

# Ascension of the Lord

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

[www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org)

### 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?

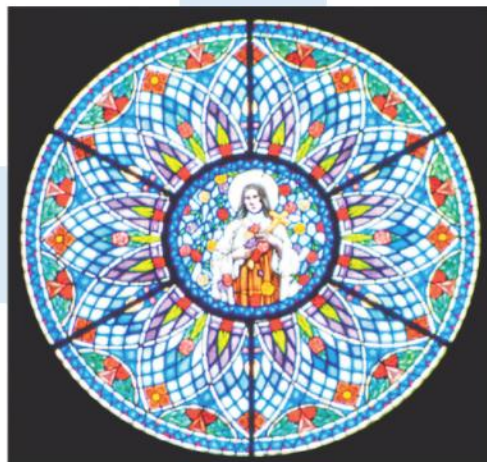
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

### 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.



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At-Large Member	Katie Leszczynski
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum

### 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.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate Jesus' return to His Father and his glorification at the right hand of his Father. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "*But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you*" [John 16:7]. During the week between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church asks us to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and upon the world.

Little Flower Catholic School and Scecina Memorial High School are continuing to enroll students for the 2021-2022 school year. This year the State of Indiana expanded voucher eligibility to give more parents an opportunity to choose the best school for their children. Please check out the announcement in the next column. As you make decisions for your children's education, I hope that you will consider the value of a Catholic school in the education and formation of your children. Although parents are the first teachers or their children in the ways of faith, a faith community plays an important part in the religious education and formation of young people.

Summerfest 2021 is fast approaching. I want to encourage everyone to do their best to sell their raffle tickets, sell and buy tickets for the stained glass raffle, and participate in the silent auction. These are not dependent on good weather on festival weekend. Please note the announcement about the stained glass raffle on the next page. Every year Steve Wright donates his time, talent, and treasure to create these beautiful pieces for Summerfest. 100% of the proceeds goes to the parish. Thank you!

Congratulations to Little Flower parishioners and/or graduates of Little Flower School who are graduating this year. Please note the announcement on the next page about how to have your name listed in the bulletin with other graduates.

As most of you know, our bulletin deadline is Monday at noon. Therefore, my bulletin letter often refers to events that will happen later in the week. Last week I congratulated our high school students who received the sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Thompson on Wednesday, May 5, at the Cathedral. Today I want to thank Michele Rosenbaum and Rachel Shaffer who were the leaders of our Confirmation program this year. Also, thanks to Ashlyn McNaab who helped with Confirmation. They gave a lot of their time, talent, and energy to our Confirmation program. Also, I want to thank Tom Costello and Rachel Shaffer who provided the music for the Confirmation Liturgy at the Cathedral.

Last Sunday was the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Thanks to the Little Flower Men's Club for sponsoring and hosting the breakfast. Special thanks to all the men who worked hard to make the breakfast a good time for the women who attended. All the women with whom I spoke complimented the men and the food.

Have a wonderful week.

*fr. Bob*

## Masses For The Week

For the Week of May 17 – 23, 2021

17	May	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Susie Young by Charlie Goodman
18	May	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Robin Archibald by Deette Schmidt
19	May	Wednesday
	9:30 a.m.	Doris Gilday
20	May	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob Gilday
21	May	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Martha Haddin by the Ladies Club
22	May	Saturday – Vigil of Pentecost
	5:00 p.m.	For the People
23	May	Sunday – Pentecost
	9:30 a.m.	Ellen Brake by Jim and Loretta Miller
	6:00 p.m.	Neil Wehlage by Carol and Mike Wehlage

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 16 - 23, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Ascension of the Lord		
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Formed
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday		



Little Flower Catholic School is currently enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. Our K-4 average class size this past year was 13.5 students per room. Next year we will also have 4 resource teachers and 3 resource aides to facilitate even more individual attention for all students.

With the passage of new voucher requirements, Little Flower is now more affordable than ever. **New income guidelines make it possible for a family of four earning up to \$147,000 to qualify for a full voucher, which last year covered all but \$5.66 of tuition for a student residing in IPS boundaries.**

Call the school office at 317-353-2282, or email Principal Kevin Gawrys, [kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org), for more information or to schedule a tour.





Please welcome the following children who were baptized on Sunday, May 2, 2021:

- Molly Lynn, daughter of Keith Squires and Annie Andrews.
- Elijah Allen Kristian, son of Lindsey and Kourtney Waters.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of May 8 and 9	\$	5,777.00
Electronic Contributions 5/3-5/7	\$	8,644.84
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	584,697.62
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	585,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 DEFICIT	\$	- 302.38

### Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	1,986.32
April Contributions	\$	2,562.32
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,142.16



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

We would like to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, or college or graduate programs in upcoming issues of the Theresean.

Please send their name and the name of the school, college, or university from which they are graduating to [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org) or call the parish center and leave the information. (You do not need to submit graduates from Seccina, Cathedral, or Little Flower. They will be published separately).

## Stained Glass Raffle

This year we are again very fortunate to have not one, not two, but THREE beautiful pieces of stained glass art donated to us to be raffled off. The winner gets their choice. The artist has spent much of his own money and many hours putting them together. 100% of the proceeds go to Little Flower.

Because of your generosity we raised \$4,000 in 2019. Because we could not have a festival in 2020 our lofty goal this year is \$8,000. CAN YOU HELP??? Will you help?? Tickets are very reasonable, and the more you spend the more tickets you get.

6 For \$5.00---13 for \$10.00--- 28 for \$20.00---40 for \$30.00---75 for \$50.00 and 160 for \$100.00. Please send a check made out to Little Flower (will take cash but prefer a check) to 4720 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St., Indianapolis, IN 46201. When we receive the money, you will be assigned a number which will be put in a book and written on the proper amount of tickets. You must provide your phone number. The drawing is on Sunday, June 6.

*Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends 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, 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, the Forestal Family, Mitzi Loomis, Donna Doran, Jane Bell, Lois Irwin, Joanna Estes, and Cathy Mears.

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:

**Mary Jane Render**

**Westside Village Health Care**

**8610 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street Apt 103, Indianapolis, IN 46234**



**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).**



## Campus Crusade Walkathon

The walkathon is back at Seccina! Students and staff will be walking on May 21. This year they're raising funds to support the purchase of new computers and infrastructure for the The Red and Gold Show, the student-produced news program. Anyone can join the fun! While students and staff are walking at school on May 21, you can walk virtually on May 21 or later! For a \$20 donation, you can register and receive a race bib. Go to [www.seccina.org/campus-crusade](http://www.seccina.org/campus-crusade) for information.

## Seccina Summer Camps

The Summer Camps program for future Crusaders is a great tradition at Seccina Memorial High School. Theatre, creative writing, video journalism, robotics, and STEM enrichment and several sports camp will be offered for grades 1-8. There's also a Safe Sitter course operated at Seccina by the Ransburg YMCA. Check out [seccina.org/camps](http://seccina.org/camps) for more information, a complete list of camps, and registration.



# **BIG EVENT**

## **FESTIVAL NEWS**

### **Summerfest 2021- June 4, 5, and 6**

Permit #002626

**RAFFLE!** Please do your best to turn in as many tickets as possible. Extras are available at all the church doors. The raffle has potential to bring money in from outside the parish, and that is always very helpful. Because the raffle is so important to our success we are going to provide weekly updates on where we stand. We hope you will help us meet our goal!

2019 raffle sales totaled \$17,915.00. Our goal this year is to sell at least as many tickets as we did in 2019. This include all tickets sold prior to and during the festival.

Total tickets sold as of 5/7/21	\$ 3,065.00
Same time 2019	\$ 3,160.00
Goal	\$ 17,915.00

If only ½ of our households sold \$100 in tickets	\$ 48,000.00
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### **PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND**

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or for friends after Masses on May 22/23 and May 29/30 or at the parish office beginning on Wednesday, May 19, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please plan ahead and get your wristband...and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

Sign up sheets to volunteer for SUMMERFEST are in the gathering area once again this weekend.

**Festival T-shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up after Masses on the weekends of May 22/23 and May 29/30. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$10.00 each (YS-AXL) or \$12 (2XL-5XL).**

**YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET?** Call Jeannie at the Parish Center at 317-357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival.

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or [edeputy1@yahoo.com](mailto:edeputy1@yahoo.com)) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you or your employer can donate goods or services valued in excess of \$25.

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).

**Presale tickets for festival rides will be available in church after weekend Masses on May 22/23 and May 29/30.** Please plan to purchase tickets in advance, as they are less expensive for you and the percentage of profit for the parish is greater on advance sale tickets! You may also purchase advance sale tickets in the parish office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday, beginning May 17.

**SET UP - We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 29, at 9 a.m. and Thursday, June 3, at 6 p.m. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.**

**Want to help at Summerfest? Why not sponsor a keg?** For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival. Contact Angie Mackell [amackell@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org), or 317-357-8352 ext. 102 if you are interested in sponsoring a keg. Deadline is May 21.

### **FESTIVAL BINGO – NOW 2 NIGHTS!!**

We will have BINGO in the school cafeteria on Friday AND Saturday evenings, June 4-5. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. \$1,000 in cash prizes! Spread the word!

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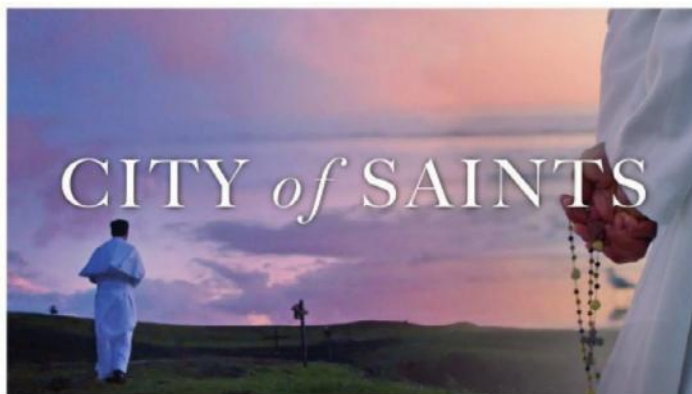
PICK OF THE WEEK

May 16, 2021

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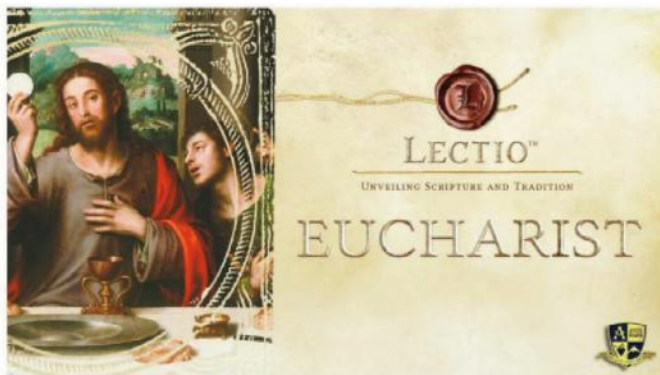
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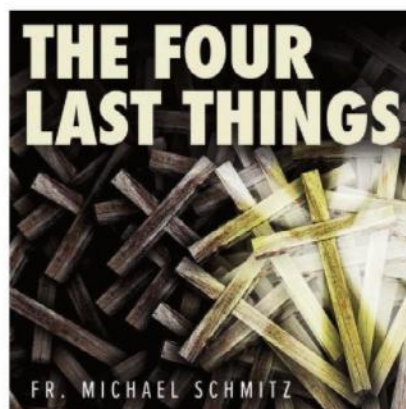
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