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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Saturday: Mass

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

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER 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?

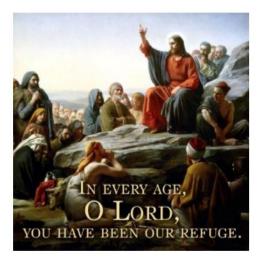
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

Please welcome Fr. Jim Farrell who will be the celebrant and homilist for our Saturday evening Mass this weekend. Fr. Jim is a retired priest of the Archdiocese who lives in Little Flower in the home in which he grew up. He currently serves as chaplain coordinator for Scecina Memorial High School.

This Monday, September 5, is Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. The parish office as well as Little Flower School will be closed on Monday.

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 under-employed. "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers" is one of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

Please be reminded that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) for adults begins this Tuesday, September 6, 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.

Thursday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This week our all-school Mass will be on Thursday.

Next weekend Fr. Stephen Okumu will be here to make a mission appeal for the Diocese of Eldoret in Kenya. Fr. Stephen will ask both for your prayers and financial support. Please be generous. Every year the Archdiocese asks each parish to host one priest missionary and one non-priest missionary, most often a religious sister. Sr. Selvi was here

approximately one month ago.

Next weekend I will be in Mentor, Ohio, to witness the marriage of one of my cousins. This cousin's grandmother, my mother's sister, lived with my mother for many years until my mother's death in 1987.

This past weekend Mass attendance was 503 compared to 421 the first two weeks of August. Thank you to all who attended. Perhaps Tom's letter influenced this higher number. I hope this trend continues.

Finally, we need more volunteers for Children's Liturgy during the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. This ministry is life giving to some of the youngest members of our community. If your children attend Children's Liturgy, please consider volunteering. Please check the announcement in the bulletin for further information.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averag	es)	
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	
August 27/28	503	



Readings for September 10 and 11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15: 1-32

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091122.cfm



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



For the Week of September 5 - 11, 2022

05 September Monday

> 9:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly

06 September Tuesday

Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Michael & 5:30 p.m.

Linda Jerrell

September Wednesday 07

> 5:30 p.m. Bud & Dorothy Moody by Bob & Bobbie

> > Lawless

September Thursday 08

> Katie White by Family & Friends 9:30 a.m.

Friday September

No Mass

Saturday - The Vigil of the 24th Sunday in 10 September

Ordinary Time

For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish 5:00 p.m.

Family

Sunday - The 24th Sunday in Ordinary 11 September

Time

9:30 a.m. Katie Wood by Ann Collins

For the People 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 4 - 11, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Happy Sunday!			
Monday	Happy Labor Day! Parish Office and School Closed.			
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
•	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission	
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday	Off-Site	8:00 a.m.	Golf Outing at Pleasant Run Golf Course	
Saturday				
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
_	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	



Volunteer Opportunity Children's Liturgy

We are in need of more volunteers for one of our most popular ministries that minister to the children of our parish age 3 through 1st grade. Children's Liturgy meets most Sundays during the 9:30 a.m. Mass and 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. A new schedule will be prepared soon. Please contact Mindy Gordon at 317-402-3263 or email sun_moon_stars79@hotmail.com, or Lisa Gibbons, at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



TOURNAMEN

The Little Flower Men's Club is hosting a Corn hole Tournament and Hog Roast. Join us Saturday September 24, at 6 p.m. This is a family friendly event. All are welcome! \$10 dinner, \$20 cornhole entry fee. Register to play on day of event. Prizes for winners.





ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS **GRADES EIGHT THRU TWELVE**

Our parish youth choir practices on one Sunday night per month, and sings at two Sunday evening Masses, on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. It is made up of youth in grades eight

through twelve. We currently have 10 dedicated teens but really need to increase our numbers. This group requires a significant commitment on the part of students AND parents. I will be scheduling a practice on September 18, 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. Questions? Please contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org



One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the Annual Novena to St. Therese. The novena will begin Wednesday, September 21 and will be held each weekday in church at 5:30 p.m. The service will consist of novena prayers, a reflection, and a Communion Service. Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place during

the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 1.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of October 1/2.



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



CLASSES ARE BEGINNING SOON! REGISTER NOW!

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 LATE! COME JOIN US!

Are you interested in knowing about the Catholic Faith? Do you have a burning question you have always wanted to ask about the Church? Come join us Tuesday, September 6, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for Faith, Fellowship and Snacks! We will meet in the Parish Center. If you have any questions please, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email laibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

MARK YOUR The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, September 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for lunch and a

surprise activity! You may call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, or email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, if you plan on attending.



oin the Choir...

You'll Be Glad You Did!

PRACTICE BEGINS THIS TUESDAY AT 7 PM IN CHURCH It's time to take the step!

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. It's a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every weekend. If you plan to attend or If you have questions, call Tom at 357-8352 or better yet, e-mail tcostello@littleflowerparish.org . If you let him know, he can be better prepared. Let this year be the year when you take the step!



Save the Date! Saturday, October 1 **Annual Parish Feast Day and Parish** Appreciation

Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation dinner in Duffey Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited!

ATTENTION ALUMNI! On Saturday, November 5 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of August 27 and 28	\$ 6,533.00
Electronic Contributions 8/22-8/26	\$ 3,275.54
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 109,518.24
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 117,900.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 8,381.76

Home Improvement Fund

June contributions	\$	2,633.75
July contributions	\$	2,150.00
August contributions	•	2 144 00

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:

Vicki Pedro 1932 N Layman Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

Catholic families who have children entering 2nd grade are invited to a **Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 6:15 p.m.** in Duffey Hall (school café). At this meeting we will discuss the program and commitments that are required. Children will make their First Reconciliation during Advent and First Communion will be Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Baptism is required to receive these sacraments. If you have not had your child baptized, please contact Peggy Clegg in the parish office at 317-357-8352 or email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. You will need to attend a Baptism Class prior to your child's baptism. The next class will be on Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. in the parish center. We would like <a href="mailto:all baptisms completed by January 2023. We are here to help you in this process and are very excited to be a part of this journey of faith for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email ligibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

Where Are You?

What are we to do with guilt? Should it be ignored or does it present an opportunity we don't want to miss? The truth is, God seeks us out when we have sinned, not to scold or punish us, but to offer us healing and forgiveness. Before all else he is our loving, merciful Father.

Starts Mon., Sept. 26th ~ Join Us!

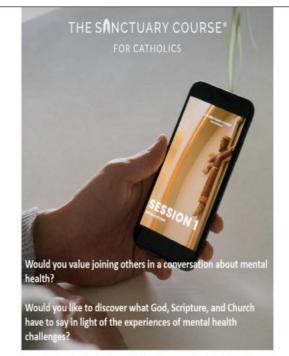


"FORGIVEN" STARTS

Monday, September 26, 6:30 pm Little Flower School Cafeteria Video + Discussion led by Kurt Snacks!

Register at the back of church or call 316-501-0060

Study Guides Available



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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