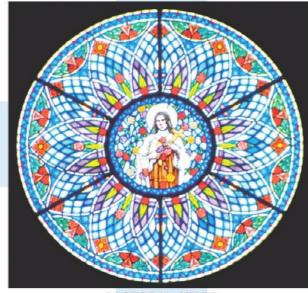
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5:00 PM Saturday: Mass

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,

This year's Little Flower Novena will begin this Wednesday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. Each evening the novena will consist of the novena prayers, a reading, and a Communion Service. The novena will be held Wednesday through Friday, September 21-23, and Monday through Friday, September 26 to September 30. The Solemn Closing of the novena will take place on at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, October 1, the Feast of St. Therese.

The 1945 Jubilee Brochure described the first Little Flower Novena:

The first public novena in honor of the Little Flower came to a close on her feast, September 30, 1927. Crowds from all over the city participated in this novena, the average nightly attendance being about 700. Closing night, an estimated 1500 persons were present.

I invite and encourage you to attend and pray in thanksgiving for all God's blessings upon us, our families, and our parish.

Little Flower School will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, September 28. Little Flower Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses the weekend of October 1-2.

Thanks to Jeff Lyons, Scott Sidor, and Paul Clegg, who organized the Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing on Friday, September 9, at Pleasant Run Golf Course. We had a wonderful day, and the weather was outstanding. We had a record high 92 golfers this year! The winning team was comprised of Drew Torzewski, Matt Torzewski, Evan Thurber, and Matt Mabee. They shot a 48, which was 23 under par.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, those who donated prizes for our golfers, and Casey Kehrer and the Steer-In for providing lunch. The remainder of the golf committee consisted of Dan Mages, Rick Fischer, and Steve Clegg. Thanks to Frank Mackell for his help running errands prior to the outing. Thank you to the other volunteers who helped at the event: Angie Mackell, Joanne Mages, Caroline Mages, Katie Lyons, and Amy Clegg. Thanks to all who supported the golf outing.

Many of you continue to ask about my health. Last week I had my six-month follow-up visit with my urologist. I am doing fine. Thanks for your continued prayers.

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)	406



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Margaret Winters* and *Nick and Jennifer Winters* and their family on the death of Margaret's husband and Nick's

father, George Winters. George was very faithful about attending Mass weekly. He was a great woodworker and would donate items he made to the silent auction at our festivals. Please keep all of George's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome George into his eternal glory.



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 <u>duvkote@aol.com</u>, 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.



Readings for September 24 and 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16: 19-31

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092522.cfm



For the Week of September 19 - 25, 2022

9 September Monday 5:30 p.m. No Mass 20 September Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara b y James

T. O'Hara

21 September Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service

22 September Thursday

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service

23 September Friday 9:30 a.m. Delia Gilday

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service September Saturday – The Vigil of the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in

24 September Saturday – The Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Tom Cisco by the Cisco Family

25 September Sunday - The 26th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. Doug Fuhrman by Thursday Afternoon Bible

Study Group

6:00 p.m. For the People

## 🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 18-25, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	(school café)			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir	
Monday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club	
Tuesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Chess Practice	
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council	
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:15 p.m.	First Communion Parent Meeting	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Family Movie Night	
Saturday	lay Parking Lot 1	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Mum Pick-Up	
	Parish Lawn	6:00 p.m.	Hog Roast & Corn Hole Tournament	
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	
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep	



## 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.



#### Register now to hear Chuck Donovan at the Right to Life of Indianapolis Celebrate Life Dinner

Want to get involved in the pro-life movement? Here is the perfect opportunity! Right to Life of Indianapolis will hold the Annual Celebrate Life Dinner on *Tuesday, October 4* at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

Keynote speaker will be Chuck Donovan, president of the Charlotte Lozier Institute. Chuck's career in public policy has given him a front row seat in abortion politics since before *Roe v. Wade* was decided until after it was overturned. You won't want to miss his insights on where the pro-life movement has come from, and where we are going next. Don't miss your chance to hear Chuck Donovan in Indianapolis on October 4.

Registration is \$75 per person, tables of 10 available for \$750. Register online at www.rtlindy.org, or call the Right to Life of Indianapolis office (317) 582-1526 to make your reservation over the phone.

#### NOVENA BEGINS THIS WEEK!



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.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their

child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until February.



Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival 5333 E. Washington Street September 22, 23, and 24 (Thursday-Saturday) Carnival Rides, Games, Live Bands, Silent Auction,

Texas Hold'em Poker, Pull Tabs, Food and Drinks, \$5,000 Grand Prize Raffle and More! More info at <a href="www.ollfallfest.org">www.ollfallfest.org</a> or on Facebook @ollfallfest Gaming License #002098

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET AND WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS?



We are looking for mentors for our 41 (!) new parishioners to help make them feel at home at Little Flower. You will be given a folder with ideas, greeting cards, phone numbers, etc. It might be just a quick text now and then or it might be an invitation to attend parish events with you. It is all up to you. If interested, please contact Carol Wehlage at <a href="mailto:cwehlage@indy.rr.com">cwehlage@indy.rr.com</a> or (317)606-9427. This is a new ministry. Help make it a success!

## A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

#### Mercy

Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and depending upon the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins.

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

Study Guides Available

call 316-501-0060





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.

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of September 10 and 11	\$ 7,199.35
Electronic Contributions 9/5-9/9	\$ 4,728.49
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 136,440.45
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 144,100.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 7,659.55

#### Home Improvement Fund

July contributions	\$ 2,150.00
August contributions	\$ 2,144.00
September contributions (to date)	\$ 1,543.50



## 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

### First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

Catholic families who have children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 the 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 <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a>. 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">all-baptisms completed by January 2023</a>. 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 <a href="mailto:qighbons@littleflowerparish.org">qighbons@littleflowerparish.org</a>.

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, and 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:

#### Barb Spellman 10841 Tealpoint Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46229

#### 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.



# Little Flower Parish Control FEAST DAY and Appreciation Celebration

PLEASE JOIN US!

In a spirit of thankfulness and celebration for your ongoing gifts of time, talent, and treasure, Fr. Bob and the staff of Little Flower request the presence of you and your family at a special dinner for <u>all</u> parishioners.

The purpose of this meal is to celebrate everything that is great about Little Flower— YOU!



Dinner will be provided, so you don't need to bring anything!

R.S.V.P. to the Parish Center 317-357-8352, ext.103 or jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by September 26.



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#### Some Reviews of "FORGIVEN":

"Absolutely so well done! All three episodes. I plan to share this and encourage others to tune in, especially my four millennials. Thank you for shedding a bright light on this most misunderstood sacrament of God's infinite love and divine mercy. It brought me to tears and thanksgiving. God bless you all for your ministry."

—Jeffrey, OR

"An excellent illustration of how we think and allow our minds to excuse sin and justify our behavior. Before we know it, we are far from God and truth. Thank you, God, for your perfect plan: the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Your wisdom, grace, love, and fount of mercy is amazing!"

—Kim. ND

"Being a Protestant until I was forty-two, going to confession has been a difficult obstacle for me. I've held on to my earlier mindset that I don't have to go to a priest; I just go to God. Sadly, since converting seven years ago, the few times that I went to confession weren't FULL confessions. Watching Forgiven has me desperately yearning to go meet Christ—not my priest. I need to hear Christ say "I absolve you." Just as he spoke so lovingly to the adulterous woman, I need to hear: 'Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.' Where am I? We are all in different places in our spiritual journey, but God made us all very good—and his mercy, grace, forgiveness, and love is ALWAYS within our reach!"

—Jan, AL

"So well done. This helped me understand my failures and my need to ask forgiveness, as well as how vital the Sacrament of Confession is to my mental health."

—John, PA

"I was so touched by this! I have those fears when I go to confession that the priest knows who I am with all my faults, and it creates an anxiety; but after watching this video, I feel liberated and excited to confess my sins before God the Father."

—Eddie, CA

"I am a frequent partaker of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so I am familiar with this sacrament—but I needed to experience this program. Everyone does! What a beautifully presented message. I hope no one misses this!"

—Tricia, FL

"Forgiveness is a powerful weapon that we can use against Satan. We can do much to defeat the devil. Through the graces poured out in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we disengage the grip Satan has on us and release control back to our Creator, the One who truly loves us.

-Anita, ON

Don't Miss "FORGIVEN"! Starts Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.



John Traub

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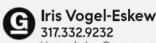
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