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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?

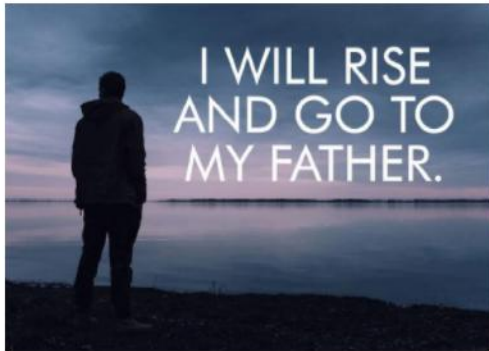
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

Please welcome Fr. Stephen Okumu who is 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 as generous as possible.

As I mentioned in my Theresean letter last weekend, this weekend I am 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.

Our Sunday Religious Education program for Kindergarten through 8th grade students who attend public schools is starting today. Please pray for these children, catechists, and parents as they grow closer to Jesus.

Today is the 21st anniversary of 9/11. This week we want to pray for all those who lost their lives or were injured on 9/11 and their families. This week we want to pray for all the firefighters, police officers, and others who responded to the tragedy. This week we want to pray for peace, justice, and freedom for all the peoples of the world. This week we want to pray that all religions of the world foster peace, justice, and freedom.

Tuesday is the feast of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. *Chrysostom* means "golden mouthed." St. John Chrysostom was an outstanding preacher. He is one of the four great Doctors of the Eastern Church.

Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This feast celebrates both the finding of the true cross by St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 and the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

Thursday is the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. By the 14th century, there were seven sorrows listed: 1. The Prophecy of Simeon [Lk. 2: 25-35]; 2. The Flight into Egypt [Mt. 2: 13-15]; 3. The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple [Lk. 2: 41-50]; 4. Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross [Lk. 23: 27-29]; 5. Mary at the foot of the cross [Jn. 19: 25-30]; 6. Mary receives the body of Jesus [Ps. 130]; and 7. Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus [Lk. 23: 50-56].

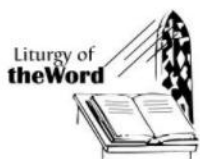
Saturday is the feast of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. With RCIA and Sunday Religious Education starting, it is good to note that St. Robert Bellarmine is the patron saint of catechists and catechumens.

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	471
September 2022 (so far)	382



**Readings for September 17 and 18
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16: 1-13

To read the readings on-line, go to <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091822.cfm>

Liturgical Ministers



Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Servers
The next schedule for the months of **October-November-December** will be out soon. Please submit your days off. The cut-off date is **Sunday, September 18.**

- Eucharistic Ministers send your emails to duvkote@aol.com, 317-531-6877 (cell), or phone and leave a message 317-356-3488.
- Lectors send your emails to Katie Leszcynski at kleszcynski@gmail.com.
- Servers send your emails to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE

For the Week of September 12 - 18, 2022

12	September	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	The Everts Family by Charlie Goodman
13	September	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Karen Ajamie by Jerry and Joan Bullock
14	September	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Charlene Runge by BJ Schmidt
15	September	Thursday
		No Mass
16	September	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Vince Steiner by Friends
17	September	Saturday – The Vigil of the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Lou Hudson
18	September	Sunday – The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Marion Blake by Sandy Gilday
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 11 - 18, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Commission
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	Parking Lot		Kickball Classic
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 & Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Harry Heidelberg* on the death of his brother, **Jeffrey Heidelberg**. Please keep all of Jeffrey's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jeffrey into his eternal glory.



ArchIndy
Creation Care
Ministry

Join Archbishop Thompson and the ArchIndy Creation Care Ministry this **Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 5:15 p.m.**, for a Mass for the Season of Creation! **Mass will**

be at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Season of Creation is from Sept 1 to Oct 4 each year and is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment. This year's worldwide theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation." Light refreshments immediately following Mass.



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. 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 gibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



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

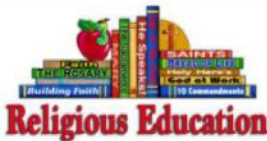
Our parish youth choir practices on one Sunday night per month, and sings at two Sunday evening Masses, on the first and fourth Sundays of the month. It is made up of youth in grades eight through twelve. We currently have 10 dedicated teens but really need to increase our numbers. This group requires 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 on **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. The 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.



Religious Education

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

If you missed signing up you can still participate!

Our next class will be on **Sunday, September 18 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools.

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.



COME JOIN US !

If you missed our first session please join us on **Tuesday, September 13 from 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

If you have any questions please, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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.



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 September 3 and 4	\$	7,671.05
Electronic Contributions 8/29-9/3	\$	7,323.32
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	124,512.61
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	131,000.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 6,487.39

Home Improvement Fund

July contributions	\$	2,150.00
August contributions	\$	2,144.00
September contributions (to date)	\$	1,226.50



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, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Roberta Galluzzi, Olivia Jo Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges 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, and Geroge Winters.

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:

George and Margaret Winters

1215 N Euclid Avenue, 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.

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 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 lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Grace. Mercy. Gift.
Reconciliation.
Freedom!
LOVE

**What: A STUDY OF THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF
CONFESSION**

**When: 4 MONDAYS, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 26th,
6:30 p.m.**

Where: LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Led by Kurt Schnell ~ Snacks

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