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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.

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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.

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live.”

This week the All-School Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 2.

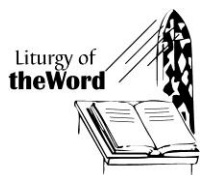
Please be reminded that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) for adults will begin on Tuesday, September 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or if you have been baptized Catholic and have not made First Communion or Confirmation, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org for more information. If you know anyone who might be interested in RCIA, please let them and us know.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We remember our former parishioner, **Betty Pfau**, who passed away on August 1 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on what would have been her 90th birthday, August 28. Please keep all of Betty's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Betty into his eternal glory.



**Readings for September 4 and 5
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 35:4-7a

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090521.cfm>



**NEWLY
BAPTIZED**

Please welcome into our Christian community Paul Joseph, son of Gregory and Joanna (Barnett) Slisz, who was baptized on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

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

Dear Parish Family,

Tuesday, August 31, is the 36th anniversary of the tragic deaths of Fathers William Fisher, Kenneth Smith, and Richard Smith in a fire in the rectory at St. John the Baptist, Starlight.

Wednesday, September 1, is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation established by Pope Francis in 2015. In his letter of August 6, 2015, Pope Francis wrote, “The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will offer individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has

We Need Your Help!

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again on Sunday September 12. We are looking for volunteers to help! Children's Liturgy of the Word is for children 3 years old through 1st grade and meets most Sundays during 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy follows the Liturgical Year and Gospel Readings. Volunteers are provided with lessons and supplies to incorporate prayer, singing, and crafts that help the children gain the full message given during Mass. Volunteers are assigned on a rotating basis. Please contact Mindy Gordon at 317-402-3263 or email sun_moon_stars79@hotmail.com.



**Attention all Parents of Teens
Grades 9-12**

Confirmation Preparation for 2021-2022 will be starting soon!

If you are interested in preparing your teen for the Sacrament of Confirmation, **please attend the one and only informational meeting on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the parish center.** Questions? Call Michele Rosenbaum at 317-443-7342.

The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, September 8, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** Please plan on joining us for lunch and games. Contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x 106 if you plan on coming or have any questions.



For the Week of August 30 – September 5, 2021

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| 30 August | Monday | 9:30 a.m. Fr. Joe Villa |
| 31 August | Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. For Healing for the Freeland Family by Carol Freeland |
| 01 September | Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. Joyce Brindley Wassel by Bea, Trish, Margie, Jane, DeEtte Schmidt |
| 02 September | Thursday | 9:30 a.m. Connie Gill by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Quiroz |
| 03 September | Friday | 5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of John Short by Nancy Glawatz and Mary Sitzman |
| 04 September | Saturday – Vigil of The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5:00 p.m. Joe Watts by Barbara Greeson and Boys |
| 05 September | Sunday – The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Bonda O’Gara by the Ladies Club |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 29 – September 5, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parking Lot	10:30 a.m.	Parish Picnic
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Parent Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Sunday	The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

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
August 2021 (so far)	408

Save the Date Little Flower Card Players!



Please join The Little Flower Men’s Club’s 3rd 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



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.

your attention please

We are excited to announce that **Coffee and Donuts** will begin again starting the weekend after Labor Day. Please plan on joining us on **Sunday, September 12 after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Duffey Hall** (school cafeteria.) This is a great way to get to know other parishioners. The donuts are free, but there will be a free will offering basket to help defray costs.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of August 21 and 22	\$	5,440.05
Electronic Contributions 8/16 – 8/20	\$	9,357.34
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	101,964.50
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	104,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 2,035.50

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,109.32
July Contributions	\$	1,908.99
August Contributions (to date)	\$	2,360.32

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, 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:

Marianela "Nela" Fox

4400 Terrace Dr Apt 301, New Palestine, IN 46163



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.

Ladies Club News

- **Mark Your Calendar!** The first Ladies Club meeting is **Thursday, September 2, at 7 p.m.** in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria.) We hope to see you there!



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.

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Do you have a relative who always asks you about the Catholic Church at family gatherings, or a friend who always brings up the Church and asks about things like "transubstantiation"? If you know the answers that's great but if you don't know the answers, bring your wondering friend or relative and join others who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church at the next session of the The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA.

RCIA is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. Little Flower will begin another RCIA session on **Tuesday, September 7, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

The RCIA is a communal process which will touch almost everything about the Catholic Church, and answer the questions of potential [candidate or catechumens as those involved move](#) toward the final rite, usually at the Easter Vigil when they will become full members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process takes several months, but it goes fast. We learn but we also have fun, listen to music, and have snacks. If you are interested please call Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org. All are welcomed!



Seccina Homecoming

Welcome home, Crusaders! Seccina's 2021 Homecoming is September 3. The golden anniversary 1972 football team will be honored before the second quarter. Seccina will celebrate members of the Class of 1997 at halftime for their 25th anniversary.

The tailgate starts at 5:30 p.m. with free food, drinks, and Seccina prizes; music, corn hole; spirit face-painting. Admission is free for future Crusaders, 1997 alumni, and the 1972 football players. Game time is 7 p.m. as the Crusaders play Cascade at 7 p.m. at Roncalli. Contact Rose Branson at rbranson@seccina.org for information or visit seccina.org/homecoming.

Raffle for the Seccina Booster Club

The kickoff drawing for \$1,000 takes place at halftime of the Homecoming game September 3. You don't need to be present to win. Tickets are \$50 each, and proceeds benefit Seccina sports.

Seccina's raffle pays out \$4,800 throughout the year, starting with the \$1,000 Homecoming drawing. Drawings for \$100 and \$300 occur each month, and the raffle ends with another \$1,000 drawing on May 15. You can continue to win all year.

Get tickets in the Seccina Athletic Office, at St. Francis Hall, or online: seccina.org/booster.

Applications for Admission

Applications for the Class of 2026 will be available on September 1, 2021. Students who apply by November 4, 2021, and complete all application requirements will receive an Admissions Decision during Thanksgiving week. Please visit seccina.org/admissions/ for more details.

Important 2021-22 Admissions Dates (subject to change)

- Open House: November 4
- High School Placement Test: November 13, December 4, January 8
- Curriculum Night: February 23 and March 2

Scholarships for 8th graders

Seccina is pleased to offer several scholarships for incoming freshmen. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit www.seccina.org/scholarships.

Fall CYO Night

Fall CYO athletes are invited to **Seccina's CYO Night on September 10**, as the Crusaders play Beech Grove at 7 p.m. at Bishop Chatard. Fall CYO Sports athletes get free admission, t-shirts, and concessions and will be honored on the field at halftime.

Explore Your Faith

AT LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Join your fellow parishioners this fall for three incredible programs!
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The Search Continues

PRESENTED BY KURT SCHNELL



What are the Sacraments? Is there a Right and a Wrong? Why is there a Pope? Why is there Evil?

The Search Continues features host Chris Stefanick along with professors from the Augustine Institute who answer some of the most searched questions on the Internet about the Catholic faith. 7 sessions beginning Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria.



The Presence

PRESENTED BY BERNIE SPONSEL



This series explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. 6 sessions beginning Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.



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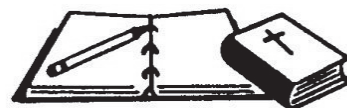
PRESENTED BY ELIZABETH MANN



By looking at God's revelation of His mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, Forgiven communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 5 sessions beginning Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 1:30 PM in the Parish Center.



Reach out to invite@littleflowerparish.org for more information.



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. Or you may go to this link to register online at <http://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/about-us/sunday-religious-education>

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