ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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.

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER 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,

Thanks to Noelle Sykes who shared her stewardship witness talk with us last weekend. One of the best parts of her talk was her challenge to our younger parishioners: "We have to step up and get involved. There are some amazing people at Little Flower who have been committed to the church and school for a long time. We need to learn from them and help lift their burden so the next generation can continue to keep Little Flower the special place we all know and love." Noelle currently serves as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister, serves on the School Commission, and chairs the Elephant Ear booth at the festival.

I also want to thank the combined efforts of the Stewardship Commission and PPS for their collaboration in putting together the Ministry Fair and Pancake Breakfast and the representatives from the various ministries who were present at the fair. Finally, thanks to all who attended and signed up for ministries.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent,

there will be Stations of the Cross and Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholics from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines fasting as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Besides ashes on Ash Wednesday, a small remembrance will be available to everyone who comes to Mass on the First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18. Please be here to receive this remembrance which will serve as a challenge to us this Lent.

In the Gospels, Jesus calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. As Lent begins, I want to strongly encourage all of us to commit ourselves to weekly attendance at Sunday Eucharist. Sunday Eucharist defines us as Catholics.

Dynamic Catholic is once again offering Best Lent Ever. You can sign up at https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html.

Please mark your calendars. **Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower.** 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.

One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:00 p.m. Once again this year the Little Flower Men's Club is managing the Fish Fry. Dine in and drive-through carryout service will be available. Please show your support by attending and inviting family, friends, and neighbors to attend. The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize.

Each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$6,000 to \$9,000. This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. In the final analysis, the success of the fish fry will depend on the number of dinners purchased. The more people who attend each week, the more successful the fish fry will be. I am profoundly grateful to the Men's Club for continuing to accept responsibility for the Fish Fry and to all who will help with the Fish Fry this year.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



For the Week of February 12 -18, 2024

12	February	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Anna Nguyet by Sam T. Chu
13	February	Tuesday
		No Mass
14	February	Wednesday
	9:30 a.m.	Nela Delaney Fox
	6:00 p.m.	Daniel Freeland by the Freeland Family
15	February	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by the Legion
		of Mary
16	February	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
17	February	Saturday – The 1 st Sunday of Lent
	5:00 p.m.	Manuel Corpuz by Ron Sharp
18	February	Sunday – The 1 st Sunday of Lent
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Steve Braun by Stephanie Braun
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🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 12 - 18, 2024						
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Blood Pressure check after all Masses.					
	Stewardship Intention Weekend.					
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed			
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	(School Café)					
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Tuesday	St. Patrick	5:30 p.m.	100 th Anniversary			
	(Parish Center)	6.00	Executive Meeting			
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study			
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA			
	(Parish Center)	7.00 p.m.	Rent			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday					
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP			
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation			
Thursday	(Parish Center)	1.00 p.m.	Group			
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	АА			
Friday St. Therese (Parish Center) 4:00 p.m.		4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry			
Saturday						
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
· · ·	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA Rite of Sending			
	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	RCIA Rite of Election			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep			

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

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly avera	iges)
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023 - September 2023	469
October 2023	459
November 2023	515
December 2023	475
Christmas Mass Attendance	1027
January 2024	463
February 2024 (week 1)	546



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

Clevenger, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobby Leszcynski, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, 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:

Carol Freeland 4923 Nowland 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.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in Dalgren, VA. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

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.

February 11, 2024

STEWARDSHIP CORNER (100)

	Your	Gifts	of	Treasure
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Weekly Pudget Cool	¢	13 200 00			
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00			
Collection of February 3 and 4	\$	8,606.65			
Electronic Contributions 1/29-2/2	\$	7,031.12			
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	425,525.47			
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	422,400.00			
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YDT	\$	3,125.47			
Home Improvement Fund					
December Contributions	\$	3,464.00			
January Contributions	\$	2,298.00			
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,361.00			
United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 2/5)					
Parish Goal		\$ 62,294.00			
# of gifts received or pledged		87			
Amount of gifts received or pledge	zd	\$ 23,015.00			
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Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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 vou!



Registration is now open! The Eucharistic Archdiocese is encouraging strong participation from each of its parishes and the Faithful.

As the host archdiocese, we have been provided with a discount code, Indy24, which reduces the cost of individual passes from \$375 to \$274.

If you have already signed up or have interest in attending the conference in July would you please notify Elizabeth Mann at emann@littleflowerparish.org or text / call Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640.

The complete schedule is out now with a list of featured speakers. You can check it out at their website. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule

The final Mass at Lucas Oil stadium on Sunday, July 21, 2024, will include the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (NOTE: this is a change from the normal meeting date due to Ash 2^{nd} Wednesday being the Wednesday in February.) This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day and play Bingo.

You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend! All are welcome!

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 Parish Center – St. Patrick Room **When:** The following Thursday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please note the change in the room and the day of the week.

> February 22 March 7 and 21 April 4 and 18

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 Ladies Club provides desserts each week for the Fish Fry, beginning this Friday, February 16! 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 for your help!

Next weekend, February 17 and 18 there will be a special collection for the Black and Indian Mission. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. Please be as generous as possible.



Scholarships for 8th graders

Every year, Scecina Memorial High School awards nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships and financial aid to new Crusaders. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit www.scecina.org/scholarships.

Applications due March 1, 2024

• Stan Epperson Scholarship – All Students

JOIN US FOR CURRICULUM NIGHT!



February 28 and March 6, 2024 \mid 6-8 p.m.

Students who have been accepted into the Class of 2028 are asked to attend Curriculum Night. During this event, you will meet with a staff member to request courses for freshman year. Please register for Curriculum at https://scecina.schooladminonline.com/

Win a \$3,000 Scholarship

Students who apply and enroll at Scecina by March 18, 2024, are eligible for a \$3,000 Early Bird Scholarship. All five items below must be completed.

- #1 Apply for admission and complete your application.
- #2 Be accepted as a member of Scecina's Class of 2028.
- #3 Complete your registration form and pay the registration fee.
- #4 Complete the tuition assistance application or financial aid waiver.

#5 Course Request by attending Curriculum Night on February 28 or March 6, 2024, or making an individual appointment.

Admissions Contacts - Do you have questions about admissions? Please contact us:



Miriam Medina Director of Admissions mmedina@scecina.org 317-352-3287 Hablo Español



Patty Feeney Admissions Assistant pfeeney@scecina.org 317-356-6377 Ext. 1317



Mass times 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. How will you begin the Season of Lent?



Men's Lenten Prayer Group starting on February 13

Our study this year is to learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Please join this

Lenten Prayer Group. We will meet for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings, starting on February 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 AM, at the Fatima Event Center, 1040 N. Post Rd. Doors open at 6:15 AM. Over 6 sessions we will watch the video of JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST Series and then break into smaller groups with a table leader posing questions for reflection and leading a shared prayer. We will end promptly at 7:30 AM so you can get to work or go about your day. All Catholic men from the East deanery are invited to attend as your schedule permits. We are asking for a one-time goodwill \$10 donation to cover coffee, snacks, printing, and facility costs. This series of meetings is sponsored by the K of C Our Lady of Fatima Council, and the Holy Spirit Men's Ministry Group. Please let Jesus and the Eucharist make a positive difference in your life this Lenten season. Contact Bil McLaughlin, 317-748-2800 by phone, or text with questions, or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone #, and email address.



Archbishop Thompson and The Archdiocese of Indianapolis are asking for our participation in an online survey. The aim is to gain a deeper understanding of the communications needs, aspirations, and preferences of members of The Church. The survey contains questions on a variety of topics, only takes about 15 minutes to complete and is anonymous. Scan the QR code or visit the link to participate in the survey: inact.questionpro.com/archindysurvey.





Readings for February 14 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021424.cfm

Readings for February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15

To read the readings on-line, go to https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021824.cfm





February

Embracing our Threefold Call to Holiness as Priest, Prophet & King – Day of Reflection

Led by: Deacon Bob Beyke

Saturdav, February 24, 2024 / 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Description: During this day of reflection, we will explore the question of what it means to be Priest, Prophet and King - and what that means to us. We will look at the three anointings of Christ from a biblical perspective with the goal of finding meaning in our own baptismal calling.

Registration: \$45 per person; includes Mass and lunch.

March

Finding Peace in the Chaos of Life – a Silent Guided Retreat Led by: Father Jeff Godecker and Mary Schaffner

6 p.m. Friday, March 1 & 12 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2024

Description: This weekend will allow the time for naming the chaos, fear and/or unsettledness that may trouble us, taking it to prayer and embracing the Peace that Jesus offers us. Prayer and Silence will be a significant part of this retreat; brief reflections will be offered throughout the weekend to help guide time in prayer and to experience a sense of community with other retreatants.

Registration: \$220 per person

Come to the Cross – Evening of Reflection Led by: Father Keith Hosey with Jennifer Burger Monday, March 11, 2024 / 5p.m. - 9 p.m.

Description: During this evening of reflection, we will be meditating on the pain and suffering that Jesus endured in the Crucifixion and look at our own personal crucifixions - our pain and suffering - to draw closer to God and find Blessing through the application of the Beatitudes. We will begin with Mass at 5 p.m., for those who can make it. A Light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. before the program begins at 6 p.m. Registration: \$45 per person; includes light supper and Mass (optional/for those who can make it).

Come to the Cross - Day of Reflection Led by: Father Keith Hosey with Jennifer Burger Tuesday, March 19, 2024 / 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Description: During this day of reflection, we will be meditating on the pain and suffering that Jesus endured in the Crucifixion and look at our own personal crucifixions - our pain and suffering - as a means to draw closer to God and find Blessing through the application of the Beatitudes.

Registration: \$45 per person; includes lunch and Mass

Ponder & Proclaim! - A Lenten Weekend Retreat Led by: Fr. Jim Farrell and Deacon Rick Wagner 6 p.m. Friday, March 22 & 12 p.m., Sunday, March 24, 2024

Description: This weekend will incorporate times of reflection to meet God and nourish our relationship with Christ, as we learn to embrace and proclaim the Good News in our own lives! Registration: \$220 per person.

To register go to www.archindy.org/fatima - click on "Register" on home page and scroll through Calendar of Events to find programs. You may also contact our Registrar, Lisa Coons at (317)545-7681;lcoons@archindy.org

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time





To further enhance your Lenten experience, join us for Stations of the Cross and Communion Service each Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the church.





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