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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. Larry Richardt for the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass and the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Larry is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who is an excellent homilist. I very much appreciate his willingness to come this weekend.

The Little Flower Novena will continue Monday through Thursday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 1, is the Feast of St. Therese. There will be an All-School Mass on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Because of Covid, several grades will attend in person, and several grades will watch the live stream of the Mass.

The Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena will be Thursday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. The Solemn Closing will consist of the traditional procession with the relic of St. Therese with those preparing for First Communion dropping rose petals, the novena prayers, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope that many of you will make a special effort to attend.

We will also celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses next weekend, October 3 and 4.

Tuesday, September 29, is the Feast of Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael Archangels. Michael means "Who is like God?" Gabriel means "God's Strength." Raphael means "God's Remedy." All three are mentioned in the Bible. References to Michael can be found in the Book of Daniel 10: 13 & 21 and 12:1, the Letter of Jude 1:9, and the Book of Revelation 12:7. References to Gabriel can be found in the Book of Daniel 8:16 & 9:21 and in the Gospel of Luke 1:19 & 26. Finally, references to Raphael are found throughout the Book of Tobit: *"So Raphael was sent to heal them both: to remove the cataracts from Tobit's eyes, so that he might again see God's sunlight; and to marry Raguel's daughter Sarah to Tobit's son Tobiah, and then drive the wicked demon Asmodeus from her"* [3:17].

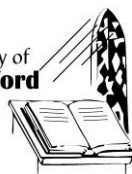
Friday, October 2, is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. The Guardian Angel prayer was the very first prayer I learned in first grade.

Saturday, October 3, which was formerly the Feast of St. Therese, is now the Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guerin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence in Terre Haute and the principal patroness of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. She is the only Indiana saint.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

Liturgy of
the Word



Readings for October 3 and 4
Next weekend we will use special readings as celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all weekend Masses.
I Kings 19: 11-13a
I Corinthians 1:26-31;
Matthew 18:1-4



MASS Schedule

For the Week of September 28 – October 4, 2020

28 September	Monday
5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
29 September	Tuesday
9:30 a.m.	Vicky Spalding by Bob & Bobbie Lawless
5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
30 September	Wednesday
5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
01 October	Thursday
9:30 a.m.	Verna Curtis by Ladies Club
5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
02 October	Friday
5:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for Janet Commiskey, Happy Anniversary by Paul Commiskey
03 October	Saturday – Vigil of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.	Patricia Reese and Family by Nancy Reese Arce
04 October	Sunday – The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m.	Sr. Juliann Babcock by Mary Martha & Tom Costello
6:00 p.m.	For the People



PET BLESSING

On **Saturday, October 3**, we will have our annual **Blessing of Pets** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. Face masks and social distancing will be required. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the grassy area between the church and the school (Bosart lawn).

'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 September 20 bulletin	\$ 40,944.00
Donations received last week	\$ 900.00
Total donations to date	\$ 41,844.00

The annual Parish Appreciation brunch and celebration, which would normally take place near the Feast of St. Therese, has been cancelled this year. The Stewardship Commission is working on alternative ways to show our appreciation for all you do for our parish. Stay safe and healthy!

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



One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the annual novena to St. Therese. The novena continues this week, Monday through Wednesday, in church at 5:30 p.m. The service will consist of novena prayers, a reflection, and a Communion Service. The Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 1, and will include Benediction rather than a Communion Service.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of October 3/October 4.

At this time, we plan to live stream the novena service each day and make the novena prayers available on-line on our website. The novena prayers can be found at <http://www.littleflowerparish.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NOVENA-for-web-revised-2020.pdf>

With heavy hearts we must announce the cancellation of Little Flower School's All-Class Reunion for this year. Because the primary purpose of the reunion is to socialize, reminisce, and catch up with fellow alumni, it did not make sense to plan an event where social distancing measures must be incorporated. We care very much about the health and safety of our alumni. We hope to make the 2021 All-Class Reunion a wonderful celebration!

In honor of St. Therese and her "Little Way," we are asking our parishioners to donate time, talent, and treasure. The Invite Commission will accept non-perishable food and/or monetary donations at the front of Church on Saturday, October 3, 2020, from 1:00-3:00 PM. These items will be distributed from 1:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, October 4, 2020. If you wish to donate prior to October 3, drop off at the Parish Center. Questions? Contact Cindy Woods at 317-408-6396 or woodsycww@yahoo.com.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of September 19 & 20	\$	6,263.00
Electronic Contributions 9/14 – 9/18	\$	8,639.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	151,237.43
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	156,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$ -	4,762.57

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	1,847.07
August Contributions	\$	1,990.65
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,918.99

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 46201



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.



According to Indy Hunger Network's 2017 Unmet Need Study, food insecurity affects one out of every five people in Indianapolis. The study also found community members were not using food pantries due to the lack of information to locate a food pantry. It also found individuals and families were not enrolling into SNAP/WIC benefits because of ineligibility concerns. One of the problems facing people who are food insecure is knowing where to turn for assistance. Finding nutritious, readily available food shouldn't be hard. That is why the Indy Hunger Network created **Community Compass**, a free and easy app designed to show people where they can find food assistance in Marion County.

With Community Compass, people can find free meal locations, free groceries, food-related events, and information on WIC, SNAP, and other programs. If you have a smart phone, you can download the Community Compass app. If you don't have a smart phone, you can text "hi" to 317-434-3758 to find assistance. Questions? Visit indyhunger.org/compass and watch instructional videos.

St. Vincent de Paul urgently needs volunteers at our Food Pantry as members of the National Guard will end their temporary, six month deployment at the end of September. We are so grateful to the National Guard who have filled a critical gap and provided the workforce needed to keep our Food Pantry open. We have seen dramatic drops in volunteers and cannot continue effectively without more help. SVdP is eager to welcome volunteers regularly to safely distribute food to our neighbors.

We have adapted our operations to prioritize the safety of volunteers and provide food to those in need while following public health guidelines. We need help packing food boxes, repackaging produce and meat, and loading boxes in cars. Won't you please answer the call to help us love our neighbors during this unsettling time? Sign up today at <http://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/#time>. Should you have a group wanting to help or have questions, contact Darlene Sweeney at dsweeney@svdpindy.org.

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