ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

5TH SUNDAY OF

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

compassionately to the needs of others



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

Communion Services

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

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Elizabeth Mann Kurt Schnell Bernie Sponsel Greg Slisz Lisa Gibbons (interim) Cindy Woods Holly Hodges Carol Wehlage Lauren Lay OPEN POSITION Patrick Becker Kelly Dunn

Katie Leszcynski

Michele Rosenbaum Catharine Diehr

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM or by appointment. SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SCHOOL

OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER

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.

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

The Theresean

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.

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

317-357-5316

317-322-7702

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

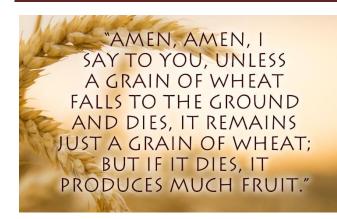
Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the Parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.

to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." John 12: 23,24

"The hour has come

for the Son of Man

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Dear Parish Family,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all! My father came from Ireland in 1929. My mother's parents both came from Ireland. One my father's brothers and one of his sisters remained in Ireland. When I was studying in Rome, I was able to visit them and their families. Also, I was able to stay in the house in which he grew up. If you are planning to celebrate today, it would be good to remember something Archbishop Daniel often said, "You can't fast and celebrate at the same time!"

Today is the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This weekend at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with all those who will receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Last Sunday the Elect were presented with the Nicene Creed. During the Third Scrutiny, all the Elect receive the Our Father.

Tuesday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Patron of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of fathers, workers, and carpenters.

This coming Friday is our last Lenten Fish Fry. Every year at the last fish fry, someone tells me that he/she wishes that this was not the last fish fry of the year. Because it is the last one, I encourage you to come to the fish fry either to dine in or to carry out. Also, please encourage everyone you know to come. Because of spring break, it will be a challenge for us to meet our goal for the year.

This Saturday, March 23, will be the last scheduled confessions before Easter. Confessions will be heard from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday, March 30. If anyone would like to make an appointment for confession, please contact me. Also, for those who missed our Penance Service, Holy Spirit's Penance Service will be this Tuesday, March 19, at 7 p.m.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with our Elect.

There is no better way for us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising than through celebrating the Triduum as a parish family. However, for those unable to attend, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will also be live streamed.

We are asking that no activities conflict with Holy Week services and activities. This would include 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday and from noon until the end of Good Friday.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will invite all children from toddlers through 8th grade to join in the procession around the church carrying palms. Please encourage your children to participate. Little Flower School students who participate will receive an out-of-uniform pass.

Finally, as part of our parish Eucharistic Revival we hosted 40 Hours of Adoration last week. Thanks to the 57 adorers who signed up to spend an hour with Jesus along with many other drop-ins. A special thanks to Gavin Craig, Tom Costello and Christen Kring for providing sacred music during adoration and to Cindy Woods and all the speakers who shared their stories at the witness talks. I was especially impressed by the grade school students who gave witness talks on their faith in the Eucharist.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



The Parish Life Commission will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28**. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The menu will include vegetable soup, salad, bread, desserts, and drinks. There will be hot dogs for the kids! This is a great

opportunity to break bread with your parish family before attending Mass. Mark your calendar and plan on attending.

PPS Spirit Wear!

Happy Spring! It is time for our spirit wear sale! We have shorts and tank tops added for the warmer days that are coming! Use the link below to shop the selections and place your order. You may choose delivery (for a small fee), or pick up at school, or the parish office. The sale ends on Wednesday, March 27. Thanks for supporting the Little Flower PPS!

https://www.itsazshirt.com/littleflowerspring24/shop/home



For the Week of March 18 - 24, 2024

| 18 | March | Monday |
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| | 5:30 p.m. | Fr. John Maung |
| 19 | March | Tuesday |
| | | No Mass |
| 20 | March | Wednesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Christine Marie Anderson by Bernie & Rose |
| | | Sponsel |
| 21 | March | Thursday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Cheryl Dinn by Eileen Mader |
| 22 | March | Friday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Way of the Cross & Communion Service |
| 23 | March | Saturday – The Vigil of Palm Sunday |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Robert Tanasovich by Gerry Watts |
| 24 | March | Sunday – Palm Sunday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Jesse Quiroz by the Quiroz Family |
| | 6:00 p.m. | For the People |
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🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

| | March | n 17 - 24, 202 | 4 | |
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| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP | |
| Sunday | Ladies Club Easter Flower Collection 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 | |
| | Church | 6:00 p.m. | 3rd Scrutiny - RCIA | |
| Monday | Duffey Hall (School Café) | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Club | |
| Tuesday | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 7:00 p.m. | RCIA | |
| | Church | 7:00 p.m. | Choir | |
| | Duffey Hall (School Café) | 7:00 p.m. | LF Neighborhood | |
| | · , | | Association | |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 6:00 p.m. | Finance Council | |
| Thursday | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 1:00 p.m. | Thursday Formation Group | |
| | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 6:30 p.m. | Euchre | |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 8:00 p.m. | АА | |
| Friday | 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 & Communion Service | |
| Saturday | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group | |
| | Church | 9:00 a.m. | RCIA Retreat & Practice | |
| Sunday | Church | 9:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy | |
| • | Duffey Hall (School Café) | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts | |
| | Holy Family (Parish Center) | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group | |



Readings for March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-10 Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1—15:47 To read the readings on-line, go to https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032424.cfm



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, Carrie Jones, 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:

Thomas and Lavretta Long 9809 E 17th St, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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 with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – 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.



We are pleased to announce the Little Flower Ladies Club Bedding Plant Sale is blooming in full force this year. We have a new vendor and are excited to offer Boston Ferns, several types of tomatoes and varied plants. Order deadline is April 15 and Delivery Date is May 4. Order Forms are at entrances of the church and on-line on the Little Flower

Website. So, beautify your garden and support the Ladies Club.





Holy Spirit Catholic School Principal Opening

Holy Spirit, an Indianapolis East Deanery Catholic parish, is seeking a school principal for the 2024-2025 academic year and beyond. Founded in 1949 as a significant educational ministry of the parish, we are rich in community diversity and serve 410 students from the ages of 12 months to 8th grade. Our teachers and staff are devoted to our students' faith formation, academic excellence, and service to others. The principal must be a practicing Catholic, is the chief administrative officer of the school, and is responsible to the parish pastor. The ideal candidate will have a faith-based vision for Catholic culture, collaboration, academic excellence, professional development, community engagement, stewardship of resources, and synergy among East Deanery parish and school partners. Bilingual (Spanish) communication ability is a preferred attribute.

Link to apply: https://archindy.applicantpro.com/jobs/3272682 Please contact for any questions:

Anne Krieger Office Manager, Administrative and Teacher Personnel Office of Catholic Schools akrieger@archindy.org Applications Due on Friday, April 4.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 13,200.00 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Collection of March 9 and 10 | \$ 5,726.01 |
| Electronic Contributions 3 /4 -3 /8 | \$ 5,188.09 |
| Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual | \$ 498,831.25 |
| Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget | \$ 488,400.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD | \$ 10,431.25 |

Home Improvement Fund

| January Contributions | \$ 2,298.00 |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| February Contributions | \$ 2,348.00 |
| March Contributions (to date) | \$ 1,752.00 |

NOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED JUST OVER 125 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 3/12) | |
|--|-----------------|
| Parish Goal | \$ 62,294.00 |
| # of gifts received or pledged | 100 |
| Amount of gifts received or pledged | \$ 25,780.0 |

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Fifth Sunday Of LENT



| 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 | | |
| March 2024 (week 2) | | 514 | | |

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. _____

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!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00 and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie and she will mail information to them. Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).





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!

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



Registration is now open! The 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.

"I always felt like I believed the Eucharist was the Real Presence of Christ because that is what I was taught as part of my faith.

I really began to feel it and see it when I started taking Communion to the patients at Community East. Their eyes absolutely light up when I tell them why I am there. They are so happy that I came not me but for what I am bringing them. They are reverent as we pray together and as they receive the Eucharist. I see a sense of peace and calm come over them after they receive. They are exuberant in their thanks for me coming. It often brings me to tears. I'm blessed to be able to do this. It brings me joy and strengthens my own Faith.

This past year, sitting in Adoration has also strengthened my Faith that I am sitting in the Real Presence of Christ. I feel that same sense of calm and peace come over me. I'm praying that the more time I spend with Christ the more that peace and calm will stay with me throughout the day.' Pattiann Gavaghan

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 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 15minute 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.

Ouestions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or johnsojc@iupui.edu.



Do you have a good marriage? Do you better? Why not

attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and find out how you can make it happen? Our Weekends in 2024 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on April 19-21 and on November 1-3. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

March 23/24 – Palm Sunday Regular Mass Schedule – All children invited to participate in the procession with palms.

Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.

March 28 – Holy Thursday

Soup Supper in Duffey Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. serving until 6:30 p.m. - All are welcome! Adoration Chapel closes at 7:00 p.m. Mass at 7:00 p.m. including commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers. Eucharistic Adoration in Church after Mass ending with Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

March 29 – Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m. Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

> March 30 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m. NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions

March 31 – Easter Sunday

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Adoration Chapel reopens after 10:30 a.m. Mass There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass



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