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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,

Special thanks to the Stewardship Commission (Peggy Clegg, Andrea Arvin, Cassie Echegaray, and Dan Mages) led by Angie Mackell for their hard work in planning the Parish Appreciation Brunch and preparing the food. Also thanks to those who helped with set up and clean up, especially Chris Arvin, Frank Mackell, and Sam Mackell. Finally, thank you to all who attended. This brunch was to thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure, which have been especially evident during the pandemic. Little Flower Parish is great because of its great people.

If today were not a Sunday, it would be the feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the foundress of the Sisters of Providence in Terre Haute. St. Mother Theodore is the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Today please pray for the living and deceased Sisters of Providence who staffed so many schools in the Archdiocese and throughout the country.

Monday we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, one of the most popular Christian saints. On Monday, please pray for the living and deceased Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg. Oldenburg Franciscans staffed Little Flower School from its beginning until approximately 1990. When I was in school, we always had a free day on October 4.

Monday is also the 18th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Stephen Happel. Msgr. Happel was associate pastor here at Little Flower from July 1970 to July 1971 when he went to Louvain to study for a doctorate in theology. At the time of his death, he was Dean of the School of Theology and Religious Studies at Catholic University of America.

Thursday, October 7, is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is one of the principal devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When those of us who are older were growing up, there were three sets of mysteries: the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. St. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries: the Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.

Please note the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin from Tom Costello concerning Youth Choir. Youth Choir has been inactive since the beginning of the pandemic. This has been one of the most missed ministries. This choir adds so much to our Sunday evening Masses. Parishioners and visitors alike frequently tell me how this choir makes Mass more meaningful for them. The Youth Choir's energy energizes everyone who attends.

Youth choir, which includes students from grades 8 to 12, practices one Sunday night per month, and sings on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. It is made up of youth in grades eight through twelve. We hope those who were members pre-pandemic will return. However, we also need many new members because five former members are now away in college. Eighth graders and high school students, please consider Youth Choir as your gift to the parish. Parents please discuss this with your students who are eligible. Little Flower needs this gift from our young adults.

I would like to end on an historical note. During the early years of the parish, the parish grew rapidly. On December 31, 1941, Little Flower had 2900 parishioners and 449 students in school. In 1941, there were 76 infant baptisms and 15 adult baptisms. There were 32 weddings and 14 deaths. The Archdiocesan parish assessment was \$1,000. Fr. Jerome Pfau, STD was pastor. Fr. Pfau was the great uncle of Theresa Slaton. His assistants were Fathers Richard Kavanagh and Edward McLaughlin. It will be interesting to look at our statistics 80 years later on December 31, 2021.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our sympathy to **Ann (Charles) Collins, John (Penney) Fowler, Richard "Dick" (Joy) Fowler, and Bill Luken** on the death Ann's, John's, and Dick's

sister and Bill's sister-in-law, **Katie (Fowler) Wood** who passed away on September 12 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on September 30. Katie was 78 years young and usually attended the 5 p.m Mass each week. She was a faith filled woman that understood the importance of family. Please keep all of Katie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Katie into his eternal glory.



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, October 20**, following the **11:00 a.m. Mass**. Please note that this is the 3rd Wednesday of the month! We will be celebrating Halloween and the 8th grade students from school will be joining us. They will be helping us decorate pumpkins and providing other entertainment! Please

contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan on attending. Mark your calendar and plan on joining us. Feel free to bring a friend.



Mass Intentions

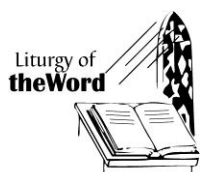
For the Week of October 4 - 10, 2021

04	October	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Ralph Morelos by Ma Cynthia B. Morelos
05	October	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Martha Haddin by Theresa Cartwright & Family
06	October	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Jane Gilmore
07	October	Thursday
		No Mass
08	October	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Fr. Joe Moriarty
09	October	Saturday – Vigil of The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	For the People
10	October	Sunday – The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Jo Ann Morris by the Downs Family
	6:00 p.m.	Gail Eisenhut

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

October 3 - 10, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	The Search Continues
Tuesday	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Chess Team Practice
	Ellenberger Park	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts Pack #0126
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Parking Lot	3:00 p.m.	Blood Mobile
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Forgiven
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	All School Mass at 9:30 a.m.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center St. Therese Room	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation



Readings for October 9 and 10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11
Hebrews 4:12-13
Mark 10:17-30

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101021.cfm>



Ladies Club News

We are excited to welcome at our October 7 meeting, guest speaker and parishioner Liz Subrin. She will share the story of her step-daughter, Margaux, who has a rare chromosome disorder Dup 15Q. She has written a series of children's books starring Margaux to bring awareness of this rare disorder and to give children a look into the lives and interests of children like Margaux. All ladies of our parish are members of The Ladies Club so please plan to attend.

We also have a request to make. It has been a long standing tradition to honor any lady, present or past member of our parish that has passed away, by forming an Honor Guard to precede her in her final journey into the Church. We are in need of additional ladies to form this Honor Guard. If you would be available please contact Rosie Torzewski at 317-954-4629 or rosietorz@gmail.com.

ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 6 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. The reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria, followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. School alumni, plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 by November 1 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to lfalumni@yahoo.com.

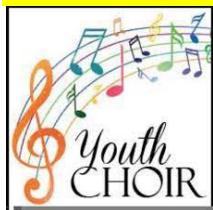
The Bloodmobile will be in the Little Flower parking lot on Wednesday, October 6 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. All safety precautions will be observed. Face masks will be required. In order for this to be a successful drive we need 20 donations. Please schedule your donation appointment at the following link: <https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip> or contact Peggy Clegg. Donations are needed now more than ever, due to COVID! Please consider donating. REMEMBER: When you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, play with their child, attend church, and to live!! Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 X106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.



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 - August 2021	385
September, 2021	385

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS IN GRADES EIGHT THRU TWELVE



Several ministries in our parish need to be rebuilt or re-energized post-pandemic. One of these is our youth choir. Youth choir practices on one Sunday night per month and sings at two Sunday evening Masses, on the first and fourth Sunday of the month. It is made up of youth in grades eight through twelve. In addition to being inactive for the past 18 months, five members are now away at college. This requires a significant commitment on the part of students AND parents. I will be scheduling a practice on October 17, at 7 p.m. in church for interested youth. Please consider this opportunity. Parents please discuss this with your students who are eligible. These kids bring a significant vitality to our Sunday evening liturgy, but we will need a significant number of new members to get this up and running again. Questions? Please contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org.



Seccina Sacred Music Concert

Thursday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m., at Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Seccina Memorial High School's mixed and advanced choirs will offer a free concert in the Holy Spirit chapel. The theme is "Be A Light." Holy Spirit music director Christian Kuphal will accompany the choirs.

Applications for Admission

Applications for the Seccina Memorial High School Class of 2026 are open! 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.

Zoom Through Admissions (Virtual Sessions Via Zoom)

Affording Your Seccina Education

October 5 at 5:30 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Spanish).
Meet the Tuition Office team and learn about our commitment to making your Seccina education affordable for you. We will show you the application process for financial aid, scholarships, and the Indiana Choice Voucher. Visit seccina.org/zoom to register.

??? HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED ABOUT ???

Why can't **PROTESTANTS** Take the **EUCCHARIST**?

Do Catholics **WORSHIP MARY**?

Come to **The SEARCH CONTINUES** Monday, October 4. Watch the short videos, and join the discussion led by Kurt Schnell, and you will get some answers! Or bring the friend that asks **You** about this!

Little Flower School Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

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Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of September 25 and 29	\$	4,743.16
Electronic Contributions 9/20 – 9/24	\$	2,997.34
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	158,211.04
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	169,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 10,788.96

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	1,908.99
August Contributions	\$	2,360.32
September Contributions (to date)	\$	2,011.32



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, Charlene Fisher, Janet Wilkerson, Tom and Diane McAndrews.

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:

Harry and Betty Heidelberg

1309 N Parker 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.



Religious Education News

If your child attends a public school, Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade. We meet on most Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Our next class is Sunday, October 17.**

PLEASE NOTE if you have a child in 2nd 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 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>



The Parish Life Commission will be hosting our annual Halloween Bash on Sunday, October 31, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Please note the change in time due to Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening.* There will be trick or treating, games in the gym, and hot dogs, chips, & drinks in the cafeteria. Your help is needed in order to make the Halloween Bash a success. **Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers that will be available at the church doors beginning next weekend.** If you love Halloween and would like to help with our party, we could sure use you! We are in need of people to help run the children's games, pass out candy, help in the kitchen serving food, and with clean up. *Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352, or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you are able to help.* In order to help keep everyone safe, face masks will be required except when eating.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 3, 2021

WATCH

CLARE AND FRANCIS

This outstanding movie is unique among films about St. Francis because of the historical accuracy of the story and its authentic spirit of joy and piety so characteristic of Francis, as well as the major role played by Clare, who is given equal stature with him. Both found major religious orders, and together they inspire many to follow their radical call to live the Gospel. Their impact has reached across the centuries to change the world.



LEARN

MISERY MEETS MERCY: ST FAUSTINA

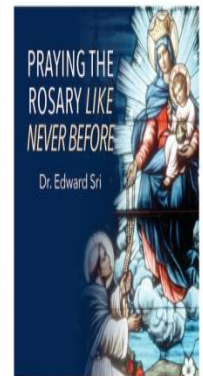


Dr. Ben Akers and Fr. Mateusz Ratajczak discuss St. Faustina Kowalska and her role of bringing the message of Divine Mercy to the Church..

LISTEN

PRAYING THE ROSARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE BY DR. EDWARD SRI

In this Lighthouse Talk, Sri discusses the main tenets of his book, *The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries*. Dr. Sri shares Pope St. John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better so you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.



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