



The Little Flower Garden

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SUMMERFEST 2018—It's a Wrap!

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"I recognized that there is nothing better than to rejoice and to do well during life. Moreover, that all can eat and drink and enjoy the good of all their toil—this is a gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 NABRE)

Many parishioners, neighbors, family members, and friends enjoyed the good of life at Summerfest 2018. It was a fantastic festival! Even with the absence of the rummage sale and conflicting events around town, we still realized a net profit of over \$68,000. God blessed us with good weather all three days, which definitely contributed to our success. Once again our friends at Steer-In provided the delicious Saturday evening indoor dinner.



Profits from this year's festival are funding the final phase of the HVAC and roof project on the church building. Two more HVAC units are being replaced, as well as the flat roofs where they are located.

Words cannot sufficiently express the value of the festival leadership team and all festival volunteers. Thank you for making this year's Summerfest great!

Thanks to all those who attended the festival and spread the word to make it a success.

If you have any upcoming events, please make sure to take lots of pictures so we can use them in future issues.

Submit photos and info by 10/18/18 in order for them to be published in the 11/15/18 issue.

Please e-mail all pictures and info to lfparishnews@yahoo.com. Thanks!





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Gabriel Project Twice Blessed!

Most of the generous benefactors of the Little Flower Gabriel Project have saved their loose change for the baby banks submitted on Palm Sunday each year. One parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous, has effectively put her year-long accumulations on steroids.

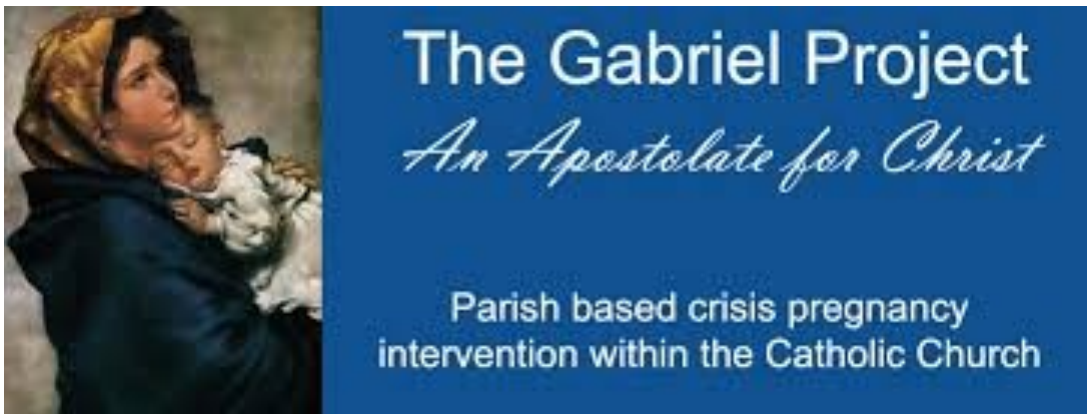
Several years ago, she began finding and saving loose change on daily walks with one of her friends who is also from Little Flower. If they found a penny, nickel, dime or quarter along the way, it was earmarked for a baggie and then donated to the Gabriel Project the week before Easter. In the early years, the monies amounted to anywhere from \$12 to \$18.

The take didn't seem like much for a year's worth of effort so she hit on the idea of matching whatever she found. This boosted the finds to well over \$25 in the first year. Two years ago during a trip to the central library downtown and while parked along St. Joseph Street (irony?), she and her husband found a \$20 bill. She was ecstatic until he asked, "Are you going to match it?" The rules of the game required matching whatever was found so, a bit begrudgingly, she agreed that the \$20 should have a mate. God must have also smiled on her decision because she and her daily walking partner found another \$20 bill not too long afterwards! The entire amount submitted to the Gabriel Project in 2016 approached \$100.

There's more to the ever-widening hunt for change. Another friend of hers who is not even Catholic and lives well north of Little Flower, is also an avid walker and she now collects loose change for the Gabriel Project. This friend always presents her finds--doubled, of course--the day the two couples leave for a February trip to Florida. Talk about God working in mysterious ways.

Closer to home, this Little Flower parishioner exercises three days a week at a nearby gym and she finds change in the bleachers and on the gym floor. She has also enlisted the assistance of some of her exercise partners, many of whom have obsessively taken the search for loose change nationwide. Stray coins and bills have been brought back from California to Maine, Minnesota to Florida, over 10 states in all. To commemorate these finds, the parishioner puts a gold star on a paper map of the U.S. whenever someone locates and submits change from a state for the first time. Canada has its own star because someone from the wider network of "scavengers" has found money there. In 2018, the entire amount from all of these inspired sources was \$128.

Small change...big results. For 2019 let's all keep those nickels, dimes--and \$20 bills--coming!



“Do you know...

Mike and Carol Wehlage?

Interviewed by Cindy Woods; answers by Mike Wehlage. Both LF Class of '63.

What brought me back to Little Flower? Carol and I are Indy natives. As you know, I went here for school. Carol and I really started reconnecting with the Parish because of Steve and Amy Clegg. That led to attendance at the Class of '63 Reunion and hooking up with our classmates. Little Flower's hospitality and purpose took us in and we decided to join and attend full time. It is a bit of a distance, but we think joining Little Flower and becoming active is one of the best decisions we have made.

We met at a party for one of Carol's friends. We were both there with other people but hit it off enough to prompt my asking Carol out later and the rest is history.

I am a cradle Catholic and Carol is a convert. Carol entered the Church while we lived in Muncie, Indiana, and did considerable volunteer work with St. Mary's School. Our best friends in Muncie were involved with RCIA and sponsored Carol. They remain among our closest friends today.

I have been involved in Management and Sales in the Electronics/Appliance business for 46 years. Carol has a degree in Business Analysis from the IU Kelly School of Business and has had various positions in Accounting and Accounts Payable. Both of us are still employed full time. My hobbies are reading, classic films, and playing golf badly. Carol enjoys reading, entertaining, and spoiling our four grandchildren. We both enjoy travel and the company of friends. We do not have any pets but occasionally provide care for our Grand Dog Divot.

Carol is on the Parish Council and is chair of Parish Life. She is active in the Ladies Club, CRHP, Discovering Christ, and the Invite Commission. I am active in CRHP, Discovering Christ, and am Secretary of the Men's Club. I am a member of the Class of '63 group (an unofficial organization) and Carol is an auxiliary member. Together we ran the Wine Booth at the parish festival.

We would encourage anyone who is considering the Catholic faith to give Little Flower a try...not for a week or two but over an extended period in order to grasp the full sense of faith and community that can be experienced

here. To not just hear the doctrine, but see how it expresses itself in the actions of its followers and the positive effect it appears to have on their lives. We would encourage anyone new to Little Flower to become active in at least one of the many ministries and activities that Little Flower offers in order to get to know the parish and its members and the hospitable and welcoming atmosphere that is part of the Little Flower experience.

We love the lack of pretense and sense of shared purpose that is present in Little Flower and appreciate its importance as a presence in the community and neighborhood.

An Open Heartfelt Thank-You to Our Little Flower Family

Just before the festival started, my husband Bob became ill. I had to leave him at the Immediate Care center to begin the set-up of our booth. I arrived alone and everyone asked where Bob was. As I explained, Amy and Peggy Clegg, who are in charge of the food booths, showed their concern and saw how upset I was. They told me that I needed to return to the center. Joanne Mages drove me and her daughter, Caroline, followed in their car. While I was gone, Little Flower went into action. Someone called Dora Hughey, my co-chair; my sister Anita came early to help; Kurt and Mary Hunt helped with grilling; Don Nevins helped precook sausage and vegetables and others I am not aware of pitched in to get the booth up and running. I wish I could name each person here, but I don't know who all helped.

What I am trying to say, poorly, is that this is the Little Flower community. Bob and I are eternally grateful to everyone who helped. All through the weekend people stopped to give me a hug and ask how Bob was feeling. I especially appreciate Fr Bob inquiring about his health. So many people offered their prayers. I could not have completed the evening's work without the help of our daughter, Katie Lawless. Joey Jacobs, his wife Autumn and brother Tommy, worked most of the evening when they realized that some of our volunteers couldn't make it.

I think this is a love letter to Little Flower. I cannot think of another group of people who have meant this much to us outside of our blood relatives. God bless each of you.

Gratefully, Bobbie Lawless

First Holy Communion - A Date to Remember!



Do you remember the date of your First Holy Communion? Some of us have to think back a bit further than others. While memories of the day may still be clear, we might only be able to recall the approximate year in which it occurred. It's likely the younger parishioners of Little Flower, however, can more easily give you their exact date. The importance of this sacrament as a date to remember is emphasized throughout the current preparation process, starting with Fr. Bob proudly informing the children that he remembers the exact date of his First Communion here at Little Flower over 60 years ago.

Over the course of eight months, religion classes were complemented by several opportunities for the children's families and parish community to engage in the journey toward the Eucharist. The preparation began early in the school year for the second graders when they dropped rose petals in the opening procession of the Mass celebrating the Feast of St. Therese.

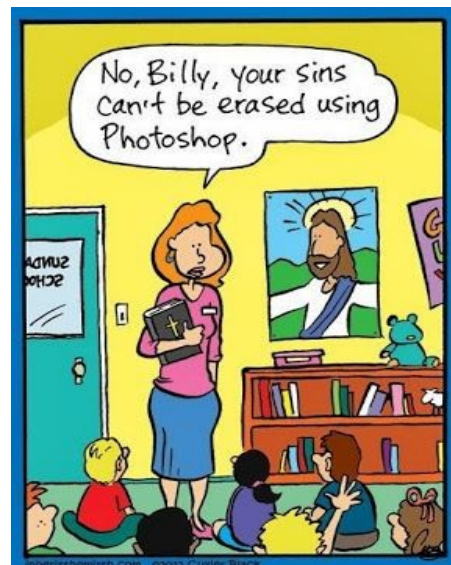
The Rite of Enrollment in January signified the children's and parents' commitment to the journey ahead, while the parish community offered prayers of support. In February, the families attended a Reconciliation Retreat for the children to learn about and prepare for experiencing the important sacrament of forgiveness for the first time. The Rite of Illumination also occurred in February. The children received a candle that was lit from the Paschal Candle as a reminder of their baptism, and as a reminder to us all that Jesus is the "Light of the World."

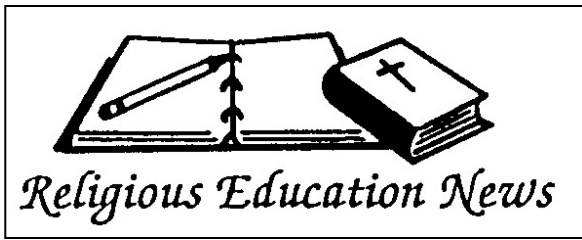
March was busy with the children receiving their First Reconciliation during the Lenten Penance Service. The children's faces were a mix of happiness and relief after leaving the confessional.

The Blessing Cup Retreat was next. The children decorated their own cups, incorporating various Eucharistic symbols of their choosing. The finished products, which were later glazed and kiln-fired, also contained the communicant's name and date of First Communion. The children closed out March by participating in the opening procession of the Holy Thursday Mass. One child and parent were part of the group of 12 parishioners who had their feet washed by Fr. Bob.

In April, the families worked on their pew banners at home, which brightly adorned their family pews during the First Communion Mass. First Communion practice, a family luncheon, and an in-service day for the first communicants were also completed before the big day, which finally arrived on April 29, 2018. While many adults feel queasy at the thought of reading in front of a full church, the first communicants did an amazing job with all of the readings during the Mass. They were beaming with pride, joy, and excitement after receiving Eucharist for the first time. Before the close of the celebration, they beautifully sang "The Tree Song." This long-standing tradition of the First Communion Mass was started by late music director Teresa Eckrich.

The following week, two more traditions rounded out the First Communion journey. Those who attend Little Flower School wore their First Communion outfits and joined the eighth graders for the opening procession at the May Crowning all school mass. One second grade girl was chosen to carry Mary's crown of flowers in the procession. The Rite of Going forth occurred at the next Sunday Mass as a reminder of the children's commitment to the Eucharist, and their duty to go forth and make the world a better place.





Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays from 9:30 a.m. – 10:25 a.m. beginning August 19, 2018, through April 2019. If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 33.

PLEASE NOTE: Children who are entering 2nd grade and attend public schools will also prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist during Religious Ed. You must have completed 1 year of Religious Ed to be accepted in the Sacrament program. (Please see more information on our Sacrament program below.)

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

Catholic families who have children entering 2nd grade are invited to Parent Meeting on Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall. At this meeting we will discuss the program and commitments that are required. Children will make their First Reconciliation during Advent and First Communion on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Baptism is required to receive these sacraments. If you have not had your child baptized, please contact Peggy Clegg in the parish office at 317-357-8352 or email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. You will need to attend a Baptism Class prior to your child's baptism. The next class will be on Monday, August 27 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. We would like all baptisms completed by November 2018. We are here to help you in this process and are very excited to be a part of this journey of Faith for you and your child.

If you have any questions please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

It's not too soon to think about joining the adult choir this fall. The adult choir sings at the 8:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Our first practice for the coming year is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 4th at 7:00 P.M. in church. We could use some new voices in all voice sections, with a little more need in the men's sections. There is no audition needed and no minimum skill level required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability.

Please start to give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. If you have questions, call Tom at 317-357-8352, ext. 27 or email tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.

Vacation Bible School a Success

Vacation Bible School was held from July 16-20 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We had many children participate from grades Pre-4 to 4th grade and 30 volunteers helping each evening. Every day there was a theme and bible verse that was connected to the teaching through the games we played, the music we sang, the crafts we made, and stories we heard.

Monday we learned when you're lonely...Jesus rescues!
 Tuesday we learned when you worry...Jesus rescues!
 Wednesday we learned when you struggle...Jesus rescues!
 Thursday we learned when you do wrong...Jesus rescues!
 Friday we learned when you're powerless...Jesus rescues!

A special THANKS to all our volunteers! The week would not have been so much FUN & SPIRIT- FILLED without all of you!

PTO 8th Grade Scholarship Recipients

This past May, Little Flower PTO was pleased to award scholarships for 8th graders continuing their education at Catholic high schools. The four new \$500 scholarship categories reflect the Little Flower Catholic School vision to grow students' hearts, minds, and souls and to encourage students to dream and achieve a better world. Congratulations to the following 2017-2018 scholarship recipients!

Mya White: "Strives for Excellence" awarded for academic achievement

Chris Bullock: "Serves the Community" awarded for commitment to volunteerism

Maria Nevins: "Puts God First" for dedication to parish activities

Miriam Herrera: "Makes Every Day and Moment Count" for full effort given in all she does

Little Flower Athletic Commission Year in Review

The Little Flower Athletic Commission (LFAC) had a wonderful 2017-2018 year in sports. Our Cadet A boys basketball team made it into the final four of the CYO tournament. Our 56 girls spring kickball team made it to the second round of their tournament. In track we had several personal records (PRs) and school records in different events, including a few qualifying in the city finals. As we closed out the year we sadly had to say goodbye to our 8th graders. These great group of Christian athletes went above and beyond. Without being asked they would lend a hand to coaches. They would help a teammate who struggled. They encouraged prayer before and after competitions. They showed in more ways than we can mention what it means to be a Christian Athlete. We would like to wish them well in high school and beyond! We also want to thank Sarah Stevenson for her many years of service as she retired this year from our board. She contributed and helped build many of the activists our children enjoy today in athletics. Thank you Sarah!

LFAC has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year. This year we are offering a family fee for sports. Please check out our website for more information. If you are interested in getting more involved in Little Flower Athletics, please contact Lynda Trimble at 317.518.6374.

Attention Little Flower School Alumni!

Our annual all-class reunion will take place on Saturday, November 3. Details will be forthcoming, but all alumni should mark their calendars now! This is a great annual event and we would appreciate everyone's help in spreading the word and encouraging attendance.



Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing

What: Father Robert Borchertmeyer 19th Annual Golf Outing

When: Friday, September 7, 2018 (10:30 a.m. Shotgun Start)

Where: Pleasant Run Golf Course

Why: Benefitting tuition assistance for students attending Little Flower Catholic School



The 19th Annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing is dedicated to helping Little Flower Catholic School provide a quality Catholic education for those families who are unable to afford full tuition and fees. Without your help we will be unable to meet even 25% of the financial needs of deserving students.

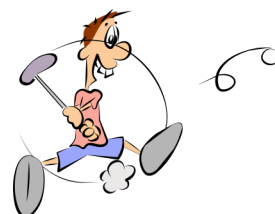
Entry Fee Per Player: \$75.00

Entry Fee Includes: Greens Fees, Dinner, Drinks, and Pro Shop awards for top 2 teams

For more information contact:

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ADVENTURE IS WAITING. CATAPULT INTO SCOUTING!



Little Flower Cub Scouts - Pack 126

Sign Up for Scouting Night!

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

6:30-8:00 PM - Parish Center Basement



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

News from the Parish Life Commission

Our annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, August 19, following the 10:30am Mass. It is held right here on the parish grounds. The Parish Picnic is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy good food with your fellow parishioners. There is usually something for everyone – games and activities for the younger children, bingo for all ages, and our traditional kickball extravaganza. It's a pitch-in so bring your favorite side dish or dessert (chicken, paper products and drinks provided) and join us!

Looking to the future, other events hosted by the PLC coming up include our Halloween Bash on Wednesday, October 31; Advent Family Night on Monday, November 26; and our Parish Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9. Watch our weekly bulletin for more information about these events! You don't want to miss out on all the fun, so mark your calendars and plan on attending.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AND WANTED!!

Are you available during the day? Do you like to visit new places? Do you have suggestions for great places to visit? Do you like to plan trips? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you are needed!! I am trying to establish a small committee of people who would be willing to help plan outings for our parishioners (this could be both family and adult outings!) My thought is that we would try to do one trip every 3-4 months or more if there is enough interest. I've tried to plan a couple recently on my own (Little Flower Night at Victory Field and a trip to St. Mary of the Woods) but there was not enough interest. I am hoping a committee of people would be better! If you are interested in helping plan field trips or outings for our parish please contact me ASAP at 317-357-8352, 317-403-7444, or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Thanks! Peggy Clegg

Renovations of the Social Hall

Part of the renovations of the Little Flower social hall (scheduled to be completed before school starts) included new cabinets on the east wall.

Left: Steve Clegg and Dan Mages assembling the shelving.

Below: the finished product with doors installed.



Welcome Those Baptized Into Our Parish Family



May 2018

- * Jackson Michael, son of Nicholas and Jennifer (Baker) Winters
- * Jeremiah Rafael and Josiah Joel, sons of Rafael Gascon and Karla Absalom

June 2018

- * Gabriel Scott, son of Kenneth and Catherine (Gonzalez) White

July 2018

- * Rocket James, son of Andrew and Lyndsey (Rosenberger) Mundell
- * Gerald Francis, son of Gregory and Joanna (Barnett) Slisz
- * Rheagan Giuliana, daughter of Matthew and Jessica (Whitaker) Tamucci

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!



Bobbi Siccardi

Jane Siccardi

Judith Kaiser

Devon Larimore

Andrew Houppert & children, Harrison and Bernadette

Nikki Mason & children, Landon and Luke

Zachary and Shalyn Weldon and daughter Elliot

Autumn Roberts and daughter Ainsley Wilson

Ramon and Tatiana Santos-Laitano

Thanks for joining us!

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Dates to Remember

- Aug 19: LF parish picnic after 10:30 Mass
- Aug 22: Scouting Night
- Sep 4: (tentative) First adult choir practice 7:00 p.m.
- Sep 7: Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer golf outing
- Oct 31: Children's Halloween party in the school
- Nov 3: Little Flower Catholic School all-class reunion

Enjoy the fall!

