



# ***THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN***

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## **SUMMERFEST 2022 - JUNE 3, 4 and 5**

### **FLIP FLOPS AND BOTTLE TOPS**

Are you getting excited? We are! Plans are coming together for this year's festival, which is right around the corner. This year's theme is "Flip Flops and Bottle Tops," for a fun, summerlike vibe! More details will be available in the coming weeks about the exciting things in store at Summerfest for this year! Watch for information in the weekly bulletin, print ads, and email announcements.



We will once again implement the wristband process for entrance into the festival. Wristbands will be required for entrance, which will be available in advance free of charge to parishioners, neighboring parishes, family, and friends. Others will pay a nominal entrance fee, but will receive the same amount in coupons to be used at the festival.

Here's how you can make the festival a success:

The **Silent Auction** will be open all weekend and is sure to have some great items on which to bid. **The silent auction committee is very much in need of more donations.** For silent auction donations of new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00, please call Elizabeth Mann at 463-206-5196 or Andrea Johnson at 317-340-5292.

A **robust raffle** goes a long way to ensure the success of the festival and we need everyone's help. Extra tickets are available at the church doors. **THERE IS NO WAY THE FESTIVAL CAN BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT A VERY LUCRATIVE RAFFLE.**

Advance sale tickets for the rides will be available at a discount beginning May 16 in the parish center, and after all Masses of May 21/22 and 28/29. Our profit percentage is higher on presale tickets.

Plan now to attend, and invite your family, friends, and co-workers. Word of mouth is our best advertising, and it is imperative that we bring guests in from outside of the parish if we are going to be successful.

**If you are new to Little Flower, don't miss your first opportunity to enjoy this great beginning to summer!**

**SEE YOU AT SUMMERFEST!**

#### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- Summerfest Schedule
- Silent Auction
- Stained Glass Raffle
- Men's Club
- Ladies Club
- School Artwork
- The Chosen
- Food Drive
- Clean-up Day
- Gabriel Project
- Power of Prayer

*We would love to hear from you if you have any upcoming events. Take lots of pictures so we can use some of them in future issues. Submit photos and info by 7/29/22 in order for them to be published in the **August 2022 issue.***

Please e-mail all pictures and info to [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com). Thanks!

Access the LFG online at:  
[Littleflowerparish.org](http://Littleflowerparish.org)

## SUMMERFEST 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH  
(Corner of Nowland and Bosart Streets)

# SUMMERFEST

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Friday, June 3—5:00pm-11:00pm  
Saturday, June 4—3:00pm-11:00pm  
Sunday, June 5—11:00am-5:00pm

### FUN!

BINGO Friday AND Saturday (register 6pm before 7pm start)  
50/50, Tip Boards and more  
Silent Auction with virtual bidding  
Register for Silent Auction at <https://lfway.cbo.io>  
Raffle with \$4,000.00 grand prize  
Saturday Night is Little Flower School Alumni Night  
Family Day on Sunday with family friendly entertainment



### FOOD!

Outdoor Food Court  
Beer and Wine w/Daily Specials  
Indoor Dinner provided by Steer-In Saturday 5-7 pm  
Indoor Sunday Brunch 10:30am-12:00pm



### ENTERTAINMENT!

Friday  
Jaylen Koehl at 5:00  
Woolly Bullies at 6:30pm  
Bigger is Better Band at 8:00pm



Saturday  
Shady at 4:30pm  
Mike Archer at 6:30 pm  
Black Belt Jones at 9:00pm

Sunday  
Silly Safaris at 12:00pm  
Ball State Jazz Band at 1:30pm  
Seecina Memorial High School Jazz Band at 3:00pm

### RIDES & GAMES!

Poor Jack Amusements on the Midway  
Games for children of all ages

No one under age 18 admitted unless accompanied by adult.  
Minimum \$10 purchase per person age 13 and above required.





## SUMMERFEST 2022 SILENT AUCTION - DIGITAL AGAIN

### Little Flower Summerfest 2022

Silent Auction June 3rd – June 5th



Last year's move to a digital platform for our Silent Auction was a big success! We hope to replicate and grow that success this year.

After serious consideration over the past couple of years, we decided to move the Silent Auction bidding to a mobile platform last year. Simply stated, this meant that you could use your mobile device (or tablet or computer) to place your bids instead of writing them on paper bid sheets. Alumni and friends from all over the country participated in our Silent Auction!

All you must do is visit the website below to register as a bidder anytime from now until the end of the auction on 6/5/2022.

[lflower.cbo.io](https://lflower.cbo.io)

Or Scan this QR Code



There are multiple benefits to the digital platform worth noting:

- ♦ Mobile bidding allows bidders to bid from wherever they are – on church grounds, at home, anywhere!
- ♦ Mobile bidding will send alerts to bidders' devices when they've been outbid. Bidders can then place a new bid from wherever they are.
- ♦ You can set automatic maximum bids on the items you want to try hardest to secure. The system will automatically keep raising your bid to the amount you set.
- ♦ Convenience - Mobile bidding makes it convenient to participate and bid on auction items throughout the entire event.
- ♦ **No app download necessary**. Registration is as easy as providing your name, email and mobile number.
- ♦ Bidders may pay on website with a credit card or choose to pay cash/check/credit card at time of pick-up.
- ♦ We will NOT require a bidder's credit card information to make bids.
- ♦ Bidders can monitor bids anytime without having to go to the location of the item.
- ♦ Items can be viewed before the event. Bidders can come prepared and ready to bid on the items they want to take home.
- ♦ There will be volunteers on hand at the silent auction to assist and make bids for people who do not have smart phones. The volunteers can also assist bidders with bidding on their own devices.
- ♦ Winners will be texted immediately upon the closing of the auction with information about what they won and how much to pay. No more waiting in line at the end of the auction to see if you won something.



## SUMMERFEST STAINED GLASS RAFFLE RETURNS



Little Flower Summerfest 2022 is right around the corner. We again are very lucky to have a stained glass artist who has created three beautiful pieces (all unique to the artist) and is donating 100% of the proceeds to Little Flower. Last year, with your gracious assistance, we raised over \$6,000 for Little Flower!

This year we would love to top that and with the help of friends, we can do this. CAN YOU HELP? Every dollar counts! Shown above is a picture of these beautiful creations. The first name drawn gets first choice of the pieces. Second name drawn will select from the two remaining works and the third person drawn wins the last beautiful piece.

The ticket prices are as follows: 13 for \$10.00, 28 for \$20.00, and on up. The more you buy the more free tickets you get. For example, 75 for \$50.00.

Please send cash or check (preferred) made out to *Little Flower* to:

**Little Flower Parish  
4720 E 13th  
Indianapolis, IN 46201.**



Your name will automatically be entered into the drawing and you don't have to be present to win. **Please put your name and phone number inside your mailing** so that we can call you when you win.

You can also help by forwarding this to the contacts on your email list. Thank you in advance!

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## LITTLE FLOWER MEN'S CLUB IN ACTION



The Lenten fish fries were the most successful since 2016. While expenses were up by 30% to 40%, prices were raised by only \$.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children. Increased flexibility in ordering, reduced waste and better inventory control resulted in higher margins and produced a profit of nearly \$8,900, all of which goes to the parish's operating fund for 2021-22. Additionally, \$1065 was raised in donations which will be used for project expenses separate from the parish's general fund. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make this event a great success.

The date options for the annual Cincinnati Reds game outing—postponed in recent years due to Covid—are Saturday, June 18 at 4:00 p.m. versus the Milwaukee Brewers or Saturday, August 13 at 6:00 p.m. against the evil Chicago Cubs. All parishioners are invited. Watch The Theresean (bulletin) for more information.



Plans are in the works for a repeat of the very popular Men's Club Date Night at Symphony on the Prairie on Saturday, July 9. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. at Connor Prairie and the music starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each. This year's concert will be *Never Die Young - A Tribute to James Taylor*. This event is also open to all parish members and is noted as an exceptionally enjoyable evening (sellout in years past).

## LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB NEWS

The Little Flower Ladies Club season may be coming to an end but that isn't slowing us down at all! Several of us went to SoChatti Chocolate for a tasting of various South American chocolates and a few of the fruit nectars they have developed. It was fun sampling the subtle differences of each chocolate from different areas and learning about the "mad scientist" who is constantly developing new products. We are looking forward to their dried spices and herbs that are currently under development.



Our annual bedding plant sale is coming to a close. Despite changing vendors, our sale was a big success and we only have you to thank.

A shout-out to Cynthia's Hallmark Boutique in Greenfield for sponsoring a Fashion Show on Sunday, April 24th. Such fun seeing our parishioners getting all gussied up and strutting their stuff. All proceeds were donated to Little Flower Church. Everyone in attendance was treated to appetizers, a free scarf, a chance to win a door prize and to take advantage of several coupons. Thanks to our models: Shelly Willard, Jennifer Steffey, Jessica Freudenstein, Julie Wallpe and Jeanine Adkins. Such good sports.

A visit to Silly Safaris took place on Tuesday, May 10th. A special thanks to Ryan Davis for offering this opportunity to our group. Our final business meeting of the year was Thursday, May 5th, celebrating our own version of Cinco de Mayo with Mexican-themed snacks; Ryan from Silly Safaris brought some critters along for our entertainment.

See what all you are missing if you aren't active with the Ladies Club?



*From fashion shows to chocolate morsels, the Little Flower Ladies Club hits all the high spots!*



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



## LF SCHOOL ARTISTS TAKE INVITE COMMISSION CHALLENGE!

The Invite Commission asked Little Flower art students, under the direction of Mr. Zane Galway, to draw their own versions of our beloved patron saint, Therese of Lisieux. The results are glorious and have been replicated as holy cards with a prayer and Mass times on the back. They are available at the doors of church. Please take one for yourself and share as many as you like. Thank you to these talented students and their gifted teacher. We will enjoy these works for a long time. See the photo below for some beautiful examples!



## SUMMERTIME FAITH FORMATION

Join fellow parishioners and friends for viewing and discussion of "The Chosen" in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center. We meet each Thursday afternoon from 1:00-2:30 p.m. This is open to all and is a low-key and welcoming event for visitors, fallen-away friends, and neighbors. The Chosen is an interdenominational look at the life of Christ with many beautiful examples of the time and places where our Savior walked. No reservation needed! Come when you can and come as you are!

## FOOD DRIVE ONCE AGAIN A SUCCESS



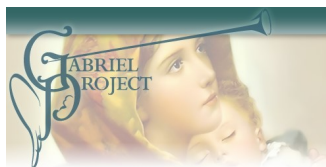
The Invite Commission thanks parishioners, Little Flower School students, and Little Flower neighbors who participated in the Food Drive on April 30. We were especially thrilled to welcome catechumens April and John Jones, Tricia Poplicean, and Karla and Rafael Absalom to our volunteer family. All donations will be shared with the Big Red Door Pantry and the Shepherd Community Food Pantry on East Washington in order to benefit the needy of the east side.

## LITTLE FLOWER NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP



Join your neighbors and the Little Flower Neighborhood Association (LFNA) Board on May 21, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon for our annual Neighborhood Clean-Up supported by Keep Indianapolis Beautiful. KIB provides us with a dumpster, trash bags, and gloves. All you need to bring is a desire to beautify and clean up our neighborhood! Look for specific gathering spots in the neighborhood on Facebook - either the LFNA or the LF Neighborhood Discussion Group Facebook page. Not on Facebook? Email Bethany Baugh at [bethanyjb@gmail.com](mailto:bethanyjb@gmail.com) for details.

## GABRIEL PROJECT PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED ASSISTANCE



A million thanks from the Gabriel Project for all your support over the years. Because you open up your hearts and pocketbooks every year at Lent, we are able to offer loving support minus the red tape to women who find themselves in difficult pregnancies.

These three adorable children belong to our Gabriel mom who was twice attacked by her ex-boyfriend. After the second assault he was arrested and our mom now has to move into a new home so he will no longer know where she lives.



Victims of domestic violence are victimized over and over when government bureaucracy slows things down to a crawl. Our Gabriel mom has temporary housing and, although she is working (over eight months pregnant with some potential complications proving worrisome), the housing cost is not allowing her to meet all her needs. We have been able to secure a roof over her head until her new place passes inspection.

Our neighbors in Holy Spirit Parish offer baby showers to our moms and we were able to celebrate with our mom on Saturday, May 7. She was so excited to have a few hours of happiness in her life. Since she is starting over in her new place, she needs everything but beds. If you have any household items to donate, please bring them to the Parish Center or contact Anita Moody at moodyak1@yahoo.com or call/text 317-918-0997.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER - *THE HAIL MARY*

*Editor's Note: This open letter from parishioner Dick Kramer is the **fifth** in a series of personal thoughts about contemporary Catholic prayer. His goal is to elicit comments, advice and criticisms about how the words with which we pray impact our faith. Dick has provided his contact information at the bottom of this article if you would like to reply to him. The viewpoints expressed here are his alone.*



Greetings Fellow Parishioners of Little Flower,

*"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you"* and *"blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus."*

The first part is from the Angel Gabriel's greeting at the visitation and the second part is from Mary's cousin Elizabeth when Mary arrived to aid her, having been told by Gabriel that Elizabeth was also pregnant. Gabriel informed Mary of this because she asked how it would be possible for her to become with child since she didn't know man; Gabriel assured her that "nothing is impossible for God."

Our response to the first part of the prayer is simply: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen." In order to reflect what we say in the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed, I feel we should add words to the second part of this prayer which I have proposed to the International Commission for English in the Liturgy (ICEL):

*"Holy Mary, the Mother of God (became Man on earth through the miraculous and mysterious intervention of the Holy Spirit), pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death, Amen."*

Though I was not conceived and born into life without original sin, at my baptism I was reborn into new life without sin. The italicized parenthetical addition to the second part of the prayer stresses the fact that it is only by the gift of faith that I can believe in the existence of a Triune God and abide in the mystery of it all.

What do you think? I welcome your comments.

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## *In Sympathy*

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,  
and for their families...*

- ✠ Betty Jo Wilson – January 19, 2022
- ✠ Jerry Kennedy – January 28, 2022
- ✠ Betty Heidelberger – January 31, 2022
- ✠ Julia Burns – February 23, 2022
- ✠ Marilyn Jones – February 26, 2022
- ✠ Jo Ann Milligan – March 30, 2022
- ✠ Doug Fuhrman – April 9, 2022
- ✠ Erwin Erb – April 12, 2022



### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!**

Henry Till

Fidencio and Jazmin Espinoza and children, Camila and Omar

Jonathan Mendez and Sarahi Hernandez and son, Aiden

Spencer Ozbun and Kristen Evans and children, Hugh and Eve

Patrick and Beth Murphy

Stephen Schmutte

Megan Belhetchet and Joseph Beckley

**Thanks for Joining Us!**



### **Please Welcome Those Recently Baptized into Our Christian Community**

- \* Lillian Jean, daughter of Christopher and Amber Couperus
- \* Nadia Regina, daughter of Brenda Samm



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*If there is anything that you would like to see featured in future issues, please contact us at [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com)*

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## Dates to Remember

May 21: Little Flower Neighborhood Clean-up

May 26: Feast of the Ascension

May 29-30: Indy 500 and Memorial Day

***June 3, 4, 5: Summerfest 2022!***

June 5: Pentecost Sunday

June 19: Father's Day

July 4: Independence Day

August 6: Fr. Bob's Birthday

Have a safe and wonderful summer!  
See you in August

