

Dear Parish Family,

Little Flower School will open for in-person school on Thursday, August 12. Four of our teachers from last year have departed: two moved to different cities, one retired, and one took another position. Those four teachers were replaced. Additionally, thanks to a grant from the EANS program, we were able to hire additional teachers and aides to help our students progress forward from the challenges brought on by the pandemic. New staff members include:

Mrs. Colleen Borgert-PIE
Mrs. Shelby Cloghessy-Gr. 6 & MS Social Studies
Mrs. Barb Horton-Pre-4 Aide
Mrs. Jenni Lengerich-Gr. 7 & MS Religion
Mrs. Elizabeth Mann-Aide

Mrs. Elizabeth Pickens-Counselor
Miss Denni Riley-2nd Grade
Mrs. Haley Rock-Grades 1-5 STEM
Miss Meredith Ruxer-1st Grade
Ms. Heather York-3rd Grade

Welcome to all of them and to all our returning administration, faculty, staff, and students and their families.

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. George Vellorattil who will be making a mission appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Calicut-India. Please be generous.

This week we celebrate two contemporary saints. Monday is the feast of St. Benedicta of the Cross, a contemporary saint. Edith Stein was born in Germany in 1891 of Jewish parents. She converted to Catholicism in 1922 and became a Carmelite nun in 1923 with the name Sr. Benedicta of the Cross. In 1942, she was arrested, transported to Poland, and killed at Auschwitz.

Saturday is the feast of St. Maximilian Marie Kolbe, priest and martyr. He was killed by the Nazis at Auschwitz in 1941. In reprisal for the escape of three prisoners, ten men were chosen to be killed by starvation. St. Maximilian was not among them. However, when a young husband and father cried out, "My wife! My children!" St. Maximilian freely chose to take his place. After the other nine had died, he was killed by lethal injection. Franciszek Gajowniczek, the Polish soldier for whom he died, was present at his beatification and canonization. His wife survived the war, but his sons did not.

The first papal Mass I attended as a student in Rome was his beatification by St. Pope Paul VI on October 17, 1971. The Communist government of Poland allowed thousands of Poles to attend. When Pope Paul VI entered St. Peter's Basilica to begin Mass, I could feel the electricity in the air. I do not think I have ever attended a Mass where there was so much energy in the congregation.

On July 3, Sr. Rosaire Bishop died. Sister was a member of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. She taught at Little Flower from 1979 to 1981. She was a member of her community for almost 70 years. Please pray for her and for her family.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2021 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - August 2020	184
September 2020 - November 2020	252
December 2020 - February 2021	238
March 2021 - May 2021	324
June 2021	369
July 2021	385

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, August 11, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** This month Amanda Joseph from Oak Street Health will help everyone do a craft/art project. So, get your creative juices flowing and join us! You don't want to miss out on all the fun!! Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x106 or plcegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan on attending.



Mass Intentions

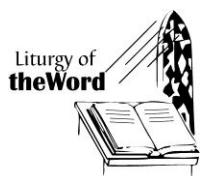
For the Week of August 9 - 15, 2021

09	August	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Connie Gill by Ed & Donna Meier Selm
10	August	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Jane Gilmore
11	August	Wednesday	11:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Jane Bell
12	August	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Janet Tretter by the Ladies Club
13	August	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Teresa Eckrich by Merle & Susan Tebbe
14	August	Saturday – Vigil of The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary	5:00 p.m.	For the People
15	August	Sunday – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:30 a.m.	Dane Kramer by Dick and Peg Kramer
			6:00 p.m.	Vincent Shea by Joe and Therese Bruno

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 8 - 15, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School café)	7:15 p.m.	School Parent Meeting
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Patrick	10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	School	6:00 p.m.	Back to School Night
Wednesday	Church & Parish Center	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	First Day of School for Kindergarten – 8 grade!		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	Church	2:30 p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		



Readings for August 14 and 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
 Luke 1:39-56

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/081521-Day.cfm>

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Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center

1402 Southern Ave
 Beech Grove, IN 46107

The Our Father – A New Perspective

The Lord's Prayer...A journey with Christ that leads us to the center of our Creator.

The Labyrinth...A journey that leads us to the center of our soul, enabling us to open our hearts along the way.

Discover a fresh new perspective on the Lord's Prayer and unlock the power of the words Christ used when he taught us to pray. Using the rose symbol in the center of the Labyrinth as a springboard, we will explore:

- Acknowledging our faith.
- Surrendering thoughts & behaviours that are roadblocks on our spiritual journey.
- Service to God, self, and others.
- Recognizing our abundance made possible through God's grace.

Join Sister Cathy Anne Lepore, OSB on this spiritual journey where we will look at the *Our Father* through a different lens. Open the floodgates for forgiveness, strength, and love to invade our hearts and dare to pray with Holy Boldness!

Saturday, August 21, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$60.00 (includes lunch)

For more information or to register, visit
www.benedictinn.org, or call 317-788-7581.

If you are making plans to attend college, belong to something great!

Connect to Catholic campus ministry to make friends and have some fun. Getting connected to your college campus ministry is simple; you can use this link to sign up:

signup.newmanconnection.com

Or

you can download the Newman Connect App, available for Apple and Android devices, to connect to your campus ministry instantly!

<https://landing.newmanministry.com/app>



Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our Christian community Finnegan Phoenix, son of Corey and Rebecka (Brown) Creech, who was baptized on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of July 31 and August 1	\$	7,660.90
Electronic Contributions 7/26 – 7/30	\$	2,807.34
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	62,417.85
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	65,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 2,582.15

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,109.32
July Contributions	\$	1,908.99
August Contributions (to date)	\$	613.33



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, August 23, 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 November.



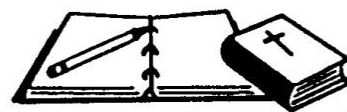
SAVE THE DATE: Our parish picnic will be Sunday, August 29 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. More information will be in the Theresean in the coming weeks.

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



Are you interested in knowing about the Catholic Faith? **Sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 7, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.** If you are

interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or just wanting to know more about our faith, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org for more information. Keep watching the bulletin for more details.



Religious Education News

Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning September 19, 2021 through April 2022. **PLEASE NOTE** if you have a child in 2nd grade that needs to make their First Communion and they attend public schools, please enroll your child in Religious Ed. If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

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, Jane Bell, Lois Irwin, Joanna Estes, Cathy Mears, John Kelly, and Charlene Fisher.

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:

Frank Skinner

11050 Presbyterian Dr #215, Indianapolis, IN 46236



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.

HELP WANTED: Prior to the Covid pandemic, **Blood Pressure Checks** were held the second Sunday of each month. Now that restrictions have been lifted, it is time to resume checking blood pressures. Please contact Peggy Clegg at (317)-357-8352 x106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you are interested in helping with this ministry. It's only a once-a-month commitment.

IU Health Connected Care is hosting a public **Open House** for our neighbors currently on Medicare as well as caregivers of individuals on Medicare. IU Health Connected Care offers enhanced primary care for adults on Medicare. Join us for a tour of the office space and meet providers on **Thursday, August 12, from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at 7140 E. Washington St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46219. Please RSVP by calling 317.832.1780 by Aug. 10.

Ten years ago Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsored an annual search to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope to younger couples – that marriage can last a lifetime. **The 11th Annual Search is now on for the Longest Married Couple.** In addition to honoring the longest married couple for the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state who has achieved that distinction.

Go to wwme.org to find out more information and to nominate couples. You do not need to know the Couple personally to nominate them. **Nominations must be received by 10 September 2021.** THANK YOU for participating in our 11th Annual search for the Longest Married Couple!

GOLF



Save the Date!

The 21st Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf outing is just around the corner. The outing will be on **Friday September 10, at 8:00 a.m.** at Pleasant Run Golf Course. The cost is only \$75 this year! This year we will be

doing online registration and sponsorships. See the link below. We will also be sharing the link via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.

<https://lfgolftournament.com/>

Please notice that the time has changed for this year. We will be teeing off at **8:00 a.m.** this year. Please contact Jeff Lyons at 317-294-9242 or jeffly200@gmail.com if you are interested in playing.



The Ladies Club Mum Sale starts now! Flyers are available at church doors. Cut-off date is August 16, and the pickup date is August 27.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 8, 2021

WATCH

EDITH STEIN: THE SEVENTH CHAMBER

This is a moving, artistic portrayal of the life of Jewish philosopher, Catholic convert, and Carmelite martyr, Edith Stein. It powerfully captures the interior struggles of this extraordinary woman and her journey toward the Lord. Deeply influenced by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, she joined the Carmelites, took the name of Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and was put to death in Auschwitz in 1942. In honor of Teresa Benedicta's feast day, enjoy this film.



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FORMED NOW: MARTYRS AND MONASTICS

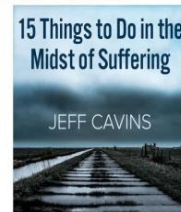


We celebrate many martyrs and monastics during this rich week in the liturgical calendar. But how did the Church become a place of heroic martyrdom and steadfast monasticism? In this video, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss these themes and their history in the early Church.

LISTEN

15 THINGS TO DO IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING BY JEFF CAVINS

In addition to St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, the Church also celebrates the feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe this week. Kolbe, a Polish Catholic priest, fearlessly suffered the horrors of Auschwitz, where he was eventually martyred because of his faith. The life of this Saint reminds us that suffering is a mystery we all face at many points in our lives. In this talk, internationally known speaker Jeff Cavins shares his insights on this difficult topic and shows us how our suffering can become redemptive.



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