

6th Sunday of Easter

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702
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 9:30 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 5 times per year. 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 317-236-1490.

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,

On May 8, Archbishop Thompson announced “the gradual process of reopening our churches and resuming the celebration of the Sacraments publicly.” This process includes three phases:

PHASE 1 – Reopening churches for private prayer, devotions and the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance *may* begin on *or* after Wednesday, May 13, 2020, respecting the directives of the local authorities of your area. (NOTE: Parishes/communities in Marion and Monroe counties remain under a stay-at-home order at least until May 15, 2020.)

Little Flower will open for private prayer, devotions, and the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, May 18. During this phase, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be by appointment only.

PHASE 2 – Public celebrations of Weekday Masses, Weddings and Funerals within Mass, Infant Baptisms, postponed Memorial Masses for those who have died, and the Anointing of the Sick (now even for the seriously ill who may not be in imminent danger of death) *may* resume on *or* after Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Parishioners will be able to attend weekday Masses beginning on Tuesday, May 19. Please note the times of Masses elsewhere in *The Theresean*. During this phase, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue to be by appointment only.

PHASE 3 – Public celebrations of Sunday Masses, the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults, and First Communions *may* resume on *or* after the weekend of May 23 & 24, 2020.

Our regular Sunday Mass schedule will resume on Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in church from 3:45-4:30 on Saturday.

Although we had hoped to be back the weekend of May 23-24, after consultation with the other Eastside Catholic Community parishes, consideration of all that needs to be completed before reopening for Sunday Masses, and listening to the most recent expert medical advice, we decided to postpone our return to Sunday Masses until the weekend of May 30-31.

The Archbishop’s plan made two points very strongly:

Those who are 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions should remain at home. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Of course, those who are symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19 should not enter a church until released to do so by their health care professional.

The dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays is extended in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and throughout the State of Indiana until August 15, 2020.

There are several things that have to happen before we reopen. For example, we have to have a detailed plan to maintain social distancing, to clean and sanitize after every service, and to distribute Communion safely. Many guidelines for our reopening are still being developed.

We all will have to do some things differently to do our best to keep each other safe. These guidelines will be made available via parish email, our parish facebook page, and the parish website as soon as they are available. I will ask that you read them thoroughly before coming back into the church for adoration, private prayer, or Mass. Our goal will be to have them ready to send out no later than Sunday, May 17.

If you currently do not receive email messages from the parish, please call the parish office and supply your email address so we can communicate with you in this way.

In the meantime, please be aware that we will ask that you cover your nose and mouth with a mask or other covering and bring your own hand sanitizer for frequent personal use if at all possible. In addition, I cannot emphasize enough that each person and family are responsible to make the best possible decisions for themselves. No one should feel compelled to rush back to church, especially if you are in a high risk age group or have other health concerns that make you more vulnerable. It is very important to us that you stay safe. **Therefore, we will continue to live stream the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at least until August 15.**

This Thursday, May 21, will be the last day of e-learning for Little Flower School. Therefore, the 9:30 a.m. Mass will be an “all-school” live-streamed Mass. Parishioners are welcome to attend the Mass or to watch the Mass live or recorded. Facebook page for live stream is: <https://www.facebook.com/Little-Flower-Catholic-Church-and-School-272162920014/>

The recorded Mass can also be watched at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnMh7jERUyJS7FUSSgikCSA>.

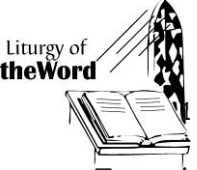
Have a blessed week, and please stay safe.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to
*Frank & Angie Mackell and Jim
& Gorgann Mackell and their
families* on the death of Frank
and Jim's mother, **Mary Lou**

Mackell. Please keep all of Mary Lou's family and friends
in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May
God welcome Mary Lou into his eternal glory.



Readings for May 23 and 24
The Ascension of the Lord
 ACTS 1: 1-11
 EPHESIANS 1: 17-238
 MATTHEW 28: 16-20

To read the readings on-line, go to
<http://cms.usccb.org/bible/readings/052420-ascension.cfm>

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

Friendly reminder from the Festival Silent Auction Team

Keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. If you come
across any new or very gently used items of value, please hang
on to them. Once the Parish Office is back open to the public we
will be accepting (and needing) your donations. If you are
feeling extra crafty, please keep us in mind! Handmade
crafts/items are great donations as well.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**We will be looking forward to getting back
on schedule as soon as possible!**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Do you want to make your marriage
stronger? Do you want to spend an
uninterrupted weekend with your
spouse? Why not make a Worldwide
Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn

more about your wonderful vocation? Future Marriage Encounter
Weekends will be at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality,
New Albany, on August 14 - 16, 2020, and at Our Lady of Fatima
Retreat House, Indianapolis, on November 6 - 8, 2020.
Visit www.wvme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter
Weekend: *"This Weekend was the most joyous and most
stimulating time of our lives. We have had the chance to see
how each of us needs to be loved and to give love."*



For the Week of May 18 - 24, 2020

**Public celebrations of Weekday Masses will resume on
Tuesday, May 19.**

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| <p>18 May
9:30 a.m.</p> <p>19 May
5:30 p.m.</p> <p>20 May
9:30 a.m.</p> <p>21 May
9:30 a.m.</p> <p>22 May
5:30 p.m.</p> <p>23 May
9:30 a.m.</p> <p>24 May
9:30 a.m.</p> | <p>Monday (private Mass)
In Thanksgiving for the Little Flower
Parish Staff by a Parishioner</p> <p>Tuesday
Lee Cecil by the Sweeney Family</p> <p>Wednesday
Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly</p> <p>Thursday
Anne Sitzman Hook by Kurt and Patty
Schnell</p> <p>Friday
Elizabeth "Betsy" Nicholls-Forston by the
Ladies Club</p> <p>Saturday (private Mass)
John Andretti</p> <p>Sunday –The Ascension of the Lord
(private Mass – live streaming)
For the People</p> |
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your attention please

Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors

In this rapidly changing environment, our current goal is to return to the
celebration of weekend Masses on May 30/31, Pentecost Sunday.
There is more information about this decision in Fr.
Bob's Theresean letter this week. Because of the recommendations
listed below for certain groups recommended to stay home, we will not
utilize our current liturgical minister schedule for May 30/31, instead
creating a new schedule for May 30 through the month of June. We
will not utilize altar servers during this period, and we will need fewer
Eucharistic Ministers. Please read this information below from the
Archbishop's re-opening plan.

**Those who are 65 and over and those with high-risk health
conditions should remain at home. This is the population that is
most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Of course, those who are
symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19 should not
enter a church until released to do so by their health care
professional. The dispensation from the obligation to participate
at Mass on Sundays is extended in the Archdiocese of
Indianapolis and throughout the State of Indiana until August 15,
2020.**

With that information in mind, please let us know as soon as possible if
you prefer NOT to be scheduled for the period of May 30 through June
28. If you are willing to be scheduled, but there are certain weekends
that you do not want to be scheduled, please let us know that as well.
For this schedule only, feel free to send this information
to tcostello@littleflowerparish.org. **Please send this information by
May 18.** Again, if you are in a high risk group or simply don't feel you
will be ready to return to church, just let us know. Thank you for your
help!



As most of you are aware St. Vincent de Paul was unable to hold its Easter Egg 5K Run/Walk on Holy Saturday. To replace the Easter Egg 5K we are launching the St. Vincent de Paul **Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk**. Our 5K will be **virtual** this year to raise funds to address the urgent needs of people in our community. **Participants can run or walk the race any time during May 29 – June 12.** There will be four race courses across Indianapolis to make the race convenient for runners and walkers in any part of town. You may also opt to race anywhere that is convenient for you.

This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise and support the neighbors we serve. Did I mention we also have sponsorship opportunities? 100% of all sponsorship dollars go directly to primarily support our Food Pantry where we are currently serving a record number of households.

Please go to our website www.svdindy.org to register and discover our sponsorship opportunities. We can only continue to support the ever-evolving needs of our community if we are in this together. This is a perfect opportunity to ... **Love your Neighbor!** Questions? Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdindy.org.



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:



Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Molly Hahn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, James Carr, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, and Dave Clegg.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will really brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Martha Haddin

1215 Shannon Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201



Pray for our active military family/friends:

- Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.
- Billy Durham, United States Air Force, serving in South Korea.
- Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of May 9 and 10	\$	6,688.00
Electronic Contributions 5/4 – 5/8	\$	4,817.84
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	603,929.71
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	623,300.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 19,370.29

A big heartfelt THANKS goes out to those who are mailing in their Sunday contributions or making online donations. Your continued support is invaluable to us.

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,135.23
April Contributions	\$	1,183.99
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,086.66





Mother's Day

Little Flower School gratefully acknowledges contributions made in honor of these mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and other women who have made a difference in the lives of our benefactors.

In Honor Of

Allison M. Wendel
Casady Williamson
Dawn M. Wendel
Donna Clifford
Elizabeth Tanasovich
Mary Joan Wendel
Rita Gibson
Ruth-Anne Parmerlee
Sandy Greenwell
Stephanie E. Sponsel

Honored By

Mom & Dad
Nancy Williamson
Jeffrey & Kids
Debbie Clifford
Rob, Lynn & Kids
Wendel Family
Barbara & Phil Prieshoff
Maebre Warren
Kurt & Patti Schnell
Mom & Dad

In Memory Of

Betty Speth
Cecilia Kramer
Dovie Brothers
Jane Moseman
Jay Graves
Jo Glass
Margaret (Delaney) Huter
Margaret Malay Dinn
Mary Lou Madden
Monica Parke
Pat Withem
Ruth G. Parmerlee
Stella M. Warren
Wanda Schnell

Remembered By

Dick & Peg Kramer
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Barbara & Phil Prieshoff
Julianne M. Barrett & Phoebe M. McGreevy
Dawn & Jeffrey Wendel
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