Lent
	9:30 a.m.	Janet O'Connell by Jim & Loretta Miller
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 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
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
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	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
	Gym	6:00 p.m.	Intramural Basketball
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	First Communion Blessing Cup Retreat
	Church	5:00 p.m.	RCIA - 1 st Scrutiny
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins		
	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
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of Feb 25 and 26	\$	7,168.30
Electronic Contributions 2/20-2/24	\$	4,139.94
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	459,470.62
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	458,500.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	970.62

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,324.00
January Contributions	\$	2,073.00
February Contributions	\$	2,215.00

Thank you for your continued contributions to the Home Improvement Fund. Here are a few ways we've recently made some necessary improvements without impacting our regular operating budget:

- *New vacuum cleaners for the parish center.
- *Maintenance and restoration of terrazzo floors in school.
- *New floor mats for church entrances.
- *Protective floor mats for scoring table in the gym.

THANK YOU!!

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 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!!



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!

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



Readings for March 11 and 12

Second Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031223.cfm>

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 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 2/26)	484

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:

Ann McCarty

445 N Belmar 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.



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HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The needs of our neighbors are currently very high and our inventory of donated items is very low. **We are in dire need of men's and women's clothing, appliances (refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers) and furniture.**

You can drop off clothing at the blue drop box here at Little Flower or at our Distribution Center 1201 E. Maryland Avenue (dock located at the south side of the building) Mon-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For furniture and other large items, call 317-687-1006 to arrange a pickup.

Please help us help others. Thank you for sharing and caring.

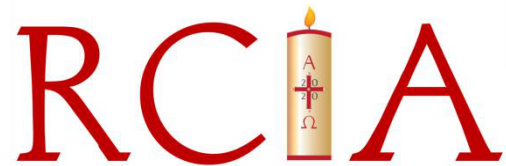


Ladies Club

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.



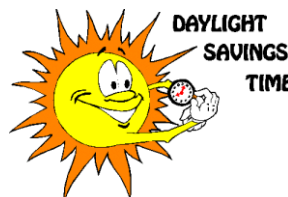
Did You Know?

What does Lent have to do with those becoming Catholic?

In Lent, RCIA participants move into the final period of preparation for the sacraments. They have been nourished by the graces of various liturgical Rites throughout the RCIA process, which have helped them to embrace God's call. In Lent, God pours purifying and enlightening graces upon them, through the spiritual preparation they receive in RCIA sessions, the special Rites that mark the Sundays of Lent, and the prayers offered for them by the faithful.

What are the Scrutinies?

These Rites are celebrated to help deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (RCIA 141). The Rites of Scrutiny are meant to uncover, and then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the elects' hearts and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good. Three Scrutinies are celebrated in the parish community on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent, after the homily. The celebrations of the Scrutinies also remind the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help.



Don't forget on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 2 a.m., we will set our clocks forward by one hour. Happy Spring!

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 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.



The first annual National Catholic Men's Conference will be held in Cincinnati March 25, 2023 at Cintas Center. We encourage every man in our parish to join the Archbishop of Cincinnati at the National Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Tickets can be purchased at NationalMensConference.com. Join men from around the country for a one-day event filled with virtue, inspirational speakers, fellowship, networking and spiritual growth. Featured speakers include:

- Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen Series.
- Father Robert Spitzer from EWTN.
- His Royal Highness, the Archduke of Austria and grandson of Blessed Karl, Archduke Christian Habsburg-Lorraine. This will be his first speech EVER in the United States so history will be made.
- Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Earl Fernandes from Columbus Ohio.

A LIVE panel discussion with professional Bengals football players. Jeff Schiefelbein, Fr. Jonathan Meyer and Fr. Ethan Moore from University of Cincinnati.

Get tickets now as the best seats are selling fast. NationalMensConference.com



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@litleflowerparish.org. Little Flower does accept state vouchers. Catholic education is affordable for all families.



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



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