

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The water I shall give will
become in him a spring of water
welling up to eternal life.

John 4:14

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?

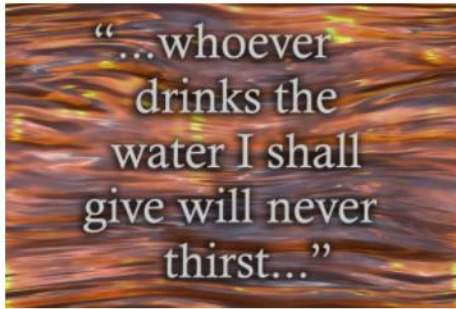
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This weekend at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our Elect, our former Catechumens, and our *Confirmandi*. At the First Scrutiny, the former catechumens are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, and all the Elect are presented with the Ten Commandments.

Next week's Scrutiny will take place at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and the following weekend's Scrutiny will take place at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA, 141).

Monday marks the 10th anniversary of the election of Pope Francis. Please pray for him on his anniversary.

This week's all-school Mass will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

For those who may have been unable to attend the Little Flower-Lourdes Penance Service, Holy Spirit Parish will offer a Penance Service on Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on Friday! Enjoy the day and the evening, but please be safe.

Archbishop Daniel often made the point that a person cannot celebrate and do penance at the same time. Since St. Patrick's Day is a day of celebration for many people, Archbishop Thompson has commuted the obligation for Catholics of the archdiocese to abstain from meat on March 17. This means that those persons in the archdiocese who wish to eat meat on St. Patrick's Day are free to do so, provided that they abstain from meat on some other day during the week of March 19 in addition to Friday, March 24.

Once again the scammers are hard at work. Until recently, parishioners were getting emails in my name asking for help. The scammers typically asked for gift cards. Recently multiple people received texts purportedly from me again asking for help, typically in the form of gift cards. The important thing to know is that I will never text you or send you an email asking for help for me or for someone else. For example, one email asked for iTunes gift cards for a hospitalized young person. I will never ask you for help through email or a text.

Have a wonderful week and a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!

fr. Bob



Come One! Come All!

Please join us on Fridays during Lent through March 31 for a wonderful Lenten meal!

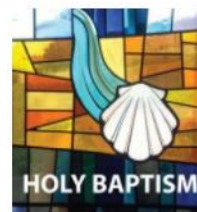
Serving takes place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Drive-thru carryout service is available!

Invite your family and friends to help make our Fish Fry a success!



SAVE THE DATE: The *Parish Life Commission* will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Watch the bulletin for more information!



Please welcome into our Christian community the following children who were baptized on Sunday, February 26, 2023.

- ❖ Liam Robert, son of Michael Cunningham and Laura Horton
- ❖ Lennon Ashely-Giavanna, daughter of Austin Glenn and Nicole Maio.

Third Sunday Of Lent

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 13 - 19, 2023

13	March	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
14	March	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Louis Manna
15	March	Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	William Moylan by Family & Friends
16	March	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Fr. Joe Moriarty
17	March	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
18	March	Saturday – The Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Lent	5:00 p.m.	Jesse Quiroz by Ed Burlingame
19	March	Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:30 a.m.	Doris Shearer by the Harris Families
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 12 - 19, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins		
	Blood Pressure Checks after Mass in Gathering Area.		
	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
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
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LFAC
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. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
	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			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA-2 nd Scrutiny
	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
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of March 4 and 5	\$	11,342.55
Electronic Contributions 2/27-3/3	\$	8,760.20
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	479,573.37
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	471,600.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	7,973.37

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$	2,073.00
February Contributions	\$	2,215.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,364.00

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 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.**

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 3/5)	553



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool and yard? Tell him or her they're still Number 1 in your life . . . share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Future Weekends in 2023 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, April 21-23, and November 3-5. Visit www.wme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Having had over twenty years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. We learned much, and are still improving."

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!

Next weekend, March 18 and 19, there will be a special collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victim of persecution, war and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor, legal and support services for the poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Please use the envelope provided in your regular packet and place in the regular collection.

FESTIVAL NEWS
Summerfest 2023
June 2, 3, and 4

The next leadership team meeting is
 Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

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!



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:

Sally Meth

1463 N Bosart Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201

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.

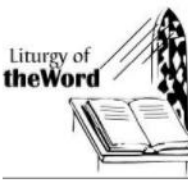
Gary Ballou, currently deployed overseas in the Air Force reserve.

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.

**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.

**Readings for March 18 and 19****Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5:8-14

John 9:1-41

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031923.cfm>

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.:
March 29
April 5 and 19
May 3 and 24
Cost: \$5 each week you attend

We had 16 players last week and a good time was had by all!

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.



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.



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, March 19 in church from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. New members are always

welcome. Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



Did You Know?

What is the Presentation of the Creed for those in the RCIA process, and when does it occur?

On Sunday, March 19, 2023 at the Second Scrutiny, we will entrust the words of the Creed to those seeking to enter the Catholic Church. Nearly seventeen centuries old, the Creed is recited by the faithful at every Mass, and summarizes what we believe as Catholics. For those coming into the Church this Easter, this Rite symbolizes that our parish community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic faith with them, so that those about to join our Catholic family embrace and treasure these venerable words as we do.



Hiring Alert: Food Pantry Operations Director for SVdP Indy
St. Vincent de Paul Indianapolis (SVdP Indy) is hiring a Director of Operations – Food Pantry/Warehouse.

This role is part of the executive team and includes responsibility for:

- Managing food supply, inventory and distribution
- Directing staff and volunteers
- Ensuring a safety culture for employees, volunteers and shoppers
- Partnering with Director of Volunteer Services regarding volunteer needs
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