

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,

At the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass, we welcome Father Jim Bonke as celebrant and homilist. Fr. Jim is a retired priest of the Archdiocese with whom I worked closely at the Tribunal. He served as Defender of the Bond. I will be celebrating a wedding at St. Christopher Parish on Saturday.

This Monday, September 7, is Labor Day, the traditional holiday end of summer. Our Labor Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Both the parish office and school will be closed.

I would encourage all those who are able to attend Mass on Monday. Labor Day celebrates the contribution of workers to the common good of our society and the prosperity our country enjoys even in the midst of the pandemic. However, as we thank God for the economic blessings we enjoy, we need to pray for all those who are now unemployed, furloughed, or working reduced hours or with reduced wages or whose work places them in greater danger of contracting COVID.

Little Flower School opened on Thursday, August 13. Usually we begin the school year with Mass within the first couple of days of opening. Because of COVID-19, this year we chose to wait until after Labor Day before bringing students to Mass. Our school opening Mass will be this Thursday, September 10, at 9:30 a.m. Grades 6-8 will attend in-person. Mass will be live streamed to the other grades. The opening Mass will be a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit.

Recently we received a grant from the Center for Congregations here in Indianapolis. The Connect Through Tech grant was made available so that churches could purchase technology to live-stream their services. Through this grant we received enough to purchase a new laptop computer, a camera with multiple capabilities, an audio interface, and software. After many hours of watching instructional videos, testing, and trial and error, we recently began using the new equipment. Prior to that, our live-streamed Masses were done with an iPhone and an extra speaker connected to our regular sound system. We are confident that the new equipment will enable us to stream with improved video and sound quality.

Last Sunday as we were about to stream our first Sunday Mass with the new equipment, an unrelated issue with our internet server made it impossible to stream the Mass at all. We apologize for the inconvenience to those who are unable or uncomfortable attending Mass in person at this time. We hope this was a one-time issue.

Tuesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This 5th century feast marks the anniversary of the dedication of a basilica in Jerusalem built, according to tradition, over the home of St. Anne, the mother of Mary.

The bishops of the United States have designated this Wednesday, September 9, as a day of prayer and fasting. Wednesday is the feast of St. Peter Claver, a Spanish Jesuit who went to Colombia and ministered to black slaves for 38 years, including baptizing over 300,000 people. On this day, Mass and prayer will focus on St. Peter Claver, racism, and human equality. This day of prayer and fasting is connected to the Church's social teaching on racism.

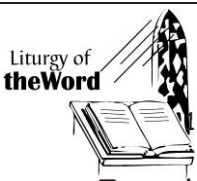
Friday, September 11, we remember all those who lost their lives or were injured and their families on September 11, 2001. We also remember all the First Responders who lost their lives or became ill and their families as a result of 9/11. It is important that we never forget that day.

Recently we made this year's palm from Palm Sunday available. If anyone has palm from previous years and would like to dispose of it, please return it to church or to the office. It will be burned, and the ashes will be collected for Ash Wednesday.

Chris Arvin, our deacon candidate, has volunteered to be a lead connector as part of a new charity outreach program. The mission of IU Health Congregational Partnerships is to improve community health outcomes by forging relationships between faith communities and health care providers in Marion County. Little Flower parish has been identified as a possible partner to minister to patients in our community and help them connect with assets in our neighborhood that care about their health and well being. We can only do this if we have others who will volunteer to help. Please read the bulletin for more information and, if you are interested, contact Chris.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for September 12 & 13
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 27:30-28:7
 Romans 14: 7-9
 Matthew 18: 31-35

To read the readings on-line, go to
<http://uscgb.org/bible/readings/091320.cfm>

Our Sympathy We extend our condolences to Peggy Clegg, Paul & Sandy Clegg, and Steve & Amy Clegg on the death their brother/brother-in-law **David Clegg**. Please keep all of David's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome David into his eternal glory.



MASS Schedule

For the Week of September 7 - 13, 2020

07	September	Monday
	9:30 a.m.	Fr. Jerry Kirkoff
08	September	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Ed Galluzzi by Paula Ramos
09	September	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Katie White by Family & Friends
10	September	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	Bernard Riedeman by Ron & Diane Sharp
11	September	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	No Mass
12	September	Saturday – Vigil of the 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Deette Bennett by Bill & Laura Fleak
13	September	Sunday – The 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Fane Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the People



The parish office
will be closed on
Monday, September 7,
for Labor Day.



Congratulations to Debbie Burks, a current parishioner and former staff member of Little Flower, who retired on Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Debbie spent the last 33 years working within the Catholic School system starting at Little Flower (14 years), then on to St. Susanna (7 years), and most recently at Marian University (12 years). Congratulations to Debbie as she enters into this most deserved journey.



First Communion

On Sunday, September 13, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, five of our First Communicants will receive First Eucharist. They are:

Leslie Gallardo Eleanor Wade Jillian Wade

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

"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 30 bulletin	\$ 33,444.00
Donations received last week	\$ 2,225.00
Total donations to date	\$ 35,669.00



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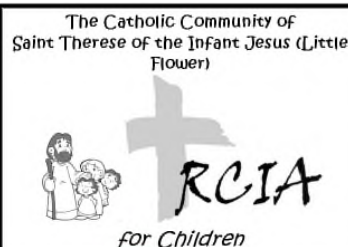
The 21st Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be on Friday, September 11, at 10:30 a.m., at Pleasant Run Golf Course.

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.

Trash Bag Sales: Ready for your fall projects? Little Flower PTO is selling trash bags. Proceeds from sales pay for field trips, class experiences, teacher enrichment, scholarships, and more. Forms can be found on the parish and school websites. 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!



Classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are available to adults who want to learn more about the Catholic faith. **Due to COVID-19 our classes will be delayed this year.** However, if you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or just wanting to know more about our faith, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org so we can put your name on our contact list when classes resume or if you have any questions.



RCIA for Children is open to all children between the ages of 9 and 17 who have not been baptized or who are baptized in another Christian denomination. These classes are

designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Whether your family is just entering the Church, or returning to practice of the Catholic faith, or you delayed your child's sacramental preparation, all are welcome. If you have a child that needs to receive the sacraments, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.





Religious Education News

Little Flower will offer Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We are working on a plan to meet in person or virtually. Please watch the bulletin for more information or call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



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\$1,000!**

FIRST DRAWING SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

**Scecina Memorial High School's
Raffle for the Booster Club
16 chances to win! 2 drawings for \$1,000!**

Get your tickets at St. Francis Hall (east of the main school building), the Athletic office, or at www.scecina.org/booster.

"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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of August 29 and 30	\$	4,477.00
Electronic Contributions 8/24-8/28	\$	2,864.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	112,425.31
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	117,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 4,574.69

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	1,930.32
July Contributions	\$	1,847.07
August Contributions	\$	1,990.65

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, Denise Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Molly Hahn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, 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:

Floretta Burton

Westminster Village

11050 Presbyterian Drive #3308, Indianapolis, IN 46236



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.

News from Scecina Memorial High School

Pray. Protect. Partner. Personalize.

Over the summer, the Scecina Memorial High School community developed a Value Proposition – a promise to ourselves and our community. We made our promise to pray, protect, partner, and personalize. That document continues to guide every step of our school reopening efforts. You can read the whole document by going to www.scecina.org/our-promise.

Applications for Admission

Applications for the Class of 2025 will be available soon!

Scholarships for 8th graders

Scecina is pleased to offer several scholarships for incoming freshmen. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit www.scecina.org/scholarships.

Athletics

Scecina's sports seasons have started, and we know everyone is eager to attend and cheer on the Crusaders. Following Marion County Public Health Department guidelines, the Scecina Athletic Department has developed protocols to keep spectators safe at games and contests. Check out our sports page at www.scecina.org/athletics for more information about the protocols and about purchasing tickets to football games.

Admissions

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Ellen Walsh

Assistant Director of Admissions

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Dear Little Flower Family,

If you are not already aware, we have been planning an improvement project to make the main floor of the parish center accessible to those with physical limitations. Funding for this project is from a generous donation made to the parish several years ago with this particular improvement in mind. After much planning, scheduling, and communication with an architect, the Building and Grounds Committee, and general contractors, we are finally ready to begin construction.

Demolition will begin within the next week or two. The project is expected to take two to three months to complete. We plan to keep the parish center open during this time. However, there will be some restrictions and changes on the grounds:

- A construction dumpster will occupy several parking spaces behind the parish center. This will leave very limited parking for the parish staff during the week, and it will eliminate some handicap spaces for weekend Masses.
- Visitors will only be able to access the parish center via door #11, which is on the north side of the building nearest the school.
- Jeannie Zimmerman's (parish secretary) office has moved across the hall. Angie Mackell is now on the upper level.
- If demolition makes it difficult for Jeannie to hear on the phone, we may set up the main parish line to go directly to an auto-attendant where callers can simply enter the extension of the person they are trying to reach.
- There may be restrictions accessing the Bosart-side church door from one side of the ramp; however, the other side of the ramp and the door will be available.

When the project is complete, there will be a new ramp system on the south side of the parish center. There will also be two accessible bathrooms on the main level. The landscaping around the area between the parish center and the church will be redesigned.

Thank you in advance for your patience while we make these long-awaited improvements so that we may better serve all of you.

Happy New School Year, from Cathedral High School!

Some of the typical events that make up our school year will be looking different this year. We are not scheduling shadow visits at this time. However parents are encouraged to reach out for individual tours. Further, we are introducing a number of virtual events to help you get to know Cathedral. We encourage you to explore all that Cathedral has to offer by visiting our website gocathedral.com.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on the following Saturdays this fall: October 3, November 7 and December 5. All tests begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. All parents are encouraged to join us for an information session/tour while your student is taking the test. Preregister by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

Evening of Excellence

Cathedral High School's Evening of Excellence will celebrate this year's successes, honor the Circle of Excellence inductees, and allow guests to contribute to the 2020-21 Cathedral Fund. Cathedral Fund gifts are utilized to provide tuition assistance, classroom equipment, support areas of greatest need, teacher development, athletics, and the arts. The Evening of Excellence is Thursday, October 1, at 5 p.m. at Cathedral High School. Find out more and register today at gocathedral.com/eveningofexcellence.

Application Deadlines

Apply by October 1 and you will receive your admissions decision by Thanksgiving! Regular admission applications are due by December 15. Please go to gocathedral.com/apply to begin the application process.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid applications can be submitted as early as October 1. Go to gocathedral.com/tuitionassistance. If applying for early admission and want your Financial Aid (FA) estimate, FA applications need to be submitted no later than October 31. Regular admission applications need to be submitted no later than December 15.

Virtual Opportunities

- Financial Aid Q & A! October 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Cathedral Virtual Open House! Join us November 12, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

To register please visit gocathedral.com/admissions

Personalized Tours

Please sign up for individual tours through our website, gocathedral.com/admissions, to schedule. These are being offered frequently and are in lieu of other on campus events.

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