

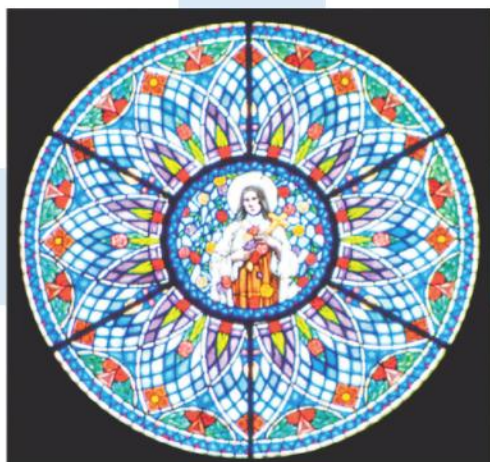
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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?

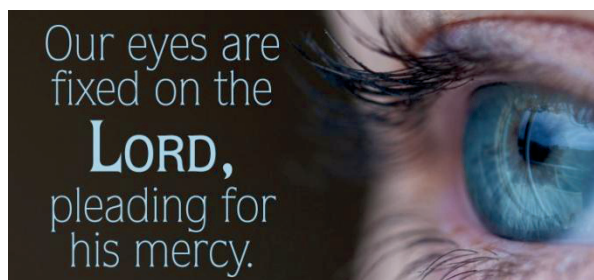
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

We welcome Fathers Jim Bonke and Rick Ginther who will celebrate our Masses this weekend. I am very grateful to them for agreeing to be here this weekend.

Today is July 4th, Independence Day. Today is a day to remember and be grateful for all the blessings we enjoy in our country. Our ideals live on in our midst as an ongoing challenge to us and a promise for tomorrow.

Tuesday is the 50th anniversary of the death of Fr. John C. Riedinger. Fr. John was pastor of Little Flower from 1942 to 1966. Fr. John was born on May 15, 1882. Fr. John was almost 60 when he was appointed pastor of Little Flower. He retired when he turned 84 although he had suffered a stroke four years earlier. Fr. John was the longest serving pastor of Little Flower. Our beautiful church, which was dedicated on July 8, 1962, was his greatest achievement. Tuesday please offer thanks to God for the gift Fr. John was to Little Flower parish. He was an inspiration to me.

Next weekend, July 10 and 11, Fr. Larry Richardt will be the celebrant and homilist at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass. Fr. Richardt is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who currently lives in our deanery. He served many years on the faculty of St. Meinrad Seminary. Fr. Jim Bonke will be the celebrant and homilist at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Bonke is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who served as Defender of the Bond at the Tribunal. Fr. Rick Ginther will be the celebrant and homilist at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. Fr. Rick is the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. He was associate pastor here from 1983-1985.

Congratulations to Audrey Williamson who was one of the first graduates of Purdue Polytechnic High School. She was pictured and quoted in a June 14 article in *The Indianapolis Star* titled "Purdue Polytechnic High School graduates first class." The article was found on page 4A. The article may also be found with the title "40 new Boilermakers could be beginning of new era at Purdue" at:

<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2021/06/14/class-of-2021-purdue-polytechnic-graduates-first-class-purdue-university/4174425001/>.

Today I want to write about Sunday Mass attendance, which I believe to be the biggest challenge currently facing our parish. For several years we have spoken about this being a challenge for our parish, even pre-dating the pandemic. The pandemic has certainly complicated this problem. And as of now, we estimate our current weekend Mass attendance to be only 60 to 65% of pre-pandemic levels. This means that on average only 6 out of 10 people who attended Mass prior to the pandemic have returned.

Of course, we do need to consider that it is currently summer when people are sometimes away from the parish. Added to this, we still have people who are not comfortable returning to church because of their individual circumstances or even because they have young children who are not yet eligible for vaccination. However, at the same time I know that there are those who are willing to start to go out in social situations or to restaurants but have not yet returned to church.

After more than one year when a dispensation has been in effect allowing people to miss Mass on Sunday, we expected that it might be an uphill battle to return to pre-pandemic Mass attendance. For many people, once a routine is broken it is difficult to get back into that routine. What we need to remember is that this routine of Mass attendance is central to our Catholic faith. Everything we do as a parish flows from the community that begins with our weekly attendance at Eucharist. Weekend Mass attendance is something that we must "rebuild" if we are to continue to thrive as a parish. It is where we form the community that enables us to fulfill our mission and ministries.

We are also seeing that even after people are comfortable returning to church, weekly attendance seems to be an issue. This too is to be expected to some degree. It is easy to skip a week or two after this prolonged period where Mass attendance was not required. However, being a community is best accomplished by regular, weekly attendance at Mass. Our faith is best practiced in community when we can rely on each other for support and encouragement. To be sure there is no misunderstanding, I want to emphasize that this is not a matter of money. I remain so grateful that most of you have continued to generously support our parish financially during this difficult time.

The short story here is that your presence is important. Each and every one of you is important to our community. Each and every one of you is important every week. We simply are not able to be our best when you are not here.

As you read this, I will be away on vacation. I am hoping to see many more of you when I return. I look forward to that day as well as to the day when everyone will feel safe to return to us.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to *Clara Rosales and her family* on the death of her husband, **Salvador Rosales** who passed away on June

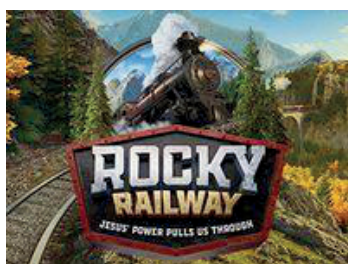
16 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on June 29. Sal was 46 years old and the father of 5 children. He owed a landscaping and snow removal business and for many years took care of snow removal for our parking lot in the winter months. Please keep Sal's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Sal into his eternal glory.

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, July 14 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. Following lunch we will play games! Please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352 or email Peggy Clegg, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, if you plan on attending.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

STRUTTIN' OUR STUFF ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

St. Vincent de Paul Indianapolis will be hosting its 4th Annual Struttin' our Stuff on Friday, September 10, 2021 at 6 p.m. at the Northside Events & Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. This year we are celebrating SVdP's 75th year of serving those in need in central and southern Indiana. The evening will provide dinner, live and silent auctions, and a style show featuring clothing from the Mission 27 Stores. We hope you will join us and consider donating items for our silent and live auctions or support us by becoming a sponsor or a patron. For additional information contact one of the co-chairs: Jenny Matthews 317-289-3324 jmattbogey@gmail.com or Mary Ann Klein 317-796-6325 klein.j@sbcglobal.net. It's a fun event and we hope to see you there!



SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
July 19 -23, 2021
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

For children entering Pre-4 to 4th grade in the fall. Spend the week making friends, playing, making fun crafts, and most of all seeing Jesus in everything we do! **Volunteers are needed to be leaders during VBS.** Please contact the parish office at 317-357-8352 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register your child or if you are interested in volunteering. There is a \$15.00 per child activity fee that will be collected the first day.

Mass Schedules for Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Philip.

Holy Spirit weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Bilingual
Friday, 7:00 p.m. Spanish

Our Lady of Lourdes weekday Masses

Tuesday & Thursday at 6 p.m. and
Wednesday & Friday at 8:15 a.m.

St. Philip weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday (Spanish), Thursday at 5:30 p.m., and
Friday at 8:30 a.m.

For the Week of July 5 - 11, 2021

05	July	Monday
		See Information Above
06	July	Tuesday
		See Information Above
07	July	Wednesday
		See Information Above
08	July	Thursday
		See Information Above
09	July	Friday
		See Information Above
10	July	Saturday –Vigil of The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Frances Wesseler by Charlie and Pauline Graf
11	July	Sunday – The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Williams by the Torzewski & Anderson families
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 5 – Parish Office closed in observance of Independence Day.

Saturday, July 10 – Legion of Mary Curia in the St. Therese Room at 9:00 a.m.



We will resume our back-to-school blessing with a few changes. This year, we will also welcome elementary school students in addition to our high school and college students for this blessing for them and their upcoming school year. We will offer this blessing at all Masses on the weekend of July 24th and 25th. **Please try to make this a priority for your family.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of June 26 and 27	\$	9,443.23
Electronic Contributions 6/21-6/25	\$	2,977.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	676,679.69
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	676,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021	\$	649.69

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$	2,562.32
May Contributions	\$	2,051.65
June Contributions (to date)	\$	2,109.32

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, 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, the Forestal Family, Mitzi Loomis, Jane Bell, Lois Irwin, Joanna Estes, Cathy Mears, John Kelly, Charlene Fisher, and Regina Kanney.

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:

Cathy Mears

2031 Kildare Avenue, 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.

The Knights of Columbus is looking for men (ages 18 or older) who want to be part of an organization that promotes the Catholic Faith and its principles. They are: Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Catholic men are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and help make a difference in the community as well as in your parish. One can join and get their first year of e-membership FREE by going to www.kofc.org and using promo code McGivney2020. This promotion has been so successful that it has been extended through June of 2022.

Be a host family!

Would you like the experience of hosting an international student who attends Seccina Memorial High School? Seccina has long-term and short-term international students. The hosts can be a Seccina family or not, have children in the home or not, be single or married. Please let Director of International Programs Mr. Hegarty know if you have any interest or questions. jhegarty@scecina.org or 317-258-5159. This past year, Seccina's international students came from Brazil, China, Italy, Jordan, and Nigeria.



Readings for July 10 and 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:7-13

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071121.cfm>

St. Vincent de Paul finds itself critically short of volunteers for the summer months. We hope you and your family, friends, and co-workers will consider signing up to volunteer at one of our facilities:

- **Distribution Center 1201 E. Maryland Street** – We need donation sorters of clothing, household items and products, shoes, and linens. Also need able bodies at the dock receiving donations, moving furniture, and assisting our neighbors in need.
- **Food Pantry 3001 E. 30th Street** – It takes a minimum of 35 volunteers on shopping days (Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday) providing food to our neighbors and just as many on non-shopping days packing the food boxes for shopping days.
- **Mission 27 Resale Store 1618 Shelby Street** – Did you know we have a coffee shop? It's called Holy Grounds. Now visitors can enjoy a cup of java and some retail therapy at the same time. Or they can just pop in for a reprieve and sit in the café by themselves, with a friend or a good book. **We are looking for baristas!** No experience necessary, we will provide all the training. Can you commit to 3-4 hours once a week, enjoy interacting with people and willing to learn a new skill?

So many of our neighbors find themselves in need for the first time. Please consider carving out some time this summer and join us. Together we can be the hands and feet of Christ. If you are already volunteering, bring a friend with you! Sign up: <http://www.svdindy.org/i-want-to-help/#time>. Have a group? Contact Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdindy.org. Thank you for helping us love our neighbors!



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PICK OF THE WEEK

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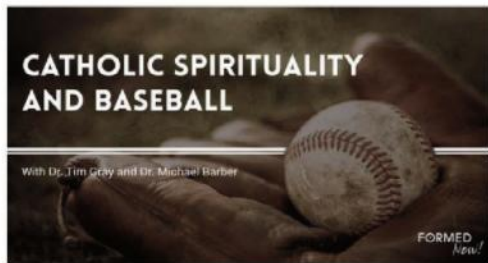
JOHN PAUL II IN AMERICA: UNITING A CONTINENT

The papacy of St. John Paul II left an indelible mark on our homeland. Driven a conviction to unite the Americas under the patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he traveled from Argentina all the way to Alaska, shaping a generation and changing history along the way. In celebration of our country this week, enjoy this film documenting the journeys of John Paul II, the "Pilgrim Pope."



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FORMED NOW! CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND BASEBALL

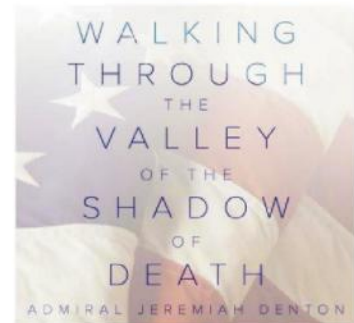


What better time to discuss America's favorite pastime than the week of July 4? Believe it or not, baseball can shed much light on our spiritual lives through its familiar images. In this video, Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Michael Barber discuss how these seemingly opposite topics relate to one another. After watching this, you'll be reminded of your mission: to be safe at home!

LISTEN

WALKING THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH BY ADM. JEREMIAH DENTON

Admiral Jeremiah Denton spent over seven years as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. In this moving presentation, he recalls how, through the power of prayer, he withstood extreme torture rather than betray God or the U.S.A. For his valor, he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal, the Navy Cross, and the POW Medal. He is now a champion of various humanitarian causes. Enjoy his testimony in this talk!



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