## **ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Mass Saturday: 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 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 PARISH CENTER 317-357-5316 Fax 317-322-7702 SCHOOL 317-353-2282 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,

This Monday, September 6, is Labor Day, the holiday that traditionally marks the end of summer. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Both the Parish Office and Little Flower Catholic School will be closed for the holiday.

I would encourage all those who are able to attend Mass on Monday. Labor Day celebrates the contribution of workers to the common good of our society and the prosperity our country enjoys. Labor Day is a good day for us to thank God for the economic blessings we enjoy and to pray for the health and safety of all workers and for those who are unemployed or underemployed. Many of those unemployed or underemployed are such because of the pandemic. Many workers do not earn a living wage. "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers" is one of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Wednesday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This Thursday I am scheduled to celebrate Mass for the Sisters at Oldenburg. Therefore, there will not be a Thursday Mass here at Little Flower.

Saturday, September 11, is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. This week we want to pray for all those who lost their lives or were injured on 9/11 and their families. This week we want to pray for all the firefighters, police officers, and others who responded to the tragedy. This week we want to pray for peace, justice, and freedom for all the peoples of the world, especially for the people of Afghanistan. This week we want to pray that all religions of the world foster peace, justice, and freedom.

Thanks to the members of the Parish Life Commission for hosting our Parish Picnic. Special thanks to all those that helped with set up and tear down, especially members of the Men's Club. Finally thanks to all who came and brought food. Although it was hot, the young kids enjoyed the water slide while many of the older children played kickball. Both adults and kids of all ages enjoyed bingo.

This is a good opportunity to thank the members of the Men's Club for all the hard, physical labor they do around the parish. I hope they know how much I, the staff, and their fellow parishioners appreciate all they do.

Please be reminded that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) for adults begins this Tuesday, September 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or receiving First Communion or Confirmation is welcome to come.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for September 11 and 12 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 50:5-9a James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35 To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091221.cfm

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)					
December 2019 - February 2021 (pre-pandemic)	608				
<i>June 2020 - August 2020</i>	184				
September 2020 - November 2020	252				
December 2020 - February 2021	238				
March 2021 - May 2021	324				
June 2021 - August 2021	385				



We are excited to announce Children's Liturgy of the Word will **begin on Sunday, September 12.** This is for children 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade and meets most Sundays during

the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy follows the Liturgical Year and Gospel Readings. If you are interested in volunteering, lessons & supplies are provided 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.



For the Week of September 6 - 12, 2021

06	September	Monday		
	9:30 a.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends		
07	September	Tuesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Marion Blake by Sandy Gilday		
08	September	Wednesday		
	11:00 a.m.	Rita Pfarr Gibson by Robert & Mary		
		Sitzman		
09	September	Thursday		
		No Mass		
10	September	Friday		
	9:30 a.m.	Martha Haddin by Theresa Cartwright &		
		Family		
11	September	Saturday –Vigil of The 24th Sunday in		
		Ordinary Time		
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Jon & Charizma		
		Crockett by Angel Adorey		
12	September	Sunday – The 24th Sunday in Ordinary		
		Time		
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Tom & Mary Martha		
		Costello's 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary		
	6:00 p.m.	For the People		

## / THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 5 - 12, 2021							
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP				
Sunday	The 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Monday	Labor Day – Parish and School Closed						
Tuesday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary				
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir				
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA				
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group				
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council				
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA				
Friday	Pleasant Run	8:00 a.m.	Golf Outing				
	Golf Course						
Saturday	St. Therese	9:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary Curia				
	Ladies Club Collection for Novena Flowers at all						
	Masses.						
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy				
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts				
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting				



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

#### 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.

#### 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



#### 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.



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 28 and 29	\$	5,876.34
Electronic Contributions 8/23-8/27	\$	2,582.34
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	110,423.18
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	117,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 6,576.82
Home Improvement F	und	
June Contributions	\$	2,109.32
July Contributions	\$	1,908.99
August Contributions (to date)	\$	2,360.32



#### Sunday, September 26 Annual Parish Feast Day and Parish Appreciation

Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation brunch in Duffey Hall following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited!

ATTENTION ALUMNI! On Saturday, November 6, we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date, and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

#### 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, Charlene Fisher and Janet Wilkerson.

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:

#### Carol Freeland 4923 Nowland Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201



#### 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.

**Matthew Hughey**, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.



#### **Golf Outing**

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.

### RCIARCIA RCIARCIARCIA RCIARCIA

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 to the next session of 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.** 

If you are interested, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or email <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u>. All are welcome!



Are you living a busy life and don't really have time to talk to your spouse? We have a gift to share with you. It is called a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The Weekend will give you the opportunity to examine your lives together, a time to share your feelings, hopes, joys and frustrations without the interruption of family commitments, TV, internet and phone calls. Rather it is a time to get to know your spouse all over again and rediscover your deep love for each other. We are planning an **inperson** Marriage Encounter Weekend at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on November 5-7, 2021. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.



Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade that needs to make First Communion and attends a public school, please enroll your child in Religious Ed.** If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u>, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105. Or you may go to this link to register online at <u>http://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/about-us/sunday-</u>religious-education



#### Scecina Fall CYO Night

Scecina will host the Fall CYO Night at Bishop Chatard High School on **Friday, September 10**. Kickoff against Beech Grove is at 7 p.m. All CYO students will receive free admission. At halftime, the CYO girls basketball, cheerleading, football, cross country, and kickball programs will be recognized. The athletes will receive a t-shirt and free food. <u>Athletes who register are entered to win a \$50</u> <u>giftcard to the Scecina Spirit Shop!</u>

#### **Apply Now to Scecina**

Applications for the Scecina Class of 2026 are available now! Students who apply by November 4, 2021, and complete all application requirements will receive an Admissions decision during Thanksgiving week. Please visit <u>scecina.org/admissions/</u> for more details.

#### **Calvary Gravesites for Sale**

Sacred Heart section 20, row 5, lot 5 numbers 1 & 2 \$3,000; 3 side by side gravesites Sacred Heart section 20 Row 3 lot 123 numbers 1 & 2 and lot 122 number 1 \$4,500. Flush markers only. Call Pat at 317-357-4163 or email at <u>pmbirish@att.net</u>.

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. On September 11 and 12 members of the Ladies Club will be at the doors collecting money for flowers for our St Therese Novena. Thank you for your generosity.

## Register now to hear Gianna Jessen at the Right to Life of Indianapolis Celebrate Life Dinner

Want to get involved in the pro-life movement? Here is the perfect opportunity! Right to Life of Indianapolis will hold the Annual Celebrate Life Dinner on *Tuesday, September 28* at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

Keynote speaker will be Gianna Jessen, an abortion survivor who has overcome unspeakable challenges. Her grit and determination to inspire has resonated around the world. <u>Don't</u> <u>miss your chance to hear Gianna Jessen in Indianapolis on</u> <u>September 28.</u>

Registration is \$75 per person, tables of 10 available for \$750. Register online at <u>www.rtlindy.org.</u> or call the Right to Life of Indianapolis office (317) 582-1526 to make your reservation over the phone.



#### 30<sup>th</sup> Street Food Pantry Returns to Indoor-only Shopping

St. Vincent de Paul is excited to announce that our Food Pantry, located at 3001 E. 30th Street, is returning to indoor-only shopping beginning September 7. We will

end the drive-thru service adopted in April 2020 that allowed us to continue serving our neighbors throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### New pantry shopping days/hours (effective 9/7) will be: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and Thursday evening 5-7 p.m.

For the protection of our SVdP family, those not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask indoors or in areas where social distancing is not possible. For those fully vaccinated, we strongly recommend following ISDH and CDC guidance for mask wearing indoors.

With this change, we are in need of volunteers more than ever. If you can help us at the Food Pantry, please sign up at <u>http://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/#time</u> or contact Darlene Sweeney <u>dsweeney@svdpindy.org</u>. For more information on how our pantry works, go to <u>https://www.svdpindy.org/2021/08/30th-street-food-pantry-</u> returns-to-indoor-only-shopping-ceases-drive-thru-services/.

We are also in need of plastic bags. If you can help, please drop off bags at the food pantry volunteer entrance throughout the week from 8 a.m. - 2p.m. Thank you for your continued support of SVdP and the neighbors we serve.



## FORMED

## PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 5, 2021

### WATCH NETWORK OF FREEDOM

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



## LEARN FORMED NOW: THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



As we celebrate the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary this week, listen as Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn discuss the traditions surrounding Mary's life and how her life is a model of humility for Christians.

#### LISTEN ENCOUNTERING THE POOR: BIBLICAL ROOTS FOR CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING BY TIM GRAY

Dr. Gray expounds upon the teachings of the Catholic Church surrounding social justice in light of Sacred Scripture. Discover how social justice in regards to the poor is not one small piece in the puzzle, but instead frames the entire mosaic of Scripture.



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# **Explore Your Faith**

Scan the QR Code to learn more about each topic and register for a class. (Or two!)

**The Search Continues** PRESENTED BY KURT SCHNELL 7 sessions beginning Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Cafeteria.





the Parish Center.

## The Presence PRESENTED BY BERNIE SPONSEL

6 sessions beginning Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center.

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Register by phone at 317-501-0060 or email at invite@littleflowerparish.org.



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