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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,

Alleluia, alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad today. Alleluia.

The parish staff and I want to wish all of you a most blessed and happy Easter. In a special way, we want to welcome all of our visitors and all who have returned home to Little Flower to celebrate Easter.

If you are a visitor and live in our area, we invite you to join and become active in our community. We believe that our community has something to offer you, and we believe that you have something to offer us. The Christianity of Jesus is a Christianity of community!

Today we congratulate and welcome all those who received sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Former Catechumens:

1. Jakob Ballesteros
2. Alysse Bowlin
3. Gabriel Lamb
4. Lindsey Waters
5. Kourtney Waters

6. Aliza Bell

7. Isaiah Waters

8. Dakota Waters

9. Kayden Waters

10. Avery Bell

Former Candidate:

1. Justun Sharp

Former Confirmation Candidate:

1. Margarita Gomez Gallardo

Seven of the ten former catechumens are members of one family: Lindsey and Kourtney and their five children.

Thanks to the RCIA Team, who consists of Mike Haigerty, Susan Spilly-Lee, and Jim Maslar, and under the leadership of Lisa Gibbons, for preparing the adults and high school students for Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Lisa also prepared the grade school students for Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation. Also a special thank you Cac Diehr, Ryan Davis, Mandie Wade, and Cindy Woods who are sponsors this year. Without all the people who are so willing to give of their time and to share their faith, our parish could not adequately welcome new members into the Catholic Church.

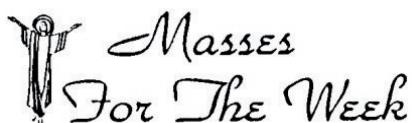
Special thanks also to all our Liturgical ministers who work so hard to prepare and execute our special Liturgies, especially our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. Both our parishioners and our visitors recognize the quality of our Liturgies.

Tomorrow the parish office and Little Flower School will be closed to celebrate Easter.

Several people have asked what to do with their blessed palm from 2020. Please bring it to church on Sunday, April 11, and we will take care of burning it for you.

Have a blessed and happy Easter!

fr. Bob



For the Week of April 5 - 11, 2021

05	April	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Sam Ajamie
06	April	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Thomas O'Brien by Dennis and Noreen Murphy
07	April	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Jim Boyle by Mike Boyle
08	April	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family
09	April	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Janet & Paul Commiskey
10	April	Saturday – Vigil of the 2 nd Sunday of Easter	5:00 p.m.	Neil Wehlage by Carol and Mike Wehlage
11	April	Sunday – The 2 nd Sunday of Easter	9:30 a.m.	Harriett Hamilton by the Busby Family
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 4 - 11, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Easter Sunday		
Monday	Easter Monday – Parish Office & School Closed		
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
Sunday	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

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.



**Parish Office will be closed on
Easter Monday
April 5, 2021.**

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

Food Drive

As we start the Easter season, continue the spirit of almsgiving and mark your calendars for the Little Flower food drive on April 17. The Invite Commission will be gathering non-perishable food items from 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM at the front of Church. These food items will be donated to nearby food pantries that serve our community.



I am excited to announce that Soulcore in-person classes are returning to the Parish Center on Monday, April 12, at 6:30 p.m. For those not familiar with SoulCore, it is a contemplative workout that

nourishes body and soul while meditating on the life of Jesus through the Rosary. SoulCore pairs core strengthening, stretching, and functional movement with the prayers of the Rosary. Please bring a mat or towel and 1 to 3 lb. weights (optional). SoulCore is open to everyone regardless of age or ability. There is no charge for this physical-spiritual workout, but free-will donations are accepted. Questions? Call Joan at 317-727-1167, or go to www.Soulcore.com. Sponsored by the Little Flower Ladies Club. Masks will be required from the door of the Parish Center to the classroom; however, you will not need to wear the face mask while exercising.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of March 27 and 28	\$	7,383.79
Electronic Contributions 3/22-3/26	\$	4,035.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	503,172.52
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	507,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 3,827.48

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$	2,163.65
February Contributions	\$	1,909.32
March Contributions (to date)	\$	1,986.32

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 3/18)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		109
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	27,597.00

If you have not returned your annual stewardship intention card, please return it as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if needed.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, April 19, 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 June.



Mother's Day Breakfast Save the Date

The Men's Club is planning the return of the annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 9, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. **Due to COVID restrictions, this event will require reservations.** Also, to comply with Indiana liquor laws, all guests must be **at least 21 years of age.** More information to follow in future issues of *The Theresean*.

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, 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:

Bill and Judy Rathz

1827 N Bancroft St., Indianapolis, IN 46218



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.



**NEWLY
BAPTIZED**

Please welcome into our Christian community Marco Robert, son of Kevin and Cassie (Byrd) Echegaray, who was baptized on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2021

June 4, 5, and 6

We are moving full speed ahead with festival plans! If we are able to receive permits for the event, the festival will take place on these dates as planned. We will work closely with the Marion County Department of Public Health to make sure Summerfest is safe for all attendees.

Booth Chairs Needed! We have a few empty booth chair positions available. Please search your heart and email Angie at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you would be willing to step up and chair one of these areas at the festival this year:

- Food – Walking Tacos/Nachos
- Entry Gates
- Main Raffle
- Ride Ticket Booths

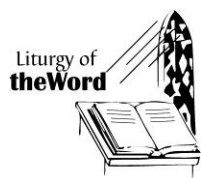
The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate!

- **Are you an artisan or just plain crafty?** Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.
- **Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25?** Consider donating them!
- **Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder?** Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.
- **Do you have a timeshare or vacation property?** Consider donating a week this year.

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00, and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie, and she will mail information to them. **Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!**



**Readings for April 10 and 11
Second Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4: 32-35

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041121.cfm>

**Thank
YOU**

A special thank you to the choir members who formed small groups to enrich our Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Liturgies. It was great to have them back even in this

limited way for a short time!

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

On Tuesday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m., Bread for the World Indiana, a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad, hosts a

virtual, free, one-hour conversation on how and why governments should invest in accessible, equitable, and nutritious food systems. The panel of speakers includes U.S. Senator Mike Braun, a member of the Committee on Agriculture, Dr. Heather Eicher-Miller, Purdue University Department of Nutrition Science, Eric Halvorson, Kroger Corp., and Michelle Hummel, formerly a WIC staff member. Tickets are free but registration is required. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feeding-our-economy-tickets-141487076655>.

Formed is a new resource offered by Little Flower that offers powerful TV shows and movies produced by the Augustine Institute. You can sign up for this at formed.org by using the parish zip code (46201) and signing up using your email address. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Invite Commission by sending an email to invite@littleflowerparish.org.

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Stained Glass Raffle

Exciting news! Along with our festival planning, we will also have our yearly stained glass raffle! This year we will have 3 beautiful pieces to give away to the lucky winners. BUT we need your help. We are asking anybody that has a social media account (Facebook, Instagram, or even email) to help promote the raffle. You DO NOT have to collect any money or do any work. All you need to do is post or share the ads. All money will be sent to the LF office, and we will do all the work. Since we didn't have a raffle last year, our goal this year is to raise \$8,000.00. We can do this with your help. The ads will be made up for you, and all you have to do is post them, email them, etc. We ask that you post them as often as possible. **CAN YOU HELP???** LET'S MAKE THIS A HUGE SUCCESS. Please contact Steve Wright at trading915@aol.com if you will help. We will start about the second week of April, and the drawing will be the last day of the festival.



**Attention any Pre-3 - 3rd
grade boy or girl
interested in participating in
CO-ED Intramural Kickball!**

This spring Little Flower Athletic Commission has decided to bring back intramural kickball! This will be open to any boy or girl in Pre-3's up to 3rd grade. The cost to play is \$25, which will include a shirt. Practices will be held on Friday evenings starting at 6 p.m. for 45 minutes to an hour. Games will be held on Sundays around 11:30 a.m. To register your son or daughter, log into www.orgsonline.com and select 2021 Spring CO-ED Intramural Kickball. If you are new to the system, you will need to set up an account and enter school code 165LF-IN. You can find step by step instructions by going to www.littleflowerparishschool.org, and then click the Athletics page "Enroll Now." If you already have an account set up under another school, you will need to set up a dual school code using the Little Flower school code 165LF-IN.

The first practice will be on Friday, April 9, with the first game being hosted on Sunday, April 18.

If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Trimble at 317-518-6374, or email trimblelyn@aol.com. We look forward to a fun exciting season!

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