

# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### 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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**PARISH CENTER** Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

**Dear Parish Family,**

Congratulations to Dottie Spalding who is celebrating her 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Franciscan Associate. The Little Flower Franciscan Associates honored her last Sunday.

One of the Sisters attending her celebration was Sr. Barbara Hileman, Little Flower Class of 1947. She told me that her family moved into Little Flower the day before she started 1<sup>st</sup> grade on September 5, 1939. They moved to Little Flower because her parents had heard that Little Flower School was an excellent school.

A year or so ago, I ran into a retired real estate agent who asked me where I was pastor. When I told him Little Flower, he said that when he was a young real estate agent, one of the older real estate agents told him that for years Little Flower was a destination parish. Couples looking for homes would often call and say they wanted to move into Little Flower. I remember an article from *The Indianapolis Star* many years ago that said this neighborhood was the only Indianapolis neighborhood that real estate agents referred to by the name of its Catholic parish.

Much has changed since Sr. Barbara's parents moved into Little Flower on September 4, 1939. However, some things have remained the same. Little Flower School continues to be an excellent school. One key difference between then and now is that Sr. Barbara's parents wanted her and her siblings to have not just an excellent education but an excellent **Catholic** education. Catholic education was their prime motive for choosing a Catholic school.

Little Flower continues to give this neighborhood its identity. More importantly, Little Flower and Seccina Memorial High School are the anchors for this neighborhood. A few years ago when we were part of the Eastside church tour, several non-Catholic neighborhood residents thanked us for being here. They said that this neighborhood remains stable because of Little Flower and Seccina.

This Saturday, October 24, marks the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Thomas Seccina. At the time of his death, Fr. Seccina, a WWII prisoner of war, was being transported to Japan on the Arisan Maru when it was torpedoed by an Allied ship. Contrary to the rules of war, the Japanese had failed to identify the ship as a "Prisoner of War Ship." Fr. Seccina was one of 1,757 Americans lost that day when the Arisan Maru sank. Using the criteria for martyrdom of Saint Pope John Paul II, we can rightly say that Fr. Seccina was a martyr for the faith.

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis sponsors a Catholic high school in each of the four Indianapolis deaneries. As the East Deanery Catholic high school, Seccina Memorial High School is Little Flower's Catholic high school. What this means is that Seccina Memorial High School is an extension of the educational ministry of Little Flower parish and school. Today parents and students have all kinds of choices of high schools—both archdiocesan and private Catholic high schools, private high schools, charter schools, and traditional public schools. However, it is still appropriate to say that Seccina Memorial High School is our parish high school. Although I do not know this for a fact, my guess is that since its foundation in 1953 the majority of Little Flower School graduates have also graduated from Seccina Memorial High School.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Congratulations to Newly & Elizabeth (McCoy) Mach on the baptism of their daughter Fiona Ellen Mach who was baptized on Sunday, October 11, 2015.

The Little Flower Ladies Club is selling beautiful hand embellished greeting cards for the low price of 30 cards for only \$30. Order forms are at all church exits. You may pay by cash, check or credit cards. Orders must be received by October 25.

**Masses For The Week****FOR THE WEEK OF October 19 - 25, 2015**

19	<b>October</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Michael & Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland
20	<b>October</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Anita Busald by Family
21	<b>October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	11:00 a.m.	Catherine Bowron by Dottie Spalding
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
22	<b>October</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
23	<b>October</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Hugh Bir by B.J. Schmidt
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
24	<b>October</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil of the 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
		Charley Withem by Charlie & Pauline Graf
25	<b>October</b>	<b>Sunday-The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Joseph (Bill) Doyle by Ann McCarty
	10:30 a.m.	Ed Axsom by 10:30 a.m. Mass Ushers
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

**The Week Ahead****October 18-25, 2015**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelo/Bear Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Room Parent Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding
	Gym		PTO Bingo
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting



The Ladies Club is having a bake sale booth at the Irvington Halloween Festival on 10/31/15. We welcome Halloween themed baked goods or seasonal loaves of bread. Please watch the bulletin for further details or contact: Jeanine Adkins [317-523-6685](tel:317-523-6685) or preferred: [jadkins57@gmail.com](mailto:jadkins57@gmail.com).





The Parish Life Commission will be hosting a **Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** Your help is needed in several ways in order to make the parish Halloween Bash a success.

Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers at each of the church doors. We are also in need of people to help run the children's games, pass out candy and so forth. It takes lots of people to make the Halloween Bash a success. We need at least 8 adults to help pass out candy and 10 adults to help with games!! It's a fun night for both children and adults! Please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center if you are available to help. Mark your calendars and plan on bringing your children to this fun filled evening.



Confirmation preparation is open to all youth in grades 9 thru 12. Enrollment Forms were due by October 9. Call Tom right away at 357-8352 if you intend to enroll in the class this year but have not turned in your enrollment form.

On October 25 the Rite of Enrollment for our confirmation candidates will take place at the 6 p.m. Mass at Little Flower and at 10 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. Candidates, parents, and sponsors are asked to attend Mass. At 7 p.m. that evening, all sponsors and candidates from both parishes will meet with the Confirmation team in the Parish Center until 9:00 pm

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of October 3 & 4	\$	7,719.58
Electronic Contributions 10/5 -10/9	\$	2,183.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	187,584.73
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	202,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD	\$	- 14,915.27

#### Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,316.33
September Contributions	\$	2,058.58
October Contributions (to date)	\$	1,455.60



#### Sacred Music Concert

The Advanced Choir and Orchestra of Seccina Memorial High School will present their second annual Sacred Music Concert at 7 p.m. Oct. 21 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church. This concert is free and open to the public. The choir and orchestra are directed by Seccina's Donnie Glowinski.

#### YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, October 18 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church. We would still love to welcome some new members! We are open to all youth in grades 8 thru 12. STUDENTS, please consider joining us, and PARENTS, please encourage your students to come!

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sundays, October 25 and November 1, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

The Ladies Club as a member of the National Council of Catholic Women is promoting the daily recitation of the Angelus Prayer for the intention of "...bringing an end to the persecution of Christians in the Middle East, especially Iraq and Syria by invoking the powerful intercession of our Blessed Mother, Mary." If you do not have the prayer available it is online at <http://www.ourcatholicprayers.com/the-angelus.html>.



All boys interested, grades 4-8, either student at Little Flower or parishioner, basketball **sign-ups are October 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, Little Flower gym. Interested in coaching? Come talk to us then, too! Questions? Call Jennifer Smith, 372-3036.



Girls and boys, grades 4-8, interested in volleyball, sign-ups are October 20, 5:30-6:30 p.m. and October 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the gym. Must be Little Flower student or parishioner. Also looking for interested coaches! Questions?

Call Jennifer Smith, 372-3036 or Sarah Stevenson, 946-3194.

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:

**Margaret Connel, St. Paul Hermitage,**  
501 N. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46107

#### Special Event

#### All-Girls Catholic High Schools & Academies Mass/Luncheon

Attendees of Our Lady of Grace Academy, St. Agnes Academy, St. Mary Academy, St. John Academy, Ladywood School, and Ladywood/St. Agnes are invited to attend the **9th Annual Mass on Sunday, November 1 at 10:30 a.m.**, at St. Mary's Church (317 N. New Jersey Street), with a **luncheon following at the Rathskellar Restaurant**. Luncheon reservations are required (\$25 per person), please email Sue Dillane SAA '66 Powell: [powello626@msn.com](mailto:powello626@msn.com) or call 317-441-3424.

#### NEW PARISH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Thanks once again to everyone who took the time to be photographed for our 90th anniversary pictorial directory. Your participation is much appreciated.

If you were not able to schedule, but will still like to appear in the directory, Lifetouch allows us to send people to other Indianapolis area churches if they were unable to schedule with us here. I know there are several area churches where photographs will be taken over the next few weeks. Please call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281. Let them know you are from Little Flower Church (our account number is 328467) and see if they can find something that will work for you.

You must schedule an appointment to take place on or before November 13th in order to be included in the book....and if you do schedule someplace else, please send Tom an email at [tcostello@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tcostello@littleflowerparish.org) or call him at 357-8352, ext 30 We need to know what day and where your appointment was. It is not necessary to call until after you have kept your appointment.



#### ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 7 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. This year, the reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:15 in the school cafeteria, followed by 5 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21<sup>st</sup> Street. **School alumni, plan now to join us.** RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352 by November 2 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to [lfalumni@yahoo.com](mailto:lfalumni@yahoo.com)!

#### TAKE NOTE:

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will distributed in mid-November Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Wednesday, October 21. You may also e-mail items to [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com) or follow the link available on our website.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 21**, following the 11 a.m. Mass. This month the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be joining us for Mass and a Halloween celebration! Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, if you plan on attending.

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