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Mark 1:12,13

the angels

ministered

to him.

The Spirit

drove Jesus

out into the

remained in

the desert

tempted by

Satan.

desert, and he

for forty days,

He was among

wild beasts, and

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

At-Large Member

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At-Large Member

5:00 PM Saturday: 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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OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 317-357-5316

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The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
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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.

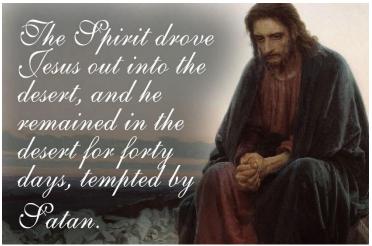
PARISH REGISTRATION

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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Dear Parish Family,

During Lent, our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) catechumens & candidates 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 and candidates 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, Fr. James Brockmeier, representing Archbishop Thompson, will declare them ready to take part in the Sacraments of Initiation. This year we have two catechumens. In addition, at the Easter Vigil, two adult candidates will be received into the

Catholic Church and receive First Eucharist and Confirmation and four adult Catholics will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Thanks to all who returned their completed stewardship cards. If you have not returned yours, please return it as soon as possible either online or through the collection or through the mail or by dropping it off at the parish office. Little Flower and Scecina school families must turn in their 2024 stewardship cards in order to be eligible for the parishioner tuition discount.

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 sixth grade and up would encourage their children to become altar servers.

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.

As you know, the money that we receive through the Lenten baby banks is divided between the Gabriel Project and a charity designated by the parish. As a parish we have chosen once again to help Miracle Place here on the Eastside. Miracle Place, located at 940 Temple Avenue, provides education, meals, love, and encouragement to children and adults in their neighborhood.

The LF Athletic Commission and LF PPS hosted the annual Reverse Raffle and Bingo Night on Saturday Feb 3. The night was a huge success, topping last year's attendance with nearly 300 people at the event! Thank you to all who attended or encouraged friends and family to attend. Thanks to all the hard working volunteers from LF Athletics and PPS who made the night possible. And special thanks to the Dugan, Kantner, Lathrop, and Torzewski families for planning and organizing this important function. This year's final profit of almost \$13,000 will be equally split to benefit the Little Flower Athletic Association and the Little Flower PPS.

Have a wonderful week.





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.



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 Wednesday being the 2nd 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!

First Sunday Of Lent



For the Week of February 19-25, 2024

For the week of February 19-25, 2024						
19	February	Monday				
	5:30 p.m.	Jane Wolsiffer				
20	February	Tuesday				
	5:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly				
21	February	Wednesday				
	11:00 a.m.	Bobbie Lawless by Consuelo Quiroz				
22	February	Thursday				
	5:30 p.m.	Bryan Cuppy by Donna & Thomas Kemp				
23	February	Friday				
	9:30 a.m.	Robert McMahon & all Deceased Members				
		of the McMahon Family by the McMahon				
		Siblings				
	5:30 p.m.	Way of the Cross and Communion Service				
24	February	Saturday – The 2 nd Sunday of Lent				
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish				
		Family				
25	February	Sunday – The 2 nd Sunday of Lent				
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Freeland Family				

/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

For the People

6:00 p.m.

February 18-25, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	RCIA Rite of Sending
	Ss. Peter &	2:00 p.m.	RCIA Rite of Election
	Paul Cathedral	1	
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
	(School Café)		
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life
	(Parish Center)		
Tuesday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Board
	(Parish Center)		
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	(School Café)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wadnagday		_	Adventuresome Group
Wednesday	Church/PC St. Patrick	11:00 a.m.	Finance Council
	(Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation
Thursday	(Parish Center)	1.00 p.m.	Group
	St. Patrick	C-20	Euchre
	(Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	(Parish Center)	6.00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	(Parish Center)	F	8
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	(School Café)	•	
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	St. Patrick	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	(Parish Center)		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	1st Communion Rite of
	a	10.20	Illumination
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	(School Café)	2,20 m m	Confirmation Prep
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	(Parish Center) Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Chili
	(School Café)	4.30 p.m.	Cook-off
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
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Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)				
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 & 2)	516			



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:

Margie Greene 1945 N Wallace Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 10 and 11	\$ 11,138.95
Electronic Contributions 2/5-2/9	\$ 5,609.87
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 442,274.29
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 435,600.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YDT	\$ 6,674.29

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 3,464.00
January Contributions	\$ 2,298.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,622.00

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:

- *Replaced windows on exterior church doors (Bosart side doors).
- *Installed lockable gates at pedestrian entrances to the parking lot for the protection of our school children at recess.
- *Installed new glass block windows on the rectory basement (supplementing a donation from a parishioner).

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.

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 2/12)

Parish Goal \$ 62,294.00 # of gifts received or pledged 87 Amount of gifts received or pledged \$ 23,015.00

FESTIVAL NEWS

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 you!



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.

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!



Readings for February 25, 2024 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31b-34 Mark 9:2-10

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022524.cfm



Come One! Come All!

Please join us on Fridays during Lent through March 22
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!



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.



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









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 ligturgical 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.



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