



*As he blessed them he parted from them
and was taken up to heaven.
Luke 24:51*

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.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
	Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
PARISH CENTER	357-8352 Fax 357-5316
SCHOOL	353-2282 Fax 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.	

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson	Scott Sidor
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Liturgy Commission	Maureen Sweeney
Parish Life Commission	Pat Gandolph
School Commission	Heather Rochford
Stewardship Commission	Caitlin Hannon
At-Large Member	Bill Belles
At-Large Member	Mike Perron

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays and Holy Days:
Check inside the bulletin for schedule.
Communion Services
Check inside the bulletin.

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 10:30 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 every other month. 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 236-1490.

LITTLE FLOWER COUNSELING CENTER

Counseling is provided to Little Flower Parishioners at a reduced rate. Call Jackie Montrie at 616-0029 or Mark Williams at 364-8184.

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.

Ascension of the Lord

**Dear Parish Family,**

The parish staff and I want to wish all mothers a blessed and happy Mothers' Day. One of the distinguishing qualities of good mothers is their willingness to sacrifice for their children. Today is your day. Please celebrate and enjoy!

Thank you to the Little Flower Ladies Club for their \$5,000.00 contribution to the parish. On Thursday, May 2, the Little Flower Ladies Club presented me

with an oversized check for \$5,000.00 as their contribution to the parish general funds. Although their principal financial responsibility is to raise funds to decorate the Church and to provide and maintain vestments and linens, every year they make a sizeable contribution to the parish. This year the Ladies Club had new leadership, added activities, and changed some of their fund raising. Even with all the changes, they were able to contribute the same amount they contributed last year. As I have said before, it never ceases to amaze me how much money so few women are able to raise! It is only possible because of their parish pride, determination, and hard work. Once again, thank you, Ladies.

Fr. John Riedinger, our third pastor, was born on May 15, 1882. At a time when most priests were ordained in their early 20's, Fr. John was 42 when he was ordained in 1924. He became pastor of Little Flower on January 24, 1942 and remained as pastor until May 16, 1966. During his pastorate, Little Flower grew to be the largest parish in the Archdiocese with over 5,000 parishioners. Likewise, during his pastorate, many young men and women heard the call to become sisters, priests, and brothers. Fr. John was a builder. He built the convent, the rectory, the garage, two additions to the school, and the church and converted the old church into the gym. In fact, the steeple was placed on the church on May 15, 1962, Fr. John's 80th birthday. On Wednesday, in gratitude for all he did for Little Flower Parish, please remember him in your prayers.

When I was in 6th grade, all the school children collected money for the new church to present to Fr. John on his birthday. I was chosen to present the money our class raised. Each of us had to give a little speech. In my speech, I used the phrase "your church." He stopped me and said "our church." That lesson has always stayed with me. Little Flower is your parish far more than mine!

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to *Rita Cooning and Kim Cooning on the death of their infant grandchildren, Jesse and Jack Collier.* Please keep Jesse and Jack's parents, Trish Cooning and John

Collier, in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also extend our sympathy to *Katie Wood* on the death of her son, **Timothy Wood.** Several of his aunts and uncles, *John and Penney Fowler, Ann and Charles Collins, and Bill and Carol Luken,* are parishioners at Little Flower. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. *May God welcome Jesse, Jack, and Timothy into his eternal glory.*

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13 - 19, 2013**

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| 13 May | Monday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Elizabeth Mauer by Mildred Mauer |
| 14 May | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mildred Mauer by Lois Irwin |
| 15 May | Wednesday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Alvina Wurz by Diane and Ron Sharp |
| 16 May | Thursday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 1:30 p.m. | Greentree – Mary Stout |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 17 May | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Art Meier by Richard Steininger |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 18 May | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of - Pentecost Sunday
Ruth Cruse by Eileen and Linda Arvin |
| 19 May | Sunday – Pentecost |
| 8:30 a.m. | Isabelle Mackensie Lyons by The Lyon's Family |
| 10:30 a.m. | For the People |
| 6:00 p.m. | Jeff Hawkins by The Crane and Dye Families |

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

May 12 - 19, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Breakfast
Monday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life Commission
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Commission
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2441
Thursday		6:00 p.m.	Spring Band Concert
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Awards Banquet
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking Lot	7:00 a.m.	8 th Grade departs for D.C.
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

**HELP
Needed**

The Gabriel Project is helping a woman with two children and is expecting a baby in June. While we have plenty of clothing for her coming baby and the 1 year old, we are in need of 4T summer clothing for her older son. If you have donations, please place them in the bassinet by the usher's room in back of the church or bring them to the Parish Center. Thank you.

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

Rosemary Evans

St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107
Rosemary will be 103 years old on May 17! Happy Birthday!

Connected in the Spirit News

As previously announced, Archbishop Tobin has asked us to participate in this current cycle of parish planning. His expectation is that we will be planning with one or more other parishes to:

1. Share more resources with each other and with parishes in need.
2. Avoid unneeded duplication of services; and
3. Fill in the gaps where service and ministry have not been available.

We expect to be notified in the next several weeks of the parishes with whom we will be working.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of May 4 th and 5 th	\$ 12,074.81
Electronic Contributions 4/29 – 5/3	\$ 5,736.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 623,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 609,842.14
Fiscal Year – To – Date DEFICIT	\$ - 13,407.86

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 2,114.25
April Contributions	\$ 2,345.25
May Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,133.75

Steward of the Month

The Steward of the Month this month is a unique three-generation family winner - The Reese Women! Pat, Michele, and Lauren (Hayes) are long-time members of the parish (Lauren and Michele are lifetime members!) and have volunteered for many duties over the years and continue to do so. Some of their current activities are funeral lunch servers and food contributors (Pat and Michele), Funeral Lunch Team Coordinator (Pat), Fish Fry Worker (Pat), Eucharistic Ministers, Helper at Special Dinners and Events (Michele), active members of the LF Ladies Club(all), a Greeter and Usher (Pat), not to mention the coordination of the Ladies Club bake sales.. In the past Michele was active with school activities when Lauren was in school here. Lauren was in youth choir for four years, is a Eucharistic Minister, and volunteer at Vacation Bible School. There are probably many other things that are unknown to the general public because the Reese Women go about being great LF stewards quietly, without fanfare. They will have access to the Steward of the Month reserved parking place for the next several weeks!

THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO FOR LITTLE FLOWER!

Steward of the Month nomination forms are available in the gathering area. Nominate an outstanding LF volunteer today!

Roncalli High School 40th Class Reunion

Roncalli, June 22, 7pm

Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel on campus at 7 p.m. Reunion after Mass. Contact Sharon Tolin, jsjb77@aol.com or 317-888-5824. If we have your current address, you should have received an invitation. Hope to see you there!



**Plan ahead now for Little Flower's
Vacation Bible School!
June 24 – 28, 2013**

Children in pre-4 to 4 grades are invited to participate this year! We will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for sign up information. If you would like to volunteer to help during VBS please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 357-8352 ext. 33.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2013

MAY 31ST, JUNE 1ST, AND JUNE 2ND

The festival committee has set an aggressive \$70,000.00 goal for this year's festival. We need everyone's help!

RAFFLE! Please do your best to turn in as many tickets as possible. Extras are available at all the church doors. The raffle has potential to bring money in from outside the parish and that is always very helpful. PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN...THE RAFFLE IS THE 2ND HIGHEST MONEY-MAKING EVENT AT THE FESTIVAL AND MUST BE SUCCESSFUL FOR US TO BE SUCCESSFUL OVERALL!

The Silent Auction team STILL needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, or Rosemary Armour at 372-5513 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00.

ATTENTION COLTS OR PACERS SEASON TICKET HOLDERS

Would you be willing to donate a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year? The Silent Auction could use your donation. Please call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, or Rosemary Armour at 372-5513

Summerfest T Shirt! - Shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up on the weekend of May 18 and 19. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$10.00 each.

PRESALE TICKETS FOR FESTIVAL RIDES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AFTER WEEKEND MASSES BEGINNING MAY 18. PLEASE PLAN TO PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE, AS THEY ARE LESS EXPENSIVE FOR YOU AND THE PERCENTAGE OF PROFIT FOR THE PARISH IS GREATER ON ADVANCE SALE TICKETS!

Donations are being accepted for the plant booth. They are looking for any kinds of potted plants or starts and would appreciate them being marked with what they are and any care notes. You may drop your donations outside the parish center on May 29 or 30 or call Katie Baecher at 504-7937 for pick up. Pick up will take place shortly before the festival.















SET UP - We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m. and Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m. If you have one, please bring a drill and/or an 8 ft step ladder.

We are in need of 1 gallon ice cream tubs with lids for the Ice Cream and Strawberry Shortcake Booth. You may drop your tubs off at the parish center.

**PLEASE START NOW IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY
INVITE YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS
TO COME TO SUMMERFEST!**

ATTENTION FAMILIES WITH COLLEGE GRADUATES!

We would like to recognize our college graduates in an upcoming Sunday Bulletin or parish newsletter. If you have a family member graduating from college this spring please send their name and the name of the college or university from which they are graduating to tom@littleflowerparish.org or call the parish center and leave the information.

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