

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,

This weekend we welcome Fr. Jim Bonke for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and

Fr. Rick Ginther for the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. I very much appreciate their willingness to come this weekend.

Next weekend Fr. Phil Bowers will be here for all three Masses and for confessions on Saturday afternoon. Fr. Phil is the retired pastor of Holy Spirit Geist in the Diocese of Lafayette. Prior to becoming a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, Fr. Phil was a Maryknoll Missionary. Please welcome him next weekend.

Until my return, there will be no weekday Masses or Communion Services. Please check elsewhere in the bulletin for the weekday Mass schedules for Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Philip.

Tomorrow we celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. As most of you know, on June 29, 1975, Fr. Jim Farrell and I were ordained in St. Peter's Square by now St. Pope Paul VI. During the ceremony, each of us went up to Pope Paul VI twice, once for the imposition of hands and once for the sign of peace. Although Pope Paul VI appeared distant in pictures and at audiences and ceremonies, I saw great warmth when I looked into his eyes. Tomorrow is also the ninth anniversary of Archbishop Thompson's ordination as a bishop.

Friday is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle. Thomas is often called "Doubting Thomas" because of his initial unwillingness to believe in Jesus' resurrection. When Jesus challenged his lack of faith, Thomas responded, "My Lord and my God!" He is associated with the founding of the Church in southern India.

Friday is also 34th anniversary of the death of Father William Buhmeier. Fr. Buhmeier was associate pastor here at Little Flower from March 30, 1960 to October 4, 1960 and from May 1, 1963 to February 5, 1966.

Have a wonderful week. Please stay safe.

fr. Bob

Little Flower School is currently accepting applications for enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year. Please contact the school office to schedule a tour or to receive more information. Call 317-353-2282 or email kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org.

Liturgy of the Word

**Readings for July 4th and 5th
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Zechariah 9: 9-10
Romans 8:9, 11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

To read the readings on-line, go to
<http://usccb.org/bible/readings/070520.cfm>

Mass Schedules for Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Philip.

- Holy Spirit weekday Masses are Monday – Friday at 8:30 a.m.
- Our Lady of Lourdes weekday Masses are Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m. and Wednesday & Friday at 8:15 a.m.
- St. Philip weekday Masses are 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. on Friday.

For the Week of June 29 – July 5, 2020

29	June	Monday See Information above
30	June	Tuesday See Information above
01	July	Wednesday See Information above
02	July	Thursday See Information above
03	July	Friday See Information above
04	July	Saturday – Vigil of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Rita Foley, Beloved Aunt by Randy & Sandra Jonas-Harville
05	July	Sunday – The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. For the People 6:00 p.m. Carlos Pedrazza by Deysi, Alvaro, & Debbie Pedrazza



Thank You

Thank you so much for all your encouragement and love shown to us following Betsy's death. We appreciate it very much. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us. *The family of Betsy Nicholls-Forston*



We remember our parishioner, **Mary Shea**, who passed away on June 15 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on June 19. Mary had a strong faith and volunteered in the office, helping with mailings. We extend our condolences to *Jim and Loretta Miller* on the death of Jim's brother, **George Miller**, and to *DeEte Schmidt* on the death of her mother, **Deette Bennett**. Deette was 99 years young and a parishioner for about 70 years. Although she has not been able to get to church recently due to poor health, Deette had a very strong faith. We also remember **Richard Ponder** who passed away on June 8 and whose funeral liturgy was held here on June 22. Many years ago Richard donated the very first baby grand piano to our parish. Finally we extend our sympathy to *Verna Curtis and Karen Curtis* on the death of Verna's son and Karen's brother, **Mike Curtis**, who passed away on June 19 and whose graveside services were held on June 22. Mike was a longtime parishioner, but due to poor health, he was unable to attend Mass. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary, George, Deette, Mike, and Richard into his eternal glory!

**In observance of Independence Day,
the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 3.**



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

We would like to continue to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, or college or graduate programs in an upcoming Sunday Bulletin. Please send their name and the name of the school, college, or university from which they are graduating to tom@littleflowerparish.org, or call the parish center and leave the information. (You do not need to submit graduates from Seccina, Cathedral, or Little Flower. They will be published separately.)

Today we congratulate:

Sophie Rosenbaum **New Palestine High School**

Permission has now been granted for the homebound to receive Communion. If you are not able to attend Mass due to being over the age of 65 or immunocompromised, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, and every effort will be made to find someone to bring you Communion.

In order to keep our senior parishioners healthy and safe, the Adventuresome Group will not meet in June, July, or August due to the Coronavirus. Hopefully we **will** be able to meet in September.

YOUTH NEWS (grades 8 thru 12)

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

Our annual CYO day trip to King's Island is cancelled for this year. Although the park is reopening to the public on July 12th, prescreening, the closed-space bus trip, and an all-day mask requirement is going to make the trip difficult at best. Additionally, we cannot afford to reserve a bus that we may not be able to fill for a trip that could be cancelled at the last minute if the state requires additional closures or restrictions. We greatly regret the need for this decision, as this annual trip would have marked its 21st year!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of June 20 and 21	\$	7,317.95
Electronic Contributions 6/15-6/19	\$	8,145.34
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	685,068.20
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	704,600.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 19,531.80

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$	1,183.99
May Contributions	\$	2,053.65
June Contributions (to date)	\$	1,739.99



FESTIVAL NEWS

Dear Parish Family,

It is with a heavy heart that we must announce the cancellation of Summerfest 2020. The festival committee met last week to discuss the many factors that led to the final decision. Because festival planning (even on a smaller scale) needs to begin 4 to 5 months in advance, and given all of the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19 and the restrictions we may need to put in place, it was nearly impossible to plan for such an event. Below are some of the primary factors that led to the decision:

- The City of Indianapolis has suspended the issuance of Special Event Permits, and we were told they did not know when permit issuance would resume.
- The Indiana Gaming Commission has yet to respond to emails and phone calls regarding a gaming permit.
- If social distancing were to be mandated, it would be extremely difficult to manage and monitor.
- Volunteerism would be down due to concerns with the virus.
- The uncertainty of attendance numbers makes food planning very challenging.
- Most importantly, the safety and protection of our parish family and surrounding community is a high priority for us.

Because the proceeds from the festival were intended to fund a cooling system for the rectory, we are exploring another option to raise funds for that project.

We very much appreciate all of the kind words of support we have received over the past several months regarding the festival. We hope to be able to bring you a spectacular Summerfest in 2021!

Wishing everyone a healthy, happy summer,

Little Flower Festival Leadership Team

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, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Molly Hahn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, James Carr, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Dave Clegg, Verna Curtis, and Charlie Goodman.

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:

Agnes Nedeff
729 E. 57th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220



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.

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