

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,

Today is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God: “the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.”

Because of COVID, like every family and community, our Little Flower Family has had a difficult year. For several weeks, we were not able to have Mass in person, including Holy Week and Easter. Likewise, for a period of time, we were not able to celebrate funeral Masses or weddings. Even when we could, numbers were limited. For the most part, Peggy Clegg and I have not been able to visit the hospitalized except in emergencies and not always even in emergencies. We had to give up events that bring us together, such as coffee and donuts and the Adventuresome Group. Likewise, we did not have a festival this year. This fall we could not hold our usual Appreciation Breakfast or the All-Class Reunion. Every area of parish life has been negatively impacted by the coronavirus.

At the same time, you have been incredibly generous with your weekly parish support, the Annual Fund, Chillin’ with Fr. Bob, and Thanksgiving and Christmas help. The parish staff and I are extremely grateful for all your support during these challenging months. I can only offer Shakespeare’s words in *Twelfth Night*: “I can no other answer make but thanks, And thanks, and ever thanks....”

At the same time, I know that a few parishioners feel that since COVID, all we do is ask for money. With all the things we have lost this past year, I can understand your feelings. Although there is light at the end of the tunnel because of the vaccines, it will be some time before we are able to return to a new normal. Please feel free to email me with any questions or suggestions you may have for things you think we could be doing now. I will give your emails careful consideration. My email address is frbob@littleflowerparish.org.

Also, because of COVID, we have been limited in what we have been able to offer by way of continuing religious education and formation for adults. Therefore, as I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, at least partially because of all of our COVID restrictions and at the recommendation of our *Invite* Commission, the parish recently purchased a one-year subscription to Formed for the entire parish. Formed offers thousands of books, audio talks, movies, documentaries, and studies to help us grow in our faith. Although you are encouraged to take advantage of Formed as individuals and families, the *Invite* Commission will host *The Search* as an online parish faith event during Lent. However, to participate, you first need to register. Please register and begin exploring and using what Formed has to offer. This week’s bulletin contains a flyer explaining how to sign up online for Formed and an introduction to *The Search*.

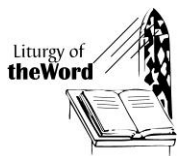
Next Sunday begins Catholic Schools Week. In lieu of our traditional in-person Open House, we are hosting two Virtual Open House events next Sunday, January 31, at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. This will be a good opportunity to get an introduction to Little Flower Catholic School and meet next year’s teachers. Current school families and new families welcome! The first will be geared to the parents of current students; the second will be geared to the parents of prospective students. Advance registration is required. Visit <https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org> to register. We especially invite all parishioners with young children to register.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our sympathy to Jeanine Adkins, Mike Haigerty, Arlene Foust, and their families on the death of Jeanine’s brother and Mike & Arlene’s uncle **Tom Haigerty**. Please keep all of Tom’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Tom into his eternal glory.



**Readings for January 30 and 31
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
I Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/013121.cfm>

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations.



Part-Time Maintenance Assistant

We currently have a part-time daytime position (approximately 25 hours per week) for a highly motivated person to fill an immediate opening. Position will include general maintenance and light custodial work of all parish buildings and grounds. Applicant should have general knowledge of maintenance and custodial duties related to school and church buildings. Applicant will work in conjunction with Maintenance Director and night cleaning contractor to maintain Little Flower’s campus. Applicant must be able to do heavy work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning. Previous work experience in maintenance preferred.

This position could be ideal for a handy person who is retired and looking for something part time to stay busy.

Interested persons should email information to Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org.

your attention please

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.



For the Week of January 25 - 31, 2021

25	January	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Charles L. Clifford
26	January	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Gary Alspaugh by Joan and Jerry Bullock
27	January	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Jim Boyle by Mike Boyle
28	January	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Sullivan by Ladies Club
29	January	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Joe Ellis by Ron and Diane Sharp
30	January	Saturday – Vigil of the 4 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	Daniel Leszczynski by the Leszczynski Family
31	January	Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	James Priller by Jerry St. Amand & the Priller Family
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

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, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Joe Clegg, Mary Skinner, Carol Freeland, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Lourdes Riedeman, and the Forestal Family.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Harry and Betty Heidleberger
1309 N Parker Avenue, 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.

Christopher Torzewski, currently deployed in the United States Army.

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.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 1, 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 April.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of January 16 and 17	\$	4,505.45
Electronic Contributions 1/11 to 11/15	\$	6,541.84
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	377,912.38
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	377,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD	\$	912.38

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,096.65
December Contributions	\$	2,619.32
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,578.99

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 1/14)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		98
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	24,645.00

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2021

Tentative dates – June 4, 5, and 6

We are not really sure what the festival might look like this year, but we are beginning to make plans. We have hope that some form of the festival will take place this year.

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 27, via Zoom** for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you'd like to be a new part of the team.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working/selling at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" **by February 5:**

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information previously and nothing has changed, you don't need to send again.

IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send it now so we can make sure you are on the list. If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**



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The Search leads people to the deepest questions of the human heart, exploring the meaning and purpose of life with a visually stunning and intellectually stimulating approach. Hosted by Chris Stefanick, *The Search* will guide us through a crescendo of seven episodes examining life and death, sorrow and happiness, and science and faith.

Astrophysicists, psychologists, astronauts, neuroscientists, professors, athletes, artists, and the beauty of the cosmos all point to one big conclusion: Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church.

Join your fellow parishioners in viewing and discussing this free series starting the week of February 15th and leading up to Easter. There will be several meeting times to choose from to fit everyone's schedule. If you can, bring a friend!

There will be several virtual sessions and one in-person, socially distanced session on Tuesdays in Duffey Hall.

Registration will be coming soon via email and on social media. If you have any questions, please email lfindy@icloud.com.

Before the first session, make sure to register for Formed! It's free!

1. Go to formed.org/signup
2. Enter 46201 and select St. Therese of the Infant Jesus
3. Enter your name and email

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