

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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out of here, and stop making my

Father's house

He made a whip

out of cords and

out of the temple

area. "Take these

drove them all

a marketplace."

John 2: 15,16

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At-Large Member SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

At-Large Member

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

Michele Rosenbaum Catharine Diehr

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

SCHOOL 317-322-7702

DOL 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 Candidates, 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).

As has been mentioned in announcements at Mass, we will be hosting 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration March 6th - 8th. This devotion is a 40-hour period of prayer before the Lord

present in the Eucharist. The Eucharist will be visibly exposed within a monstrance in the chapel on Wednesday and Thursday and then moved to the main altar on Friday after 9:30 a.m. Mass. The tradition of 40 Hours began in Italy in the 16th Century and became popular in the United States in the 19th Century after St. John Neumann brought it to his diocese in Philadelphia.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is an opportunity to grow deeper in intimacy with the Lord and pour out our hearts to Jesus. Please see the full page insert in this week's Theresean for more details about times, how to sign-up, and special events happening during our 40 Hours. I encourage everyone to consider adoring in this special way with our Little Flower community.

Because of the closing of our 40 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration on March 8, Stations of the Cross this Friday will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament rather than Holy Communion.

Congratulations to Alex Lozano, a senior at Cathedral High School, who has received an appointment to the Naval Academy. His education at Little Flower and Cathedral has made this possible.

The Archdiocese has informed us that a fraudulent Facebook account has been created and goes by the profile name of Charles.c.thompson. This account was not created or approved by Archbishop Thompson or the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Even though it has been reported to Facebook multiple times, the account seems to remain active and people are continuing to join the page. Several have contacted Archbishop Thompson about the page. Please know that this is a fraudulent account.

Have a wonderful week.





We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Cathy and Mark Kippert* on the death of Cathy's sister, Barbara **Ann** (**Phillips**) **Matthews**, who

passed away. Please keep all of Barbara's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Barbara into his eternal glory.



TIME Don't forget on Sunday, March 10, 2024, we will set our clocks forward by one hour. Happy Spring!



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, March 13, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month Cindy Garloch, from Simplify, will be our guest speaker. She

is a professional home organizer and will be giving tips on how to get our homes organized. Please join us and bring a friend.

ttt Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 4 - 10, 2024

04 March Monday 5:30 p.m. Fr. Bill Rippberger

05 March Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly

06 March Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Rose Filcek by Ron Sharp

07 March Thursday

5:30 p.m. Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James

O'Hara

08 March Friday

9:30 a.m. Emma Bixler by Ann Bixler Hall
5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross & Benediction

99 March Saturday – The 4th Sunday of Lent
5:00 p.m. Thomas Haigerty by Jeanine Adkins

10 March Sunday – The 4th Sunday of Lent

9:30 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m. Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 3 - 10, 2024

New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
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Duffey Hall (School Café) 10:00 a.m. First Communion Blessing Cup Retreat		
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Sunday Daylight Savings Time Begins. Church 9:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy		
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Holy Family 7:00 p.m. Youth Group		
(Parish Center)		



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:

Natalie Isom 2520 S Rockport Rd. Apt 303 Bloomington, IN 74703

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.

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	511		
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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 24 and 25	\$ 10,771.17
Electronic Contributions 2/19-2/23	\$ 5,665.64
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 472,933.27
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 462,000.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD	\$ 10,933.27

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 3,464.00
January Contributions	\$ 2,298.00
February Contributions	\$ 2,348.00

NOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED JUST OVER 100 COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARDS FROM PARISHIONERS. By filling out a Stewardship card, you help populate a database that helps us best plan for, and utilize, the time, talent, and treasure of all our stewards at Little Flower. 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 2/26)

Parish Goal	\$ 62,294.00
# of gifts received or pledged	97
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 24,355.00



Ladies Club News

Ladies!! Please join us for our meeting on March 7, at 7 p.m., in Duffey Hall for our St Patrick's Day Pitch-in. We will have corned beef and cabbage, we just need some sides and lots of beautiful women to eat them!! Come and celebrate with us and learn about

the upcoming things the Ladies Club has in store.

RECYCLING DUMPSTER

Some parishioners and neighbors have used our recycling dumpster from time to time. Recently we have been incurring additional charges from WM Company for "contamination" in our recycling. Contamination occurs when non-recyclable items are mixed with recyclable items, and extra work must be done to separate them. When there is contamination, we are charged \$96 per incident.

The most common type of contamination is when recyclables are put inside plastic garbage bags, then put into the dumpster. Please do not put plastic garbage bags in the recycling dumpster. There is a list on the side of the dumpster that details what can be placed into it. We appreciate everyone's cooperation.

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!



Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, March 27, 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!

Next weekend, March 9 and 10, 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.





Gabriel Project Needs Your Gently Used Children's clothes & items!

As you begin your spring cleaning and clearing out all the clothes and things your kids have outgrown, please consider donating them to The Gabriel Project Resource Centers! Both centers (Little Flower on the east side & St. Joseph's on the west side) can use clothing up to 12 months (including socks). St. Joseph's Center is especially in need of clothes 24mo/2T up to 6T. Also snowsuits and winter coats newborn We always take gently used pack & plays, bibs, burp cloths, blankets, pack & play sheets, strollers, activity mats, infant towels & washcloths, bottles, infant bathtubs.

To donate to St. Joseph's call Linda at 317-213-4778. To donate to Little Flower call Anita at 317-918-0997. Thank you so much for helping us to provide for our moms in need! Call if you have questions. Little Flower will accept your donations of larger sizes but please mark the sizes on the bags.

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!



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

The links below are the new discount codes for registration to the NEC in July. This discount will make registration \$299.00 instead of \$360.00. There are no discounts currently for daily or weekend passes.

https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/ewtn

https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/augustine

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.

"Every consecrated host is made to burn itself up with love in a human heart." Saint John Vianney



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



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 <u>Legion of Mary!</u> 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!

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



Readings for March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031024.cfm



Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the second annual Together in Holiness marriage conference on April 27, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church in Indianapolis, IN. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for onsite childcare. An Early Bird discount is available through March 11 as well as scholarships upon request. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, St. Jude Catholic Church, Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and One in Christ Marriage. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org or email heather@forlifeandfamily.org.



INDYCATHOLIC

Sign up for our Spring Volleyball league at St. Luke Catholic Church!

This spring intramural league is for young adults ages 18-39 years. Register as an individual or with a team for the Competitive or Recreational league. Games will be scheduled from 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday nights from March 13 through May 15. There will be no games scheduled March 27 (Holy Week) and April 17.

The cost is \$85 and includes 6 weeks of regular play and 2 weeks of tournament play along with a custom league shirt. **Registration will close Monday March 4, 2024.** Sign up here at: indycatholic.org/volleyball



Knights of Columbus Fatima Council Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Spring meeting on Wednesday, March 13. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served after the meeting. We will be discussing plans for the Ladies Auxiliary for 2024. All Ladies are welcome to attend. If you have any

questions about the Auxiliary please contact Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840. If you are planning on attending please text or call Holly Blagburn at 317-965-8781 or Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840 so we have an accurate count for dinner.

Third Sunday Of LENT

40 HOURS OF ADORATION

Why Should I Do It?

"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 are a soothing balm for parishioners' souls. They provide a place to reestablish priorities. It is somewhere to focus on what matters most in a world-driven mad with distractions. A place simply to be with Jesus." (Matthew Kelly)

Schedule

Wednesday, March 6th, 7a-9p (chapel)

Liturgy of the Hours at 9a, 12p, 3p and 7p Sacred music on piano 6p-7p

Thursday, March 7th, 7a-9p (chapel)

Liturgy of the Hours at 9a, 12p and 3p Rosary at 6p

Witness talk at 7p

Friday, March 8th, 6a-6p (chapel & nave)

Liturgy of the Hours at 6a and 3p

Exposition on the main altar starting after 9:30am Mass

Closing with Benediction after 5:30pm Stations of the Cross

How to Sign-Up

Visit our website (littleflowerparish.org) for an online link to the sign-up or call the Parish Office (317-357-8352).

If you are attending Wednesday, Thursday or Friday morning, please contact the Parish Office for the entry code to the chapel.

What Can I Do There?

Pray - scripted, meditation, from the heart, any way that you want to speak with God

Read or meditate on Scripture

Read about a saint or other spiritual text

Listen to sacred music on a personal device

Just "be" in Jesus' presence!

Adoration FAQ

Can I attend if the signup is full?

YES! We need at least two adorers per hour, but we would love to have many more. Just show up!

What should I do when I walk in the chapel or face the exposition on the altar?

Genuflect or bow, and then sit or kneel to pray.

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