

5TH SUNDAY of Easter

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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,

Today we remember Fr. John C. Riedinger, Little Flower's pastor from 1942-1966. Fr. John was born on May 15, 1882. Fr. John was almost 60 when he was appointed pastor of Little Flower. He retired when he turned 84. Fr. John was the longest serving pastor of Little Flower. When he became pastor, one of his first goals was to pay off the original debt of the parish. He was a builder. He built the convent (the current parish center), the rectory, and the garage. He twice added classrooms to the school. He was finally able to fulfill his dream and build our beautiful church.

Last Sunday was the 74th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast. Thanks to the Little Flower Men's Club for sponsoring and hosting the breakfast.

Special thanks to all the men who worked hard to make the breakfast a good time for the women who attended.

Since the leak of a draft of the Supreme Court in the Hobbs case, I have struggled with whether to say anything and, if so, what to say. The response to the leak demonstrates the divisions within our country and also the lack of respect people have for other people. When the final decision is rendered, I imagine the divisions and the disrespect will only get worse. As Christians, we are called to respect all people no matter how much we may disagree with them and with their positions.

In the May 6, 2022 edition of *The Criterion*, a front-page article and picture titled "Youth's goal to 'Make Heaven Crowded' begins with her love of eucharistic adoration" features Roncalli senior Celia Boring. Celia is the granddaughter of parishioners Steve and Mary Lou Beaupre.

Thursday marks the 70th anniversary of the death of Fr. James Joseph Ryan who was an associate pastor at Little Flower from 1940 until June 21, 1945. For those who are interested in parish history, especially the history that is not usually included in parish histories, Fr. Ryan was called "Sailor Ryan" because he had served in the Navy before becoming a priest. He was also a serious alcoholic. As a young priest, Msgr. Bosler, our former pastor, was assigned to Holy Rosary, and Sailor Ryan was also there. In his book *New Wine Bursting Old Wine Skins*, Msgr. Bosler wrote about him:

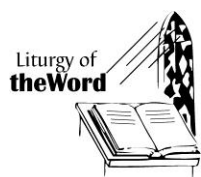
He was a unique person and a most successful priest when sober, with a charismatic power over young people. As pastor of the small town of Linton and the mission church in Jasonville, Indiana, he was responsible for six of his parishioners becoming priests and sixteen becoming religious sisters. There were a lot of his boys in the minor seminary in my time, enough to make a basketball team calling themselves the Ryanites. Besides his problem with the bottle, he had a ferocious temper that occasionally got him into serious trouble. ...

....Holiness seemed to shine out of his eyes. He was indeed saintly and most considerate of others...He is probably closer to God than the rest of us can hope to be.

Sailor Ryan showed that God chooses the weak and makes them strong in bearing witness to him. Several years ago an older priest told me that Sailor Ryan once got into a physical fight with Fr. John Riedinger here at Little Flower. I wonder if that is what ended his time at Little Flower.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for May 21 and 22

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052222.cfm>



YOUTH CHOIR will be on a brief hiatus during finals and graduation! We will be back in late June!

New Members are needed and always welcome. Questions? contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - November 2020	219
December 2020 - May 2021	280
June 2021 - November 2021	397
December 2021 - April 2022	442
May 2022 (so far)	490

Attendance for Easter Weekend (April 16/17) 839

Attendance for First Communion Weekend (April 23/24) 697



For the Week of May 16 – 22, 2022

- 16 **May Monday**
5:30 p.m. Brother John Lavelle C.S.C. by Becky Zimmer Mauser
- 17 **May Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Janet Commiskey by Paul Commiskey
- 18 **May Wednesday**
5:30 p.m. John David Woods by Julie Barrett & Janie Jacobs
- 19 **May Thursday**
5:30 p.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 20 **May Friday**
9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Olivia Jo Garrison & Lashanti Gunn by Vera Sullivan
- 21 **May Saturday – The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. For the People
- 22 **May Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter**
9:30 a.m. Isabelle Mackenzie Lyons by Nanna & Papaw
6:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 15 -22, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Gym	2:00 p.m.	Spring Musical
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Association
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Executive Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 p.m.	LF Athletic Awards Banquet
Saturday	Parking Lot	7:00 a.m.	8 th Grade Leaves for D.C.
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

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



CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES!

We would like to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, college, or graduate programs in upcoming issues of the Theresean. Please send their name and the name of the school, college, or university from which they are graduating to tom@littleflowerparish.org or call the parish center and leave the information. (You do not need to submit graduates from Secena, Cathedral, or Little Flower. They will be published separately).



Our semi annual **Blood Drive** will be held on **Wednesday, May 25 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Duffey Hall** (school cafeteria.) You may register online at https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/134960. You will need to enter our zip code, 46201, as well as an ending date of 5/26/2022 to find our registration page. In order to make this a successful drive we need 15 donations. Blood donations are still down due to Covid, so your donations are really needed! REMEMBER: when you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, hug a loved one, attend church and to live!! You may also contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-3578-8352 X106 to register. **Please consider giving the gift of life!!**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of May 7 and 8	\$	8,224.00
Electronic Contributions 5/2-5/6	\$	10,061.19
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	592,342.34
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	585,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 YTD	\$	7,342.34

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,037.00
April Contributions	\$	2,729.00
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,341.50



Prayer Requests

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, Tricia Allstatt, Charles Aughe, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Roberta Galluzzi, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Lois Irwin, Fr. Paul Koetter, Bobbie Lawless, Mitzi Loomis, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Gene Miller, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Denice Rose, Gary Walters, 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:

Floretta Burton

Westminster Village

11050 Presbyterian Dr #3308, 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.

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

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving aboard aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

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.

Being and Belonging

A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics will take place Friday through Sunday, September 9 - 11 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. You are invited to relax as you journey with others listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen your understanding of the healing process, increase your sense of belonging, and help you affirm that God is with you in your struggles and hope.

You can register by contacting Lisa Koons at Fatima Retreat House (317) 545-7681. Or, you can register online by going to: <https://www.archindy.org/fatima/register.html>. Click on the link to "Being and Belonging." Cost is \$190.00. Scholarships are available for those in need.

For more information contact Amy Frederick at 317-696-5590 or email frederick303@gmail.com

SUMMERFEST



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- Come and see the items in-person in Duffey Hall during the Festival.

- Set automatic bids so you never miss out! Don't worry, you can set a maximum amount.
- Pay online or with cash or check at pick-up.
- Festival volunteers will be on hand at the silent auction to assist and make bids for anyone without a smart phone.
- Reach out to Elizabeth Mann at edeputy1@yahoo.com or 463-206-5196 if you have any questions.



Take a picture with your smartphone to register!

Children's Liturgy – What you need to know!

What: This is a program that presents Catholic Teaching to children 3 years old through first grade.

When: Sundays during 9:30 a.m. Mass

Where: St. Patrick's room, in the Parish Center

More Volunteers are needed. Lessons and supplies are provided.

Parents if you are already sending your children please consider signing up to help! A new schedule is coming out for the Summer Session (June 12-September 16) please contact Mindy Dant-Gordon at 317-317-402-3263 or email sun_moon_stars79@hotmail.com by Wednesday, May 18. This is a life giving ministry to the children in our Parish. Please consider helping out this summer.

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 18 - 22, 2022

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For children entering Pre4 to 4th grade in the fall.

Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email: lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Watch the bulletin for more information.



Summerfest 2022

June 3, 4, and 5

Permit #002626

Sign up sheets to volunteer for Summerfest are in the gathering area once again this weekend.

PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or for friends after Masses on May 21/22 and May 28/29, or at the parish office beginning on Wednesday, May 18, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please plan ahead and get your wristband...and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

Festival T-shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up after Masses on the weekends of May 21/22 and May 28/29. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$13.00 each (YS-AXL), \$15 (2XL), or \$17 (3XL-5XL).

The Silent Auction team needs your help!

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items – all these options are a great addition to our auction.

REGISTER - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. The auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily!

KEG SPONSORSHIP

What to help at Summerfest? Why not be a keg sponsor? For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival.

Used Book Sale

Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

SET UP

We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 28 at 9am and Thursday, June 2 at 6pm. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.

FESTIVAL BINGO –2 NIGHTS!!

We will have BINGO in the school cafeteria on Friday AND Saturday evenings, June 3-4. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. and games begin at 7:00 p.m. Spread the word!

STAINED GLASS RAFFLE

With the help of just 20 people last year we raised over \$6,000 for the Little Flower Festival! This year again we will have three new stained glass creations to be raffled off. The artist has spent much of his own money and many hours putting them together. 100% of the proceeds go to Little Flower. *PLEASE help us to have another banner year!* Tickets are very reasonable and the more you spend the more tickets you get. 13 for \$10.00 ---- 28 for \$20.00 ---- 40 for \$30.00, etc. Please send a check made out to Little Flower (will take cash but prefer a check) and mail to 4720 E. 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201. You must provide your phone number. The drawing is on Sunday, June 5. Please contact Steve Wright at trading915@aol.com if you have any questions.

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