



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org



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.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

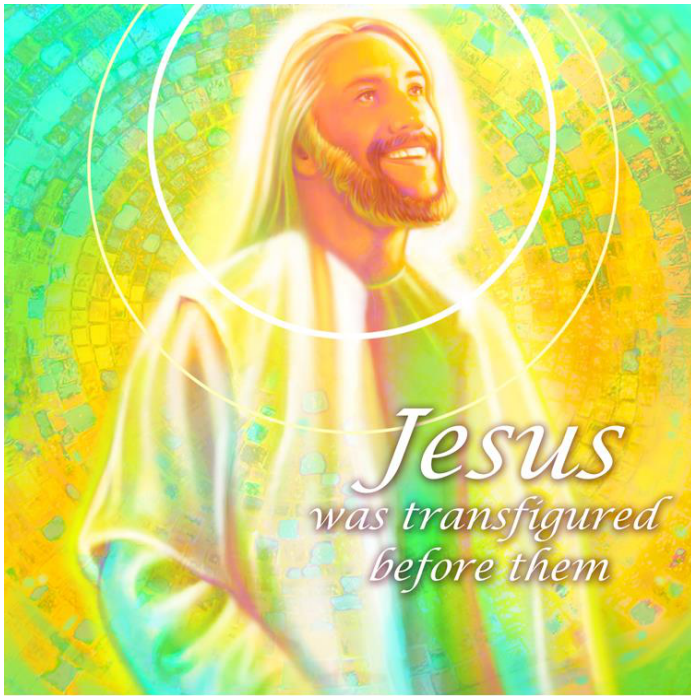
Mass Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays and Holy Days:
Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

Jesus took Peter,
James, and John
and led them up
a high mountain
apart by
themselves. And
he was
transfigured
before them,
and his clothes
became dazzling
white.

Mark 9:2,3



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The children have been learning about how we celebrate as a family and as God's people. This rite reinforces what the children have been learning and how important it is to attend Mass every Sunday. They will also receive a lit candle which represents the "Light of Christ" that was given at baptism and reminds us that Jesus is the "Light of the World." Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers during these months of preparation.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be this Monday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Six priests will hear confessions. As is our tradition, we will be joined by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Also, our First Communicants and our RCIA Candidates will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Thank you to the Men's Club for hosting the first fish fry of Lent on a very cold, snowy evening. Also, thank you to all those who attended. Among those who attended were John Urrutia, Little Flower Class of 1942, and several members of his family. They drove from the southside in all the snow to be here. John told me that "Little Flower's fish fry is a real fish fry."

Thanks to Jacob Comley, our Maintenance Director, for the hours he put in removing snow after last Friday's snowstorm.

Thanks to all who returned their completed stewardship cards. As of February 20, a little over 100 cards have been returned, which is up from this time last year, but still represents a small percentage of parishioners. 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.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



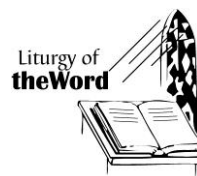
We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Elizabeth Tanasovich* on the death of her husband, **Robert (Bob) Tanasovich**, who passed away on February 17 and

whose funeral service was held at Shirley Brothers Mortuary on Wednesday, February 21. Bob and Elizabeth were married for 69 years and had 6 children, 17 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren. May God welcome Bob into his eternal glory.

This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him.

Mark 9:7

Next weekend, March 2 and 3, there will be a second collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Through this fund the Subcommittee on the Church in Africa provides grants to finance pastoral projects that support the maintenance and growth of the Church in Africa. Funded projects include outreach programs, schools, evangelization and education of clergy and lay ministers. Please place your contribution in the extra collection basket.



Readings for March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

John 4:5-42

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030324.cfm>

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of February 26 – March 3, 2024

- 26 February Monday**
No Mass
- 27 February Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Donald Buchanan
- 28 February Wednesday**
5:30 p.m. Jordan Petcof by Ron Sharp
- 29 February Thursday**
No Mass
- 01 March Friday**
9:30 a.m. Mildred Mauer
5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross and Communion Service
- 02 March Saturday – The 3rd Sunday of Lent**
5:00 p.m. Bobbie Lawless by Martin & Marilyn Zeilinger
- 03 March Sunday – The 3rd Sunday of Lent**
9:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Martha Haddin by Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 25 – March 3, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination-First Communion
	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)	4:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Chili Cook-off
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service & 1 st Reconciliation
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
Wednesday	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
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	Church	3:30 p.m.	1 st Saturday Devotions
Thursday	Church	5:00 p.m.	First Scrutiny-RCIA
	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
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

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 & 3)	493
Ash Wednesday (6 p.m. only)	211



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 Leszczynski, 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:

John and Margaret Hughel
934 N Lesley Avenue, 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.

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 17 and 18	\$	11,138.95
Electronic Contributions 2/12-2/16	\$	6,733.42
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	456,496.46
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	448,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD	\$	7,696.46

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	3,464.00
January Contributions	\$	2,298.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,923.00

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.

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 2/19)

Parish Goal	\$	62,294.00
# of gifts received or pledged		89
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	23,665.00

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!

We still have several “baby banks” located at all doors to the church. Please consider taking one as part of your Lenten almsgiving. Funds raised benefit Little Flower’s Gabriel Project and Right to Life ministries. Banks should be returned on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.

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.

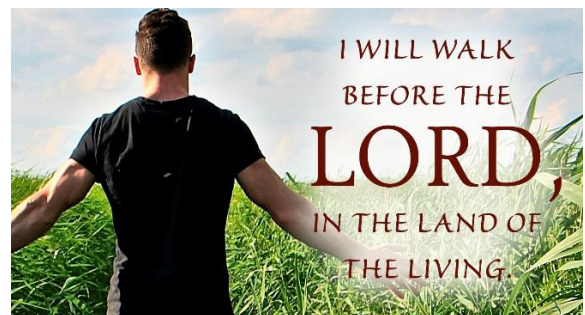
Snacks will be provided, and soft drinks/water will be available for \$1 each.

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!



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!



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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 Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives me strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world." Pope Saint John Paul II

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



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Registration is now open for the 5th annual St. Vincent de Paul 5K Run/Walk on April 27, 2024, at 9 a.m. at White River State Park!

Sponsored by [Ascension](#) and [Performance Services](#), the Love Your Neighbor 5K raises funds for SVdP Indy's multiple programs for the

unsheltered—including the organization's new supportive housing unit: the Love Your Neighbor Center (LYNC).

In addition to the 5K, highlights of the walk include: New this year Indy Fuel's Mascot Nitro onsite from 8-9 a.m.! One mile family walk for those with children. Beer Garden (age 21+, bring your ID) & Root Beer Garden

"The Love Your Neighbor 5K is a great opportunity for the community to come together and support the most vulnerable in our city," says Paul Ainslie, President of SVdP Indy. "We love connecting with others who have a passion for serving our neighbors in need."

Simply go to our website www.svdindy.org/neighbor to register, donate or sponsor. Questions? Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdindy.org.

"Pray the Rosary every day"

- Our Lady of Fatima



**"Every word of
the Rosary is
a prayer to God."**

- Servant of God Frank Duff



Do you have a love for the Rosary and for Mary? Are you feeling called this Lent to do more for Christ and His Church?

Consider joining Little Flower's [Legion of Mary](#)! The Legion is an international lay apostolate dedicated to glorifying God via devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and service of the Church.

Meetings are every Friday from 4:00-5:15 PM in the Parish Center.

**Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Graces,
Our Lady of Victory, pray for us!**



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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.

40 Hours of Adoration

Coming to Little Flower this March! (3/6-3/8)

Watch for more information about
how to sign-up coming soon!

"There is something powerful about giving people a quiet place to spend time with God. These peaceful places of refuge from the busyness of life and the noise of the world were a soothing balm for parishioners' souls. They provide a place to reestablish priorities. It was somewhere to focus on what matters most in a world-driven mad with distractions. A place simply to be with Jesus." – Matthew Kelly, Day 5 of Best Lent Ever



Sacrament News

First Reconciliation is Monday, February 26, at 7 p.m. in church.

On Saturday, March 9, our second graders 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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