# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior." Luke 1:46-47

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday:

5:00 PM 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

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER

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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

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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 parishippor in admitted. 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 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption celebrates our belief that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was taken up body and soul into heaven. Although the Assumption was celebrated as a feast day for centuries, the dogma of the Assumption was defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950.

Today we welcome Fr. George Vellorattil who will be making a mission appeal on behalf of the Diocese of Calicut-India. There will be a second collection. Please be as generous as possible.

Saturday is the feast of St. Pius X, Pope. Pope St. Pius X was Pope from 1903 to 1914. He was noted for liturgical reform at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. One of his reforms was lowering the age of First Communion from approximately 14 to 7. I made my First Communion in first grade; today our students make First Communion in second grade. Because he believed very much in power of God's grace and because he believed that the Eucharist was grace giving, he wanted children to be able to receive the Eucharist during their formative years. Pope St. Pius X also promoted singing in the Liturgy. However, congregational singing really was not implemented in most parishes in this country until the reform of the Liturgy during the Second Vatican Council.

I am told that once again people are receiving emails and text messages purported to be from me and asking for help. Please disregard any such messages. They are scams.

Three Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, who recently celebrated their jubilees have ties to Little Flower. Sr. Marie Camille Schmaltz celebrated her 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary as an Oldenburg, Franciscan. She taught at Little Flower from 1963 to 1965. Sr. Barbara Hileman and Sr. Dolores Meyer celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sr. Barbara grew up in Little Flower. She is one of our Outstanding Alumni. Sr. Dolores Meyer taught at Little Flower from 1953 to 1954. When she taught here, her name was Sr. Joseph Mary.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who helped me celebrate my birthday with greetings, cards, and presents. Little Flower parishioners have long had a reputation for kindness to their pastors. You are always kind and thoughtful to me.

Have a wonderful week.



### Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2021 (pre-pandemic) June 2020 - August 2020 September 2020 - November 2020	608 184 252
December 2020 - February 2021	238
March 2021 - May 2021	324
June 2021	369
July 2021	385
August 2021 (so far)	438

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



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.



Readings for August 21 and 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:2a, 25-32 John 6:60-69

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221.cfm



## Mass Intentions

#### For the Week of August 16 - 22, 2021

16 August Monday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Mary Sweeney

17 August Tuesday 5:30 p.m. Patricia Sullivan

18 August Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Paul Hoffmann by David and Bev Dinn

19 August Thursday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman

20 August Friday

9:30 a.m. Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Charles &

Sheila Lyon

21 August Saturday -Vigil of The 21st Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

5:00 p.m. Charley Murphy by the Murphy Family

22 August Sunday - The 21st Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. Barbara Ann Adams by the Priller Family

6:00 p.m. For the People

### / THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 15 - 22, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
Monday	First Day of Pre-School				
	Duffey Hall	6:15 p.m.	Parent Meeting		
	Parking Lot	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club		
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore		
Tuesday	St. Patrick	10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary		
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council		
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal		
Saturday	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding		
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time				

### **Save the Date Little Flower Card Players!**





Please join The Little Flower Men's Club's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Euchre Tournament Saturday, September 18, 2021

6 p.m. (after 5 p.m. Mass) in Duffey Hall (cafeteria). This year we are serving hamburger or hot dog meals with a tournament entry!

Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

IGC Permit #2626

#### Hosting an International Student

Hello, my name is Brigid Gedig. My husband and I are a parishioners at Little flower. We are asking you to consider hosting an international student. We have hosted eight students in the past and are currently hosting two for this school year. We can personally tell you it is a wonderful and rewarding experience. It gives you the opportunity to learn other cultures and provide a nurturing atmosphere for a young student away from home.

Scecina Memorial High School is seeking families that are willing to share their home with an international student. There are students waiting for a placement for this semester and more who would like to come for the spring semester. I would like to ask you to consider helping Scecina give a student an amazing experience. If you are interested please contact me and I can explain placement, discuss compensation, answer any questions, or address any concerns. I can be reached at 317-697-3546. Thank you.



Our Parish Picnic, sponsored by the Parish Life Commission, will be on Sunday, August 29, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendar and

save the date. You won't want to miss out on all the fun! There will be bingo, kickball, and card games for all you card sharks. There will be a water slide for children ages 3-3rd grade, weighing less than 100 pounds. Children younger than 3 may slide with a parent present. Swimsuits must be worn. Don't forget to bring a towel!

All activities will take place right here on our grounds, so you won't have far to travel.

### Fried Chicken, Drinks & All Paper Products Provided

Please bring a dish to share that will feed at least 10-12 people. In the past we have run out of food. We don't want anyone to go hungry!

If Your Last Name Begins With:

**A-F:** Cold Dish – pasta salad, macaroni salad, veggies, etc.

**G-M:** Hot Dish – mac and cheese, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, etc.

**N-S:** Cut fruit/cut veggies—relish tray, fruit tray, cut watermelon

**T-Z:** Desserts – cake, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc

Help will be needed on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. to take tables and chairs from the cafeteria outside for the event. Help will also be needed after the event to take all the tables and chairs back downstairs. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 X 106 or plcegg@littleflowerparish.org if you are available to help.



## THE RESUMPTION OF ADULT CHOIR

Our current plan, assuming no outside restrictions will be imposed, is to resume Adult Choir with practice on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 7:00

p.m. in Church. Recent communication indicates the majority of choir members are anxious to return. However, based on the fact that spreading the virus is more significant during singing than speaking, face masks will be required for choir members. The situation will be monitored and modified appropriately. We appreciate the willingness of choir members to live with this restriction temporarily. (It's not easy to sing with a mask on!)

In the midst of this return, we still need to look at member recruitment. In many ways, it's a great time to join and even veteran members are a bit rusty at this point! The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. We could use some new voices in all voice sections, with a significant need in the men's sections. No previous experience is necessary!! Please give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. Practices begin on Tuesday, September 7. If you have questions or if you are planning to join, e-mail Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Collection of August 7 and 8	\$ 7,822.38
Electronic Contributions 8/2 – 8/6	\$ 8,959.84
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$ 79,200.07
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$ 78,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022	\$ 1,200.07

#### **Home Improvement Fund**

June Contributions	\$ 2,109.32
July Contributions	\$ 1,908.99
<b>August Contributions (to date)</b>	\$ 1,623.16



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:

#### **Denice Rose**

Rosewalk at Lutherwood, 1301 N Ritter Ave, 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.



#### Save the Date!

The 21<sup>st</sup> 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 15, 2021

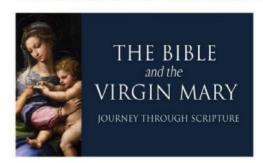
### WATCH THE WOMAN

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother Mary as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to both Genesis and Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to salvation history? This powerful film presents the Catholic teaching about Mary and her important role in the life of the Church today. On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us ponder Mary's role in our own lives!



### LEARN

### THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY: EPISODE 11: THE ASSUMPTION

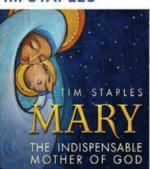


In this session of "The Bible and the Virgin," we explore both the teaching of Mary's Assumption and the identity of the mysterious woman in the book of Revelation. This epsiode also reveals how John's apocalyptic visions are the dramatic fulfillment of the promise God made back in the Garden of Eden!

### LISTEN

#### MARY: THE INDISPENSABLE MOTHER OF GOD BY TIM STAPLES

In this Lighthouse Talk, Tim Staples explains the incredible impact that the Church's understanding of Mary has on our spiritual lives, and the profound way that Marian doctrines elevate the faith. With his memorable insights and humor, Tim shows how correct knowledge of our humble Mother reveals our own identity in Christ and empowers us to say "Yes" to God!



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