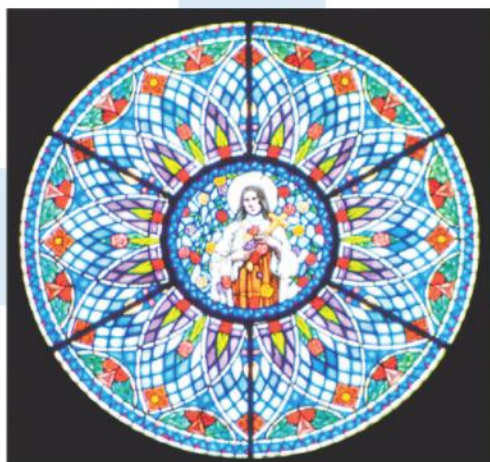


3rd Sunday of Easter

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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,

The Paschal or Easter Candle is one of the primary symbols of the Easter season, symbolizing Christ alive and present in our midst. The Paschal Candle is lit during every Mass from Holy Saturday through Pentecost Sunday.

A very special thanks to David Leszczynski who every year designs and decorates our Paschal Candle. Every year he creates a new design. I think this year's design is one of the most beautiful he has created. If you have not already done so, I would invite you to look at it closely.

Last Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass was especially life giving. Attendance was up, and several people returned to Mass for the first time since the pandemic began. Thank you to all who are attending Mass and/or are continuing to support the parish financially. Little Flower really is a family.

Some of you have probably wondered about why we often seem to run out of hosts at the various stations during Mass. When we were permitted to return to Mass, we were encouraged not to place the remaining hosts in the tabernacle but to consume them. Therefore, we try to count prior to Mass and place an equal number of hosts in each paten. However, at any given Mass, more people will be sitting in one section rather than another, so we often have to wait to get more hosts or go to the tabernacle for more hosts.

Wednesday, April 21, is the optional memorial of St. Anselm. Anselm defined theology as "faith seeking understanding." Friday, April 23, is the optional memorial of St. George. St. George is the patron saint of Pope Francis.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We remember our parishioner, **Joe Swift**, who passed away on March 31. Joe was 78 years young and a long time parishioner. He was not able to get to church due to his health, but his faith was very strong. Please keep all of Joe's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Joe eternal life.

Masses For The Week

For the Week of April 19 - 25, 2021

19	April	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Susie Young by Charlie Goodman
20	April	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Paul Hoffman by David & Bev Dinn
21	April	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Linda Therber
22	April	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Jeanette Bosco by Diane & Ron Sharp
23	April	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth Nicholls Forston by Beth & Tim Yeadon
24	April	Saturday – Vigil of the 4 th Sunday of Easter	5:00 p.m.	Pat Moriarty Jr. by Fr. Joe Moriarty
25	April	Sunday – The 4 th Sunday of Easter	9:30 a.m.	Rita Gibson by Dick & Peg Kramer
			11:30 a.m.	First Communion Mass – Teresa Eckrich
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

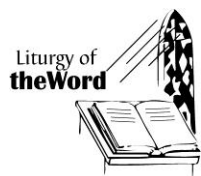
April 18 - 25, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church and Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	First Communion Practice & Lunch
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Executive Committee
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Sunday	Church	11:30 a.m.	First Communion
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Sending
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
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IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



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.



**Readings for April 24 and 25
Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 4: 8-12

1 John 3:1-2

John 10:11-18

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042521.cfm>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of April 10 and 11	\$	8,711.00
Electronic Contributions 4/5 – 4/9	\$	4,252.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	536,588.70
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	533,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021	\$	3,588.70

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$	1,909.32
March Contributions	\$	1,986.32
April Contributions (to date)	\$	1,502.16

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.

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, Dave Parris, Denice 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:

**Denice Rose, Rosewalk at Lutherwood
1301 N Ritter Avenue Room, 211, 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.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2021- June 4, 5, and 6

Permit #002626

**Our next leadership team meeting is
Wednesday, April 28, at 6 p.m., in the school cafeteria.**

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!

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items – all these options are a great addition to our auction.

REGISTER - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. This year's auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily!

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).

Raffle News

Raffle tickets are available for parishioner to pickup this weekend and next. Volunteers will be delivering those not picked up at church after 2 weeks. *If you can help deliver unclaimed tickets to parishioners, please call Jeannie at the Parish center at 317-357-8352.* Please turn in your sold tickets and money in the collection or at the parish center.

Do your best to make the raffle a success!



Twenty children will make their First Communion on Sunday, April 25, at 11:30 a.m. We have added an extra Mass for our First Communion families to be able to social distance properly. Please pray for these children and their families in their final days of preparation.



How can I begin to thank Little Flower parishioners for the love and support given me during my recent illnesses? Whether you sent a card, prayed for me, brought a meal, or visited and helped with house cleaning, know that it all meant the world to me. You're in my prayers. – *Bobbie Lawless*

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.

Scecina's Outdoor Spring Musical at Garfield Park: The Drowsy Chaperone

Scecina Memorial High School welcomes everyone to an outdoor presentation of its spring musical, "The Drowsy Chaperone," at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, at MacAllister Center for the Performing Arts (amphitheatre) at Garfield Park.

Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, "The Drowsy Chaperone" is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song and dance number after another. Tickets are \$10 each and are limited to 150 per show. Please check out scecina.org/theatre for more information and to purchase tickets. Live streaming option will be available. Leslie (Zimmerman) Young, Scecina's theatre director, is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Scecina, and Indiana University.

**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. Tickets are free, but registration is required. Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feeding-our-economy-tickets-141487076655>.



The St. Vincent de Paul **Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk** is happening now and the good news is that it's not too late to sign up!

Participants can run or walk in person on **Saturday, April 24, at 9 a.m. at White River State Park** on a paved trail through the park, or **virtually any time and anywhere between April 17 and May 1**. All proceeds from this fun fundraiser go directly to support our homeless outreach and other critical programs. We still need several volunteers on race day, so if you are interested, please let Darlene know. Please go to our website www.svdindy.org/neighbor to register. Questions? Contact Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdindy.org.



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be **Sunday, May 2, 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. 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
or contact Peggy Clegg.

Due to COVID donations are still down. Please consider donating. REMEMBER when you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, play with their child, attend church, and to live! If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352, ext. 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.



Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by the Men's Club

NOTE: Reservations Required

The Annual Mother's Day Breakfast is returning! Ladies of the parish age 21 and over are invited to join us in the school cafeteria on Sunday, May 9, after the

9:30 a.m. Mass where members of the Men's

Club will treat you to a delicious breakfast, drinks, and a chance to win prizes. To comply with Indiana liquor laws, all guests must be **at least 21 years of age**. **Also, due to COVID restrictions, this event will require reservations.**

Please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/little-flower-parish-annual-mothers-day-breakfast-tickets-150536902929> to make a reservation. If you need help making a reservation, please call Jeannie in the parish office, 317-357-8352.

"The Little Flower Garden" – Virtual Edition

It has been over a year since we have published an issue of the parish newsletter. We are ready to begin getting the news out again! Because our printing company is still operating with a very limited staff, we cannot mail the newsletter as usual. However, thanks to modern technology we will be issuing a virtual edition of "The Little Flower Garden" in May which will be emailed and posted to our website. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by May 1. You may also send information to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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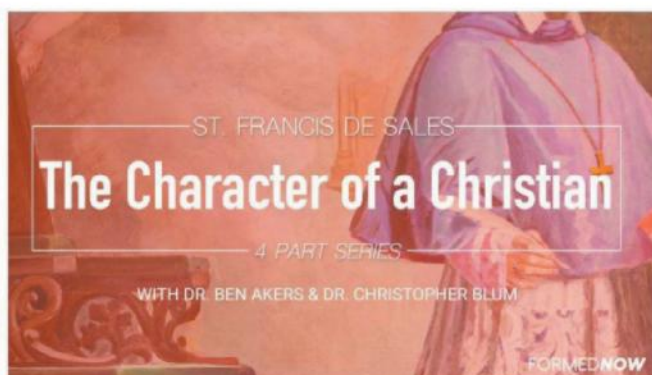
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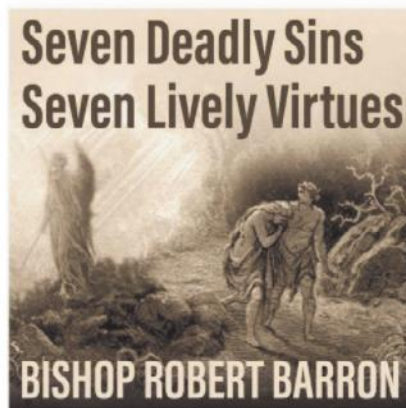
In this four-part series, Dr. Ben Akers and Dr. Christopher Blum sit down to discuss St. Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life and the proper character of a Christian. We hope you enjoy these conversations on an incredible Counter-Reformation saint whose work has instructed generations of believers.

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