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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,

Next Saturday Fr. Jim Farrell will be the celebrant and homilist for the 5:00 Saturday evening Mass. He will also hear confessions from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. Please welcome him. As most of you know, Fr. Jim and I were classmates at Little Flower, Latin School, St. Meinrad College, and the North American College in Rome.

Thank you to the Parish Life Commission, the Men's Club, and everyone else who helped with the picnic. We had a record number of people helping with set up, which was awesome! Thanks also to those who came, especially those who brought food and/or games to play. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and it was good to see so many people!

Thanks to those who took the time to read the recent letter about Mass attendance and/or answer the short survey. I was very encouraged by Mass attendance this past weekend. Our attendance was 538, which is about 85% of our pre-pandemic attendance. This number is partially inflated due to the parish picnic and our school liturgical choir being present to sing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. However, I am hoping that it also increased due to our letter focusing on the challenge we are facing with decreased Mass attendance numbers. Time will tell, but please continue your efforts to attend weekly Mass.

Wednesday, August 31, is the anniversary of the tragic deaths of Fr. Bill Fisher, Fr. Ken Smith, and Fr. Richard Smith in a rectory fire at Starlight, Indiana, in 1985. All three had been ordained in 1955. Fr. Bill Fisher had family in Little Flower Parish. Fr. Richard Smith was the pastor of St. John the Baptist, Starlight. Fr. Ken Smith had taught at Ladywood School, Latin School, Our Lady of Grace Academy, and Marian College. Please remember them in your prayers this Wednesday.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

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 - May 2022	472
June 2022 - July 2022	399
August 2022 (average first 2 weeks)	421
August 20/21	538



The parish office will be closed on
Monday, September 5,
for Labor Day.

MASS SCHEDULE

For the Week of August 29 – September 4, 2022

29	August	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Sweeney
30	August	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Anne Hook by Andy & Dot Weidekamp
31	August	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Edward "Eddie" Schell by Diane & Ron Sharp
01	September	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
02	September	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Pat Moriarty, Jr. by Fr. Joe Moriarty
03	September	Saturday – The Vigil of the 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	William & Frances Donahue by Dong Donahue
04	September	Sunday – The 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Jesse "Chico" Quiroz by Ray & Mary Beth Alvarado
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 28 – September 4, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Meeting
Monday	Holy Family & Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Catholic Cemeteries Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion
Sunday	Happy Sunday!		



The Little Flower Ladies Club will be offering beautiful mums for your garden. Flyers are available on-line and at the doors of the church. **Orders are due by Monday, August 29.** Delivery date is Saturday, September 24 in the Little Flower School

Parking Lot, between 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



We extend our condolences to Liz and Ryan Davis and their family on the death of Liz's uncle, Roger Wyld. Please keep all of Roger's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Roger into his eternal glory.



Calling all confirmation candidates ages 14 thru 18! Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be starting soon! **An information meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. following the 6 p.m. Mass in the Parish center.** Our first meeting, with candidates only, will take place on September 25, 2022 from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please help your teen search their heart and make a plan to join us for class this year! Please call Michele Rosenbaum with any questions and thank you! 317-443-7342.



School is Back in Session!

Looking for an opportunity to spread your time and talent to our very own Little Flower School?

PPS (Parish-Parents-School) Committee is looking for Parish Partners to volunteer with our School Room Parent Program. These Partners will help to connect school families with the Parish and communicate information about Parish organizations and events. Partners may also have the opportunity to help the Room Parents with classroom activities. We would love to have at least one parish partner per classroom. No need to have a child at school to help with this important Parish/School program. If interested in learning more at the school, please reach out to Mandie Wade at mandie9906@yahoo.com or 317-410-5762 or Joanne Mages at joannemages@hotmail.com or 317-313-1971.

Join Our Golf Outing



The 22nd annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer golf outing is just around the corner. The outing will be on Friday, September 9, at 8:00 a.m. at Pleasant Run Golf Course and is only \$75 this year. This year we will be doing online registration and sponsorships. See this link below.

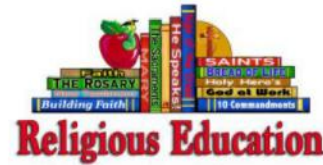
We will also be sharing the link via Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

<https://lfgolftournament.com/>

We will be teeing off at **8:00 a.m.** again this year.

Please contact Jeff Lyons at 317-294-9242 or jeffly200@gmail.com if you are interested in playing.

Married couples go home from a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend more in love with each other than ever! Want to find out more? Future Weekend will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House on November 4 -6, 2022, Visit www.wvme.org for further information. Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"



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 11, 2022 through April 2023. **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.



It's not too soon to think about joining the adult choir this fall. 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., and our first

practice for the new year will be **Tuesday, September 6, at 7:00 P.M.**

Several members have recently "retired", and we have 8 to 10 spots to fill in order to return to pre-pandemic levels. **I am hoping this can be a rebuilding year for us, but we need these new voices to help accomplish this.** We could use some new voices in ALL voice sections. with a little more need in the men's sections.

There is no audition needed and no minimum skill level required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability. Please start to give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. It's a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every weekend. If you have questions, call Tom at 357-8352 or better yet, e-mail tcostello@littleflowerparish.org. Let this year be the year when you take the step!

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis invites you to a meeting **on Monday, August 29 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** Information will be given about Catholic Cemeteries and you may also find the answers to your questions about a topic we typically do not like to discuss but will need to at some time. So bring your curiosity and your questions to the meeting.



Readings for September 3 and 4 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9: 13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14: 25-33

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090422.cfm>



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, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Jack Clark, 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, Bobbie Lawless, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Mike, Payne, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Ray Riley, Lourdes Riedeman, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Linda Hedges, and Olivia Jo Garrison.

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:

John "Jack" Clark
Ashford Place Health Campus, Room 310
2200 N Riley Hwy, Shelbyville, IN 46176

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of August 20 and 21	\$	7,177.38
Electronic Contributions 8/15-8/19	\$	8,932.94
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	99,709.70
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	104,800.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ -	5,090.30

Home Improvement Fund

June contributions	\$	2,633.75
July contributions	\$	2,150.00
August contributions (to date)	\$	1,952.00

Share Your Faith!



YOUTH CHOIR sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, August 28, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m.

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



Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

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 6, 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!



Dream A Little Dream
 SVdP Indy Council-Mattress Donation Program



Imagine being a child with no bed to call your own. Imagine sleeping on the floor with a rolled-up jacket for a pillow. Imagine having no comfortable place to call your own... no place to dream a little dream. That is the harsh reality for hundreds of children in our city—every night.

One of the Most Basic Human Needs

Because a bed is one of the most basic human needs, SVdP Indy recently launched the Dream a Little Dream Mattress Program in an effort to address the bed crisis in our city.

The impact of the bed crisis is sobering. Children without access to quality sleep are:



more likely to drop out of school



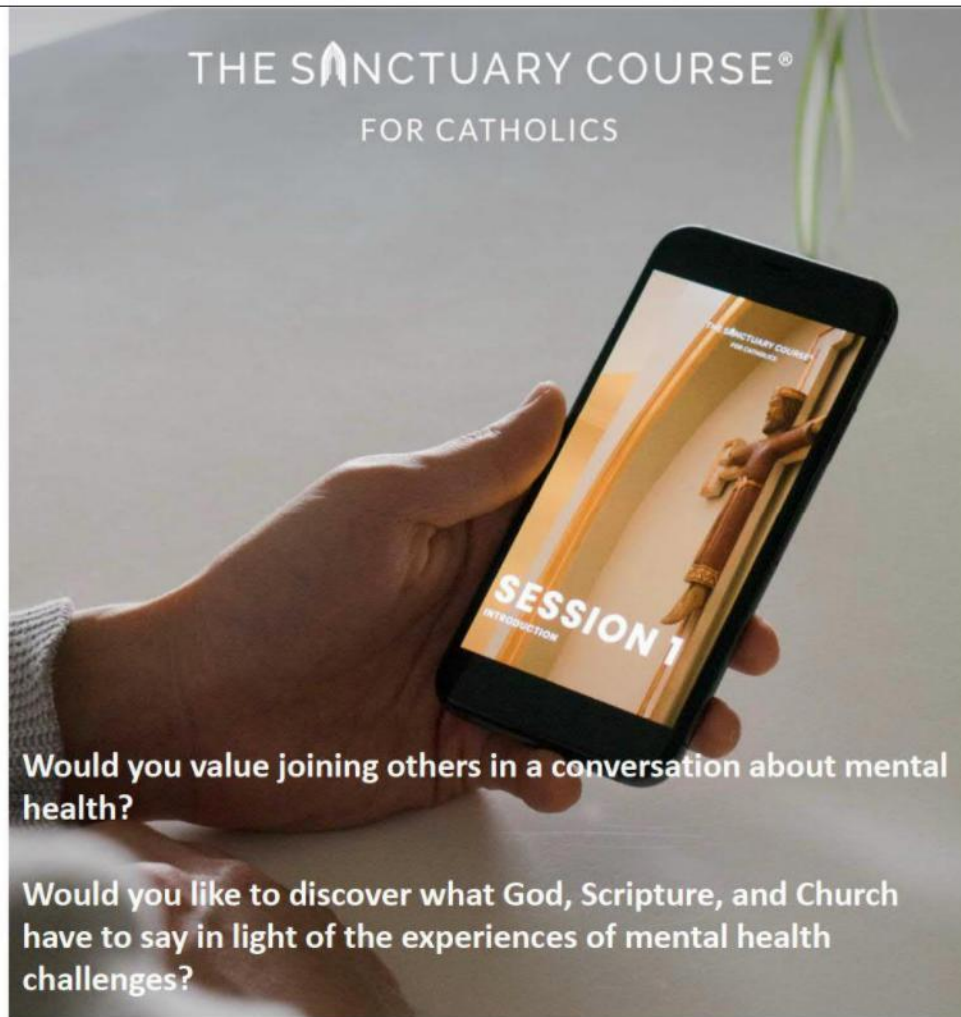
more likely to struggle with depression

MAKE A GIFT TODAY

Visit www.svdindy.org/dreams to learn how you can help.

Donations will be used to buy mattresses, box springs, bedding, blankets and pillows for families and children living in poverty.

Donate today and help us fulfill our dream of providing every child in Indianapolis with a place to lay their head.



Would you value joining others in a conversation about mental health?

Would you like to discover what God, Scripture, and Church have to say in light of the experiences of mental health challenges?

The subject matter feels particularly relevant in these times of heightened anxiety, and the course creates an opportunity to connect with and support each other in meaningful ways.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics is an eight-part course for small groups designed to raise awareness and start conversations regarding mental health. Topics covered include: mental health and mental illness, stigma, recovery, companionship, self-care, and community. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. There is no homework, but it's recommended that you read/listen to the sessions in advance of meeting.

Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for The Sanctuary Course for Catholics on **Thursdays from 1-2:30pm** starting 9/8/22.

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