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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 we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, commonly called Trinity Sunday.

Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Our Memorial Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Also, the parish office and the school office will be closed on Monday. Monday is also the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Beginning this week, the only Mass that will be live streamed will be the 9:30 a.m Sunday Mass. As least for the summer, we will not live stream Thursday Masses.

Archbishop Thompson encourages all of us to participate in a nationwide effort by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops during the first week of June. The primary goal is for millions of Catholic to sign the petition on NoTaxpayerAbortion.com. A flyer with more information can be found elsewhere in The Theresean.

As you probably are aware, over the past couple of weeks, several significant dates have been announced that impact our return to some normalcy following this long period of COVID-19 restrictions.

The celebration of the Eucharist is the source and summit of our life and mission as Catholics. However, since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, Catholics in all five dioceses of Indiana have been dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Because of the decrease of cases in our state and the widespread availability of vaccines, and following the guidance of public health officials, all five bishops of the Province of Indiana have decreed that effective June 11, the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is lifted throughout the state of Indiana.

Therefore, except for the unique situations described below, those who are otherwise healthy are obliged to return to Sunday Mass by the weekend of June 12-13, 2021:

- Those who are seriously ill, exhibit flu-like symptoms and/or may have a contagious disease (including quarantine due to exposure).
- Those who are unable to attend Mass through no fault of their own (e.g. transportation issue).
- Those who are homebound and/or incapacitated due to age, infirmity and/or medical restrictions.
- Those who have compromised health conditions and/or at high risk of contracting the virus.
- Those who are caretakers of persons who are sick or of persons at high-risk of serious illness if they contract Covid virus.

At the same time, we are anticipating the lifting of the mask mandate in Marion County effective June 7, 2021. *Please note we have been advised that after the mask mandate expires in Marion County, face coverings will continue to be strongly encouraged at all liturgical celebrations within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.*

In addition, you will also see us begin to lift some of the restrictions that have been in place since the beginning of the pandemic. On June 12/13, we will reintroduce the use of hymnals. We will also begin to utilize every pew in some sections of church. We will begin by removing the pew barriers in the center aisles, leaving only every other pew available in the side sections for those who wish to maintain a little more distance. As needed, we will remove the pew barriers in one or more of the side sections.

If you have any questions about any specific needs, fears, concerns, or protocols, please contact us. Please be aware of the situations listed above that describe those who are not obligated to attend Mass.

We all know that the past 14 months have been difficult for all parishes. Growing optimism and hope signals that it is time to begin our recovery. It is time for our parish to come back together as a family. It is time for our parishioners to come home and join those who have already returned. It is time for our family to be reunited. We have some significant work ahead in rebuilding our parish family and our ministries.

Special thanks to Pattiann Gavaghan for assuming the leadership role in our IU/Little Flower Congregation Partnership. Thanks to our current volunteers—Andrea Arvin, Steve Grohovsky, and Jim Maslar—who have been working in this ministry for over six months. We also have two new volunteers set to begin training in June as connectors for this program—Mary Barr and Liz Subrin. They will join our current members. A special thank you to Fr. Patrick Nwokegu, chaplain of IU/Methodist Hospital, who meets with them weekly via Zoom for training, advice, and prayer. Finally, special thanks to Chris Arvin who helped organize this ministry within our parish and served as leader this past year.

Friday is the 36th anniversary of the death of Fr. Bernard Gerdon. Fr. Gerdon was associate pastor at Little Flower from May 16, 1953 to February 9, 1955 and from October 7, 1957 to May 17, 1960. For those who played or enjoyed watching girls kickball, Fr. Gerdon was one of the originators of girls kickball in 1940.

Please pray for good weather for Summer Fest 2021.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



For the Week of May 31 – June 6, 2021

31	May	Monday
	9:30 a.m.	Memorial Day – Pat Moriarty by Bob & Mary Sitzman
01	June	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Steve Weiger by Diane & Ron Sharp
02	June	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Nonie Schmidt by B.J. Schmidt
03	June	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	John Anthony Maio by the Maio Family
04	June	Friday
		No Mass
05	June	Saturday – Vigil of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
	5:00 p.m.	Prospero Borreggine by Sandra Umlauf
06	June	Sunday – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
	9:30 a.m.	Rita Kriech
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 30 – June 6, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Most Holy Trinity		
Monday	Memorial Day – Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Team
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Friday	Parish Grounds	5:00 p.m.	SummerFest
Saturday	Parish Grounds	3:00 p.m.	SummerFest
Sunday	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	SummerFest Brunch
	Parish Grounds	11:00 a.m.	SummerFest

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of May 22 and 23	\$	4,842.51
Electronic Contributions 5/17 – 5/21	\$	9,287.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	609,223.12
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	611,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 DEFICIT	\$	- 1,776.88

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	1,986.32
April Contributions	\$	2,562.32
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,909.32

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:

Bill and Judy Rathz

1827 N Bancroft Street, 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.

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.



Readings for June 5 and 6

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Exodus 24:3-8

Hebrews 9:11-15

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060621.cfm>



CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES!

We would like to continue to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, college, or graduate programs in an upcoming Thereanean. Please send their name and the

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

Today we congratulate:

Samantha Mackell	University of Cincinnati
Aaron Stroude	University of Denver, Masters Degree
Megan Stroude	Marian University
Audrey Sutton	Indiana State University
Jackie Hughey	Providence Cristo Rey High School
Audrey Williamson	Purdue Polytechnic High School

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MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.



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 included all tickets sold prior to and during the festival.

Total tickets sold as of 5/25/2021	\$ 8,160.00
Same time 2019	\$ 5,525.00
Goal	\$ 17,915.00

If only ½ of our households
sold \$100 in tickets \$ 48,000.00

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 this weekend or at the parish office Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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.

Festival T-shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up after Masses this weekend. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$10.00 (YS-AXL), \$12 (2XL) or \$15 (3XL).

Used Book Sale – Last chance to get rid of those used books cluttering up your house! Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center this week, Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

N NEED OF PLASTIC ICE CREAM TUBS - Do you have spare plastic ice cream tubs with handles and lids? We could use them for the strawberries at the festival. If you can spare them, please bring them to the parish center during office hours or call Peggy at 317-357-8352 ext 106, and we will arrange to have them picked up.

Presale tickets for festival rides will be available in church after Masses this weekend. 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., Tuesday thru Friday. Also, for your convenience the parish office will be open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, and Thursday, June 3.

SET UP – Please mark your calendar for this Thursday, June 3, at 6 p.m. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.

ATTENTION ALL STRAWBERRY HULLERS!! We need help hulling fresh strawberries for the festival. Please come to the school cafeteria on Friday morning, June 4, at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of strawberries and need your help. Bring a paring knife!

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!

Stain 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. 13th 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.

Aftercare Assistants Needed at Nativity

Do you like working with children? Are you available 2-3 hours after school for 2-4 days per week? We have several paid positions available for aftercare assistants for the 2021-22 school year. Aftercare Assistants will help with homework and supervise indoor and outdoor play. This is an excellent opportunity for parents or grandparents. Applicants must pass Safe and Sacred and a background check. Please contact Ms. Bianchini at tbianchini@nativityindy.org or 317-357-1459 if you are interested.

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, June 9, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please call the parish center, 317-357-8352, or email Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, if you plan on attending.

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, June 21, 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 August.



Save a life. Contact Congress.

WHAT

Congress is trying to force Americans to pay for abortion.

HOW

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that *both* Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century.

WHAT HAPPENS WITHOUT THESE PROTECTIONS?

Billions of taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion.

TAKE ACTION

Sign the petition to Congress at NoTaxpayerAbortion.com!

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