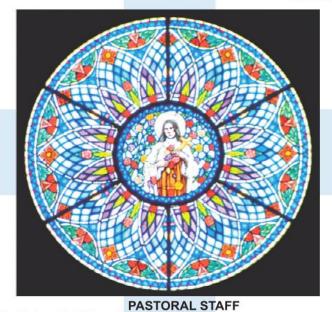
ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Mass Saturday: 5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 PARISH CENTER 317-357-5316 Fax 317-322-7702 SCHOOL 317-353-2282 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 are celebrating the Feast of St. Therese. Her actual feast day is October 1. This is the third date for her feast. Her feast was originally on September 30, the anniversary of her death in 1897. From 1927 to 1969, her feast day was on October 3. One of the reasons for this date was because October 1 was not available because of the then current liturgical calendar. One website suggested that it was moved to October 1 because of an ancient custom of celebrating a saint's entry into heaven on the day following her death.

As you can see, construction to make the parish center handicapped accessible has begun. You may remember that this project was completely funded by Phil and Betty Caito who generously provided for Little Flower in their estate planning. Betty was very much in favor of using their initial gift for this project. During construction, the only accessible door to the parish center will be the north door (Door 11). We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the construction.

Religious Ed for children in kindergarten through 8th grade who attend public schools will begin Sunday, October 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We will meet in person on most Sundays through mid-April.

I have previously mentioned the importance of formal religious education for children. During second grade, children celebrate the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. First Communion is one of the highlights in the faith life of children. However, it is imperative that they be well prepared to receive these sacraments. Although specific sacramental preparation takes place during second grade, we do not believe that they can be adequately prepared during second grade if they have not had formal religious education in first grade.

Therefore, a child will be expected to have attended religious education for two years (first and second grade) before receiving First Eucharist and Reconciliation. If you have any questions or concerns about this or to register, please contact Lisa Gibbons, our director of sacramental preparation.

I am happy to report that Little Flower was able to purchase four AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) through an Archdiocesan Home Mission Grant. There is one in the church, one in the gym, one in the cafeteria, and one in the Parish Center. Part of the money given to us from this grant is to be used for CPR/AED training. There will be a training session on Saturday, October 24. Please see more information elsewhere in the bulletin. I would like to encourage anyone who is a hospitality minister or involved with athletics as a coach or volunteer to take advantage of this free class.

On a less happy note, Little Flower School had its first positive COVID test this week. Through discussion with the Marion County Health Department, it was determined that one class would quarantine at home for 14 days. During that time, the teacher will do distance learning with her class from her home. According to the MCHD, there is no reason at this time to quarantine any other students or staff. Also, our cleaning company has done a deep clean and sanitation with EnviroShield EnviroCleanse, an EPA-approved disinfectant, of the classroom and the restrooms.

This past Monday the Archdiocese has once again reminded us of the importance of face masks in church. It is the policy of the Archdiocese that parishioners wear masks in church where required by civil authorities. In addition, the Archdiocese noted that the use of face masks "may become increasingly important as greater numbers return to our worship spaces." If you attend Mass at Little Flower, please wear a face mask whenever you are in church.

October 4 is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis is one of the most popular Catholic saints. Because October 4 is a Sunday this year, we do not celebrate the feast. Please pray for the living and deceased Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg. Oldenburg Franciscans staffed Little Flower School from its beginning until approximately 1990. When I was in school, we always had a free day on October 4. We celebrated our annual pet blessing on Saturday, October 3.

Wednesday, October 7, is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is one of the principal devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When those of us who are older were growing up, there were three sets of mysteries: the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. St. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries: the Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



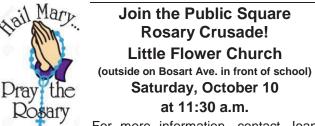
For the Week of October 5 - 11, 2020

05	October	Monday		
	5:30 p.m.	Mildred Mauer		
06	October	Tuesday		
	9:30 a.m.	Elsa Vian by Paula Ramos & Angel Adorey		
07	October	October Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Barbara Rose Hart by Charles Sinclair		
08	October	Thursday		
	9:30 a.m.	Frances Alvarado by Ladies Club		
09	October	Friday		
	5:30 p.m.	Steve Schmidt by BJ Schmidt		
10	October	Saturday – Vigil of the 28 th Sunday in		
		Ordinary Time		
	5:00 p.m.	JoAnn Morris by the Downs Family		
04	October	Sunday – The 28 th Sunday in Ordinary		
		Time		
	9:30 a.m.	Bryan Cuppy by Donna & Thomas Kemp		
	6:00 p.m.	For the People		

"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 27 bulletin	\$ 41,844.00
Donations received last week	<u>\$ 1,066.41</u>
Total donations to date	\$ 42,910.41



For more information, contact Joan Bullock at 317-727-1167. Please bring a mask and a chair if you are unable to stand. Dress for the weather.





Readings for October 10 and 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25: 6-10a Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

To read the readings on-line, go to: https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101120.cfm.



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be Sunday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot. All safety precautions will be observed. Face masks will be required. Those successfully donating will receive the

Covid 19 antibody test. In order for this to be a successful drive, we need 15 donations. Please schedule your donation appointment at the following link:

https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/134960

Due to Covid donations are down. Please consider donating. REMEMBER when you give blood you give someone another chance! Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 X106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP COP Your Gifts of Treasure		R
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of September 26 & 27	\$	4,600.00
Electronic Contributions 9/21 – 9/25	\$	3,134.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	158,971.77
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget		169,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 10,028.23
Home Improvement Fu	nd	
July Contributions	\$	1,847.07
August Contributions		1,990.65
September Contributions (to date)	\$	2,121.32



St. Vincent de Paul urgently needs volunteers at our Food Pantry as the members of the leeded National Guard deployment has ended. We need help packing food boxes, repackaging produce and meat, and loading boxes in cars. We have adapted our operations to prioritize the safety of volunteers and provide food to those in need while following public health guidelines. Won't you please answer the call to help us love our neighbors during this unsettling time? Sign up today at http://www.svdpindy.org/iwant-to-help/#time. Should you have a group wanting to help or have questions, contact Darlene Sweeney at dsweeney@svdpindy.org.



Dear Friends in Christ, On behalf of the entire Moriarty family, we wish to extend our gracious thanks to you for

remembering us at the time of our father's death. Whether you did so with having a Mass said, participating in the visitation and funeral, donating to Bishop Simon Brute College Seminary or sending flowers, we are most grateful. Dad lived a long, full, beautiful life and we are grateful for his fatherly presence to us and to so many others. Dad taught us much about God the father in heaven by the way he (dad) loved here on earth. Be assured of our prayers for all of you who are dad's extended family and friends, and once again, thank, you for remembering us. Dad (Pat) is in our hearts forever!

Peace to you, and all good things. Fr. Joe and the Moriarty Clan

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, 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:

Mary Jo Campbell 1055 N Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219



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.



St. Vincent de Paul Announces Virtual Struttin' Our Stuff Event

Although we are not able to have the event as we originally envisioned, we're pleased to announce that we will be able to offer the silent auction component as usual. We have many exciting items to offer this year.

Please mark your calendar for **Friday**, **October 16**, when bidding will open for more than 150 unique items. Bidding will continue through **Friday**, **October 23**. Learn more and register to bid at <u>www.svdpindy.org/fashion</u> beginning on **October 10**. Check back regularly for updates – new auction items will be added every day.

The online auction site will include an option to make a donation. In lieu of your attendance, please consider donating the amount you would have spent on tickets to the event. These proceeds will go directly to support SVdP's programs. You may donate online when registration begins on **October 10**.

If you have any questions about the event, please contact Jenny Matthews, 317-289-3324, jmattbogey@gmail.com, or Mary Ann Klein, 317-796-6325, klein.jm@yahoo.com. Thank you for your understanding of these changes. We appreciate your continued generosity and support of St. Vincent de Paul.



Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival 5333 E. Washington Street

One Night Only! Saturday, October 10, from 6 PM - 9 PM \$5,000 Raffle Grand Prize, \$1000 Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction, Shot Clinic, Live Music by Off the Hook, Food and Drinks. Social distancing and other safety precautions will be in place. More info at <u>www.ollindy.org/festival</u> or on Facebook @ollfallfest Gaming License #002098



The kids of Little Flower's Cub Scout Pack 126 are excited to get back to scouting this fall. Like everything, there will be some changes in how we deliver the program. All events this fall will be held outdoors to encourage safe distancing. We will focus on outdoor activities like hiking in various parks around the area. The

Pack will meet for regular meetings every other Tuesday at 6 PM, weather permitting. Pack 126 has been proud to operate out of Little Flower Parish for over sixty years. We have seen a number of changes in our community in that time. Scouts are now for any boys and girls between Kindergarten and 5th grade. We welcome any children in the area who are looking to be a part of the Pack. We encourage parental involvement although it isn't required above second grade. For more information see our new website, <u>https://lfscouts126.org/</u>, or follow us on Facebook @LFPack126 for updates. And look for popcorn sales coming soon!

Watch next weekend's bulletin for your opportunity to help feed a family in need for Thanksgiving.

In order to keep all of our senior parishioners safe and healthy, the **Adventuresome Group** will **NOT** meet in October. Hopefully we will be able to meet in November or December!

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW_

Little Flower received an Archdiocesan Home Mission grant for four AEDs to use in our buildings. Part of the grant money includes training parishioners on how to do CPR and use the AEDs. The training class usually costs \$45.00, but we are able to offer it free with money received from the grant. The class will be on **Saturday, October 24, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.** It is highly recommended that any Hospitality Ministers or anyone involved in athletics as coaches or volunteers take advantage of this free class. You never know when you might be called upon to help save someone's life. Class size is limited, so if you want to attend, please contact Jeannie Zimmerman at jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x 103 ASAP. Registration deadline is October 15.

There will be a prayer service at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Tuesday, October 13, at 7 p.m. The special intention is for Msgr. Paul Koetter's healing.



Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays in Little Flower School from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., beginning October 25, 2020 through mid-April 2021. If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u>, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

We are enrolling children in our Sacrament Program for children in 2nd grade who need to receive First Eucharist and Reconciliation. If your child attends public school, they will prepare for the sacraments during Sunday Religious Education. Children attending Little Flower School will prepare at school.

First Reconciliation will be Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m. First Communion will be Sunday, April 25, 2021, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

If you have not registered your child to prepare for these sacraments, please contact Lisa at the parish center.

Baptism is required. If you have not had your child baptized, please contact Peggy Clegg in the parish office at 317-357-8352 or email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. You will need to attend a **Baptism Class** prior to your child's baptism. The next baptism class is Monday, November 9, at 7 p.m. We would like <u>all baptisms completed by November</u>.

We are here to help you in this process and are very excited to be a part of this journey of faith for you and your child. If you have any questions, or to register, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Live the Gospel of

"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps" The Gospel of Life



Civil Dialogue: A response to Jesus' call to love our neighbor

Jesus uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to answer a question that is both searing and simple: "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10: 29). Our familiarity with this parable makes it easy for us now to identify as "neighbor" those on the margins of our society such as those experiencing homelessness or poverty. But how often do we see our neighbor in the person who disagrees with us?

As Catholics, our strong tradition of social teaching compels us to be actively engaged in the building up of our communities. This is achieved by being involved in the political process—and yet today, many shy away from such involvement because our national and local conversations are filled with vitriol and harsh language, often directed at people themselves. When personal attacks replace honest debate, no one wins. This kind of attack, no matter the reason, only serves to further divide our communities.

What is needed is good, honest, civil dialogue. This means that we must treat everyone as worthy of being at the table, worthy of our respect, and worthy of being heard. In short, it means treating everyone as our neighbor.

We undermine our commitment to human life and dignity when we fail to see the dignity of those who have a different viewpoint. We must detach from the bitterness that surrounds us and seek a better path. A commitment to civil dialogue



can help us make real and authentic human connections, which breaks down the barriers that divide us.

Engaging in civil dialogue can help our faith communities create a new space to model love for our neighbors and respect for the dignity of all.

Tips for Engaging in Civil Dialogue:

- Listen first and seek to understand the whole picture.
- 2. Ask questions for clarification.
- Use 'I' statements; pay attention to body language.
- Listen to what feelings are present and pay attention to how you respond.
- Summarize what you've heard and ask for feedback.

Civil dialogue can best be defined as the ability to enter meaningful conversation with people whose viewpoints may be different from our own, who have a different background or experiences, or who come to a different conclusion about the best way to promote the common good. We enter into civil dialogue because we want to build a community that is rooted in understanding one another. God's love for each person requires us to remember that someone who disagrees with us is still a beloved child of God who deserves our love, respect, and care.

An important ingredient to civil dialogue is commitment to the truth. While respecting the dignity of all, we acknowledge that not all viewpoints are equally valid. We have the responsibility to speak truth with love. In addition, all who exercise their freedom of speech have an obligation to ensure that they come to conclusions based on data from credible and reputable sources, and that care is taken to avoid seeking the truth selectively, that is, only when it is convenient to us.

Civil dialogue is different than remaining silent in the face of disagreement. Listening to opposing views is a part of seeking clarity and can be a creative process. In civil dialogue, all are invited to bring and share their values, beliefs, and questions. We seek first to understand how our views on a topic are different and why. We ask questions to be sure we understand one another. In thinking critically about how we arrived at our own view points and listening to the experiences of others, we can sometimes arrive at new understanding and even find common ground.

Pope Francis has remarked, "Dialogue allows people to know and understand one another's needs. Above all, it is a sign of great respect, because it puts the person into a stance of listening, and into a condition of being receptive to the speaker's best viewpoints. Secondly, dialogue is an expression of charity because, while not ignoring differences, it can help us investigate and share the common good. Moreover, dialogue invites us to place ourselves before the other, seeing him or her as a gift of God, and as someone who calls upon us and asks to be acknowledged."ⁱ

ⁱ Pope Francis, Jubilee Audience at St. Peter's Square, October 22, 2016. Just like any authentic human connection, the process of dialogue is complicated, often uncomfortable, and requires vulnerability and trust. We must rely on our faith in Christ who taught us that everyone is truly our neighbor. Promoting civil discourse is one way we can put this teaching into action.

Interested in learning more about civil dialogue or about how your community can engage in civil dialogue more often? Join USCCB's *Civilize It* Campaign to help promote dignity beyond the debate. A version of this campaign was first implemented by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and is a call for all people to civilize our conversations. Visit civilizeit.org for more information, to take the pledge, or plan an opportunity for civil dialogue in your community.

If you are part of a group looking to create an opportunity for civil dialogue in your community, it may be helpful to consider these questions:

- Is our intention to facilitate greater understanding, or merely win a debate?
- 2. Whose voices are we including? Whose are missing? Who else should be invited to the conversation?
- 3. How can we remember our shared human dignity and deescalate the situation when we feel ourselves become tense?
- 4. What guidelines could the group set together that will keep the conversation centered on dialogue instead of debate, and honor the dignity of all people present?



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