

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we are celebrating First Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This week's First Communicants are:

Kenzie Kramer	Breda McGinley
Lainie Richardson	Sophie Whatley

Every year during the Easter Vigil we welcome new members into the Church through the Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This year, because of the pandemic, we were not able to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Therefore, we will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with our Elect this Saturday, August 29, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Amber Hudgins, Kinzy Kinser, Jakob Ballesteros, and Preston Ballesteros will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation. Neil Maynard has already been baptized Catholic, so he will be confirmed and receive first Eucharist. Finally, Richard Redell will be confirmed. Please pray for them in a special way this week.

Little Flower School opened on Thursday, August 13, with approximately 300 students. Families had the choice of in-person school or e-learning. Approximately 80% of our families chose in-person learning for their children. Once again, I want to thank the administration, faculty, and staff for all they did to prepare Little Flower to open safely. Special thanks to Steve Clegg and Jacob Comley and volunteers for all their hard work in preparing the school to open.

We have all heard that on August 4, a massive explosion rocked the city of Beirut, Lebanon, injuring more than 5,000 and killing more than 200. Officials are still evacuating residents, while trying to grasp the cost in human life and misery. Along with Caritas Lebanon, Catholic Relief Services is distributing emergency supplies, clearing rubble, and preparing medical and mental health teams for dispatch.

Archbishop Jose H. Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has encouraged dioceses to consider joining the effort in responding to this tragic event through prayer and donations. Archbishop Thompson also encourages parishes in the Archdiocese to voluntarily have a second collection for these recovery efforts on the weekend of August 29-30.

Therefore, there will be a second basket at all the doors of church next weekend, August 29-30, for your contributions. Also, for those who prefer to give online, please see the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin.

Finally, on a positive note, last Tuesday, August 18, was Peggy Clegg's birthday. If you get an opportunity, please wish her a belated happy birthday and thank her for everything she does for the parish. Although her title is Pastoral Associate for Health & Senior Ministries, Peggy does so much more for the parish, especially working with our Parish Life Commission and the *Invite* Commission. Peggy, belated happy birthday!

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

MASS INTENTIONS

For the Week of August 24 – 30, 2020

24	August	Monday	5:30 p.m.	James Gilday
25	August	Tuesday		No Mass
26	August	Wednesday		No Mass
27	August	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joe Bordenkecher by Steve and Katie Wright
28	August	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Steve Schmidt by BJ Schmidt
29	August	Saturday – Vigil of the 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	Carol Luken by Bill Luken
30	August	Sunday – The 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dottie Spalding by the McAtee Family For the People



We extend our condolences to *Mary Arvin* and to *Chris and Heather White* and their family on the death of Mary's brother-in-law and Heather's uncle,

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

GOLF OUTING

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The 21st Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be on Friday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m., at Pleasant Run Golf Course. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the decision not to do the lunch or gathering afterwards. The price for the golf outing will be \$60 per person this year. If you are interested in playing or for more information, please contact Jeff Lyons at 317-294-9242 or jeffly200@gmail.com.

	Readings for August 29 and 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Jeremiah 20: 7-9 Romans 12: 1-2 Matthew 16: 21-27
To read the readings on-line, go to http://usccb.org/bible/readings/083020.cfm	

Our SVDP has a small food pantry in the parish center and is in need of food to replenish its stock. We could use canned tuna, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, soup, instant potatoes, and rice. Please send your donation to the parish center, or you may drop it in the SVDP cart in the back of Church.

As mentioned in Fr. Bob's letter, we will hold a 2nd collection next weekend for the relief efforts in Beirut. If you would like to donate online, you may do so on our website, <http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/donation-opportunities/>. Click On-line Donation Page, and enter your donation in the space for Beirut Relief.



Trash Bag Sales: Ready for your fall projects? Our school trash bag fundraiser forms are in this week's bulletin! Proceeds from sales pay for field trips, class experiences, teaching enrichment, scholarships, and more. Trash bags are \$12 per roll and made in Indiana from Indiana recyclables. Forms along with payment (cash or check made payable to "Little Flower PTO") are due at the school or parish center by Thursday, September 10 or in the collection basket by September 6. Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!

World Day of Prayer for Creation Care
September 1, 2020
Holy Spirit Church

Pope Francis has proclaimed September 1 as World Day of Prayer for all Creation. You are invited to join us to pray for our world at 7 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. We will observe social distancing and face masks will be required and available. Please enter the Church at the East door near the back parking lot. All are welcome!

"Could You Spend One Hour With Me?"

What? - I am looking for five Little Flower volunteers to begin a Congregational Partner Commitment with I.U. Health and Little Flower parish. We will connect with discharged patients for up to one hour per week by phone. The patients will be from the Little Flower zip code areas.

How? - There will be 12 hours of companionship training via zoom, cell phone, or computer sessions from I.U. Health. You will be competent to listen to patients' needs and concerns and will be able to help navigate systems and connect patients to community resources and networks.

When? - As soon as our five volunteers have been identified we will begin training. After our training has been completed we will start our first six month run of the program. During this time both partners will evaluate how it is going and see if we want to continue for another run.

Where? - This can all be done from your home using a smart phone or computer capable of zoom meetings.

If you are interested, please contact Chris Arvin, 317-270-2930.



The Ladies Club will have their first meeting on **Thursday, September 3, at 7 p.m.** Our first few meetings will be outdoors, weather permitting. We will meet on the lawn between the school and Parish

Center. Everyone bring your own refreshments, drinks, and lawn chair if you can (face masks optional outdoors).

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of August 15 and 16	\$	5,437.00
Electronic Contributions 8/10 – 8/14	\$	2,794.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	88,490.63
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	91,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,509.37

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	1,930.32
July Contributions	\$	1,847.07
August Contributions (to date)	\$	1,283.99



The next **Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until November.

"Chillin' with Fr. Bob" 

Thanks to all who have donated so far to our special "Chillin' with Fr. Bob" campaign to help fund the rectory cooling project. Early estimates for the cost of this project range from \$70,000 - \$90,000. We will provide a weekly report of the progress of this campaign in The Theresean.

Total donations as of August 16 bulletin	\$	25,939.00
Donations received last week	\$	4,705.00
Total donations to date	\$	30,644.00

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, 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, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Dave Clegg, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless and Catherine McKenna-Sexton.

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 St, Indianapolis, IN 46220
(Agnes was 100 on 8/18/2020.)



Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.

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.