

CORPUS CHRISTI

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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| At-Large Member | Cindy Woods |

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.

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.

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| 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. |

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 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,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. Today we celebrate our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In the former Sacramentary, there was a beautiful alternate opening prayer for today's Solemnity:

"Lord Jesus Christ, we worship you living among us in the sacrament of your body and blood. May we offer to our Father in heaven a solemn pledge of undivided love. May we offer to our brothers and sisters a life poured out in loving service of that kingdom where you live with the Father and the Holy

Spirit, one God, forever and ever."

As they say, **Summerfest 2015** is in the books. Despite the deluge on Saturday evening and the cool, cloudy day on Sunday, the festival was a success! Although the rain on Saturday evening hurt us financially, I feel worse for all of you who worked so hard to make the festival successful.

- Thank you to all who worked so hard to make the festival a success. Almost everyone in the parish does his or her part to make the festival successful. I am especially grateful to the volunteers who are here throughout the entire festival from set-up to clean-up.
- Thank you to all our sponsors and to all those who donate goods and services for the Silent Auction. Once again this year, we especially thank our friends at the Steer-In for providing the beef and noodles dinner Saturday evening.
- Special thanks go to the Festival Committee for their advance work and their leadership during the festival.
- There are no adequate words to thank Tom Costello. Because of the many responsibilities of the festival, before, during, and after Summerfest, he works incredibly long hours. More than any other one individual, he deserves credit for the success of the festival.

As many of you know, pastors are appointed for a term of six years and can be reappointed for one additional term of six years. In July, I will have completed two terms. However, when a priest reaches a certain age, he is eligible to remain in his parish until retirement. If you read last week's *Criterion*, you know that Archbishop Tobin has reappointed me pastor of St. Little Flower until I reach the age of retirement, which will be July 1, 2020. I am grateful to the Archbishop for permitting me to remain at Little Flower.

Please note the announcement concerning next weekend's collection to support our seminarians. In his letter concerning the collection, Archbishop Tobin wrote,

At this point in time, we are blessed with 23 men studying for the priesthood; 13 of them are in their final years of seminary formation and study. We hope to add 4 or 5 men to this number for next year. The average cost per student for educational expenses is \$35,000 per year. The United Catholic Appeal and endowments cover 75% of these expenses, so the Archdiocese depends upon this second collection to raise the remaining 25%. All donations to this collection will go directly toward the payment of these expenses.

Please remember Fr. Noah Casey, the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes, and the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes in your prayers. Doctors have informed him that any further treatment of his cancers would have an extremely small chance of success and would have serious side effects. Therefore, he has chosen to forego any further treatment of the cancer, opting instead to pursue a path of palliative (comfort) care that will ensure a maximum amount of relief from the pain now and as the cancer runs its course.

Finally, on May 12, 2015, the Pew Research Center issued the first report from 2014 U.S. Religious Landscape Study. According to the report, "as the Millennial generation [those between the ages of 18 and 33] enters adulthood, its members display much lower levels of religious affiliation, including less connection with Christian churches, than older generations."

I know a non-Catholic couple whose church will probably have to close because of loss of members through death coupled with its inability to attract and retain young people and their families. I believe it was Archbishop O'Meara who would frequently make the point that today's young people are not just the Church of tomorrow but also the Church of today!

As parish and as individual parishioners, we need to do everything possible to welcome and affirm the young people in our parish who attend Sunday Eucharist, especially those who participate in liturgical ministries such as members of our youth choir, Eucharistic Ministers, and servers. They are a blessing to our parish. The last thing we want to do is to make them feel unwelcome!

Even non-parishioners notice our young people. For example, one of the carnival workers told one of our parishioners that although he works other Catholic festivals, when they come to Little Flower, it is as though they step into another world where young people are respectful and respect their parents.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



You are invited to join us as we celebrate Fr. Bob's 40th anniversary of ordination on **Sunday, June 28, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass** followed by a reception in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria) from noon until 2 p.m. Brunch will be served, so please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, by Friday, June 22, if you plan on coming. This will help us estimate how much food we will need. Don't miss out on this opportunity to thank and congratulate Fr. Bob for all he has done for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and Little Flower Parish.



The valedictorian of the Scecina Memorial High School Class of 2015 is Robert "Bo" Addison Leszcynski. Bo, a 2011 graduate of Little Flower parish school, is the son of Bobby and Beth Leszcynski. He graduated with a 4.34 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. Bo plans to attend the University of Dayton and major in biochemistry.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MASS  SCHEDULE

FOR THE WEEK OF June 8 - 14, 2015

- 08 **June Monday**
5:30 p.m. Art Meier
- 09 **June Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Jerry Jett by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tremain
- 10 **June Wednesday**
10:00 a.m. Adventuresome Group – Elizabeth & Anthony Mauer
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 11 **June Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Harry & Rosemary Maginn by the Maginn Family
- 12 **June Friday**
8:30 a.m. Geraldine Woods Ellis
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 13 **June Saturday**
Vigil of the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. George Haddin by Martha Haddin
- 14 **June Sunday-The 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. For the People
10:30 a.m. Barbara Surenkamp by Robert & Kathryn O'Bryan
6:00 p.m. Gerrie Sweeney by Mary Sweeney

The Week Ahead
June 7 - 14, 2015

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | Duffey Hall | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts |
| | Church | 10:30 a.m. | Summer Choir Sings |
| | St. Patrick | 7:15 p.m. | Women's CRHP |
| Monday | Duffey Hall | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Club |
| Tuesday | St. Patrick | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary |
| Wednesday | Mass/Outing | 10:00 a.m. | Adventuresome Group |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | School Commission |
| Thursday | Church | 6:30 p.m. | Summer Choir Practice |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 p.m. | AA |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group |
| | Parking Lot | 8:30 a.m. | Family Bike Ride |
| | | | Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area. |
| Sunday | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy |
| | Church | 10:30 a.m. | Children's Choir Sing |
| | St. Therese | 1:30 p.m. | Franciscan Associates |

Coming Events

Vacation Bible School
June 22-26, 2015

All children entering in Pre-4 to 4th grade are invited to sign-up for VBS!! We will meet from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. We need Adult Volunteers to help during VBS this year! Also children in grades 5 and up are invited to help. Please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 357-8352 ext. 33. Sign up by calling the Parish Center at 357-8352 or sign up after Mass in the back of church.



The Adventuresome Group will be heading to **Shelbyville, IN** on **Wednesday, June 10** for the Salad Bar Lunch sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella, at the Shelbyville K of C, 413 East South Street. The cost will be \$9.00 per person. We will begin the day with **Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Little Flower** (NOTE: Change in Mass time.) Following Mass we will car pool to Shelbyville. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan on attending or if you have any questions.

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,500.00 |
| Collection of May 30 and 31 | \$ | 7,789.64 |
| Electronic Contributions 5/18 – 5/22 | \$ | 1,186.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual | \$ | 639,298.04 |
| Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget | \$ | 648,000.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD (deficit) | \$ | - 8,701.96 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| March Contributions | \$ | 1,978.58 |
| April Contributions | \$ | 2,078.58 |
| May Contributions (to date) | \$ | 1,954.63 |

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, June 7. Please meet in church at 5 p.m. to prepare for 6 p.m. Mass

Mark Your Calendars! - Annual bus trip to King's Island will be Wednesday, July 22. Students who have just finished grades 7 through 12 will be welcome to attend. Permission Slips have been mailed or you can receive one by e-mail by sending a message to tom@littleflowerparish.org. The cost of the trip is just \$50.00 for those who reserve and pay by July 1. After that, the price increases to \$56.00. Please reserve your spot now.

COMING THIS FALL – NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It's been five years, so it is time to do a new parish pictorial directory. This directory will coincide with the 90th Anniversary of Little Flower Parish. Currently photographers are scheduled to be here September 22-30 and November 3-7. More details will be provided as the time draws near!



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

Mary Kiesel

1604 N Riley, Indianapolis, IN 46218



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Gillian Dunn, #91 Rousseau McClellan Montessori

We would like to continue recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, or college in an upcoming Sunday Bulletin or parish newsletter. 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. (Seccina, Cathedral, and Little Flower graduates will be published separately).

TAKE NOTE

There is a special collection on the weekend of June 14/15 for the education of future archdiocesan priests. Please use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet and be as generous as possible.



The President's Academic Excellence Award at Seccina Memorial High School recognizes students who are in the Top 10 of their respective classes or whose grade point average is a 4.0 or higher. In addition, the senior award winners elect an influential person in his or her life and then write a brief reflection about that mentor. The mentors are asked to do the same for the student. At a ceremony in May, the student and his or her mentor are called forward as our Principal and President read their reflections. Each senior receives a plaque, the mentor's written reflection, and a ring from the school. The following 2015 President's Academic Excellence Award recipients are Little Flower parishioners and/or graduates of Little Flower school:

Freshmen:

Henry Egan
Emily Vazquez Quinn
Anthony Battles

Sophomores:

Andrew Clegg
Christopher Duncan

Senior:

Robert "Bo" Leszcynski
(Mentor: Seccina math teacher Natalie Leonhardt)



LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE A WINE/HISTORIC SHOPPING TOUR!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 11. We will be visiting two wineries, lunch, shopping at a historic marketplace and ending the day with an outdoor concert. Cost is \$60.00 a person and watch for the flyer in next week's bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DISTRIBUTION CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Please join us June 13, 2015 from 8 am – Noon at 1201 E Maryland St. to help serve struggling families in Indianapolis. First time volunteers are much appreciated, and there will be repeat volunteers present to show you what to do.

Summerfest 2015

Special thanks goes out to our booth and area chair people and our festival leadership team. The festival would not be possible without them!

Main Raffle winners/sellers are:

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| 1st Prize \$5,000.00 | Drew Torzewski/same |
| 2nd Prize \$1,000.00 | Steve and Mary Lou Beaupre/same |
| 3rd Prize \$ 500.00 | Mark Adcock/Patti Gearn |
| 4th Prize \$ 500.00 | Catherine Gregg/same |
| 5th Prize \$ 500.00 | Mary Mc Keown/same |
| 6th Prize \$ 500.00 | Joe Schmidlin/same |

The winner of the Colts horseshoe stained glass is Kathleen Hagan.

Thanks to all for supporting the festival by selling your raffle tickets and to all who brought family and friends over for a good time. Check next week's bulletin for estimated profit from the festival.

Caring for Creation

Pope Francis is expected to release his much anticipated encyclical on the environment at the end of June. How will you and your parish respond to this call to care for creation? To learn how you can begin or enhance a Creation Care Ministry at your parish, come to a workshop on Saturday, June 27, 2015 from 10:00 to 11:30 am in Doyle Hall, St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church (4217 Central Avenue, Indianapolis). Sponsored by the St. Thomas Aquinas Creation Care Ministry. Please RSVP to stacreationcare@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members who are caregivers of older adults. Meetings are open to family caregivers in the community and are a way to share and learn from each other. **To confirm attendance** or for additional information, please contact Monica Woodsworth at 261-3378 or mwoodsworth@archindy.org.

Northside:

Date: Thursday, June 25 2015, 5:30 – 7 pm.
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 4610 N Illinois Street. Park in the gated lot on the northwest corner of 46th & Illinois. Enter the lot off of 46th or Illinois (there are two entrances).

Southside:

Date: Monday, June 15 2015, 5:30 – 7 pm.
Location: St. Mark Catholic School, 541 E Edgewood Avenue.

Other Events:

- June 20 2015. The Indianapolis Public Library book sale begins at the Library Services Center, 2450 N Meridian Street. Reasonably priced books and music <https://www.indyplfoundation.org/news-and-events/library-book-sales/>.
- July 16 2015. 9 PM PBS broadcast of Capturing Grace, a documentary film about people with Parkinson's and the Mark Morris Dance Group <http://www.capturinggracefilm.com/>.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Being a member of a parish involves being connected to God and to other parishioners. If you have recently joined the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time but want to deepen your spiritual life and get to know other parishioners, attending a Christ Renews His Parish renewal weekend can help you do both! =



Christ Renews His Parish is an uplifting spiritual renewal process that calls together the members of the parish community to experience personal conversion and fellowship. Christ Renews is a time for individuals to gather with others to strengthen their relationship with God and to grow together as a parish family. It is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and make new friends in a spiritual environment.

God's Presence is made known to all participants through the personal gifts shared by members of the Christ Renews presenting team. Presentations are made by the "presenters" to the "receivers". Spiritual reflection is complemented by social activities. There is lots of listening, laughing, thinking, dialogue, team participation, prayer, eating, and fun! One of the best things about each weekend is the opportunity to escape from the real world for just a few days to share with others in a common faith about those things we all experience in our lives. It is a weekend full of acceptance and affirmation for all attendees. You participate at the level you are most comfortable ... as much as you like, when you like, and how you like.

The Men's and Women's weekends will begin Saturday morning and conclude on Sunday afternoon. Participants are expected to spend the entire time at the retreat. There is no cost to attend and all Little Flower Parish members are invited to participate. Post-weekend commitment is voluntary, though many "receivers" opt to serve on the subsequent "giving" team.

SAVE THE DATE

MEN'S WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 19-20

WOMEN'S WEEKEND: OCTOBER 3-4

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