

APRIL 18 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. THÉRÈSE *Little Flower*

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of evangelizing disciples being transformed by the Gospel in order to transform our parish, our neighborhood and our world. We will do this by cultivating faith formation, participating in spirit-filled worship, fostering stewardship, and reaching out in the name of Jesus to those in need.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.
St. Therese Novena
Monday after 8:30 a.m. Mass
Holy days: see schedule inside
Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

SACRAMENTAL AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.-NOON & 1-4:00 P.M.

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Liturgies For The Week

Monday, April 19

8:30 +Mary Anna Saurber

Tuesday, April 20

8:30 +Norb Mollmann

Wednesday, April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 +Patrick Reagan

Thursday, April 22

8:30 +Nancy Stevens

Saturday, April 24

3:30-4:00 Confessions

4:30 +Joan Focke

Sunday, April 25 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 +Marianne Doll

11:00 For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little Flower Parish

FR. DENNIS is away at meetings through Tuesday, April 20. Fr. Matthias is filling in for him.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24, 8:30 p.m.

Lector - Carl Rosskopf

EME - Sylvia Smith

Sunday, April 25, 9:00 a.m.

Lector - Nancy Berling

EME - Evelyn Cruz

Sunday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.

Lector - Danny Otero

EME - Joan Kuethe

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24

4:30 – Claire Childers

Sunday, April 25

9:00 – Brendan Blunk and Harrison Brunsmann

**Stewardship
Sunday, April, 2021**

Envelopes (106).....	\$5,103
Loose	\$262
Total	\$5,365
April total	\$13,625

Thank you for your support!

CRS COLLECTION

This week is the collection for Catholic Relief Services to help **Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

An envelope for the Catholic Relief Services Collection is in your current packet of envelopes. If you want to contribute toward this fund, **please place your envelope in the regular collection.**

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Sponsoring parishes Saint Bernard and Saint Clare, hope you will join them on Sunday, May 16, at 2:00 p.m., for a Zoom program when Deacon Royce Winters will lead a reflection on “Are we Living Who We Say We Are?” This event follows up on the February 21 reflection: “Are We Who We Say We Are?” – specifically in regard to racism. You will benefit from this session even if you did not attend the first one.

INTRODUCING BEACONS OF LIGHT: PASTORAL PLANNING FOR OUR THIRD CENTURY - Archbishop Schnurr has announced the next phase of pastoral planning, called “Beacons of Light.” The process is designed to foster vital parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading all to radiate Christ in our homes, places of work, schools, parishes and the wider world. Sign up at <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons#newsletter> to receive the free “Beacons Update” e-newsletter, which will provide monthly prayers, reflections and planning process news.

WITH SYMPATHY



Our parish community offers its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Alexander. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of the risen Christ.



- Mike and Melinda Miller and Payton and Michael Jr.
- Adam and Christine Brown and Niko

**Easter, 2021**

Antsohihy, Madagascar

Dear members of Little Flower Church,

I am very grateful for everything you do for the Sisters of Divine Providence in Madagascar. Thank you for the Holy Thursday Mass that you are offering for us and know that we will be in union with you on Holy Thursday. We pray regularly for our benefactors. Thank you to the parish council and Father Dennis, your pastor, who have opened the way to educate the parish about sponsoring the children of Pont Sofia School of St. Martin. Thank you for all the activities you are developing within the parish in support of our Mission in Madagascar.

Thank you for the donations you have just sent to help with our new guest house and chapel at Ambondrana. May the Lord give it back to you a hundredfold. The sisters are already using the new chapel. Our next step is to furnish guest house lodgings. It is well situated and looks out onto the sea just a few feet away. Here's an invitation for you to come and stay! The community consists of Sisters Praxède, Josephine and



Odile, and a trainee aspirant. There are a dozen children undergoing orthopedic rehab therapies in this residential program. Here is a picture of the nearly completed project.

We entered the second wave of Covid-19 with a variant that came from Moheli of the Comoros. At the Antsohihy Mission, there are two Sisters and two aspiring students who have caught the virus. But we give thanks to God because they are only healthy carriers, they are not showing symptoms. The government has not prescribed strict quarantines, but is encouraging people to wear masks and perform social distancing. The government has registered to request vaccines from WHO, but for the time being COVID Organics, an herbal tea composed of the plants artemisia and ravitsara, is still being used. It seems to be working but lately deaths have been increasing in number.

If you want to come back to Madagascar in 2023 it is still possible on our side, but at the moment we can't project anything because of the pandemic. There are still no international flights.

We will send your kind Easter wishes to the Sisters in their various households. Thank you for everything you do for us.

Happy Easter!

Sœur Alphonse Marie
Provincial

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GOSPEL MEDITATION*April 18, 2021*

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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A VOCATION VIEW: Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message.
(Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

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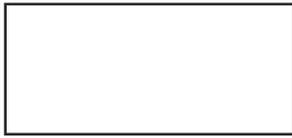
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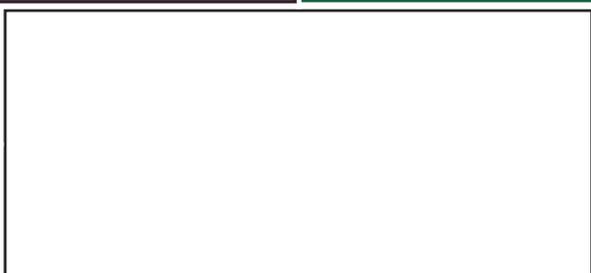
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