

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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,

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses. Saturday evening we are also celebrating the Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena with the traditional procession with the relic of St. Therese and the 2nd graders who are preparing to receive First Eucharist dropping rose petals

Saturday, October 1, is her feast day. This is the third date for her feast. Her feast was originally on September 30, the anniversary of her death in 1897. From 1927-1969, her feast day was on October 3. One of the reasons for this date was because October 1 was not available because of the then current liturgical calendar. One website suggested that it was moved to October 1 because of an ancient custom of celebrating a saint's entry into heaven on the day following their death.

St. Therese was named a Doctor of the Church by St. Pope John Paul II on October 19, 1997.

Monday, October 3, is now the Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, our only Indiana saint. St. Mother Theodore founded the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. On Monday, please pray for our Archdiocese and especially for the Sisters of Providence who continue her work. I am sure that many of you, especially those who are older, were taught by Sisters of Providence at some point in your education.

Tuesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Tuesday, please pray for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, staffed Little Flower School from its beginning until approximately 1993 when Sr. Alice Ann retired from teaching. For almost 30 years, the entire faculty were Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. When I was in school, October 4 was always a free day.

Wednesday is the optional memorial of St. Maria Faustina Kowalski who is venerated as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy."

Friday, October 7, is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is one of the principal devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When those of us who are older were growing up, there were three sets of mysteries: the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries. St. Pope John Paul II added the Luminous Mysteries: the Baptism in the Jordan, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

MASS SCHEDULE

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	422



Readings for October 8 and 9 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100922.cfm>

For the Week of October 3-9, 2022

03	October	Monday 5:30 p.m. Janet Commiskey Ibey by The Commiskey Family
04	October	Tuesday 5:30 p.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory
05	October	Wednesday 5:30 p.m. Jane Gilmore
06	October	Thursday No Mass
07	October	Friday 9:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Bob by The Parish Family
08	October	Saturday – The Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m. Sr. Timothy, OSF & Sr. Irene, OSF 75 th Jubilee by Kathleen Goodin
09	October	Sunday – The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:30 a.m. Steve Schultz by Jan Jenks 6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

October 2 - 9, 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 & Donuts
	Parish Center	2:45 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Forgiven
Tuesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Chess Practice
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Parent Math Night
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	AA Women's Workshop
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy



The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 19** (NOTE: change in date from October 12 due to school fall break) following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month members of the 8th grade class will join us. We will be decorating pumpkins for Halloween. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. You may email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or call Peggy at 317-357-8352 if you plan on attending.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of September 24 and 25	\$	5,692.34
Electronic Contributions 9/19-9/23	\$	5,418.49
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	159,908.22
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	170,300.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 10,391.78

Home Improvement Fund

July contributions	\$	2,150.00
August contributions	\$	2,144.00
September contributions	\$	2,247.00



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Pat Wilser* on the death of her husband, **Don Wilser**, and to *Myra Knorr* on the death of her husband, **James Knorr**. Please keep all of Don's and James' family in friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Don and James into his eternal glory.



The Rite of Enrollment for the 2022-23 Confirmation Candidates will take place October 2 at the 6 p.m. Mass. Please join us and remember to pray for our confirmation candidates as they embark on this spiritual journey.



CYO Boys' Basketball

Attention all 4th-8th grade boys who are members of Little Flower Parish or are students at Little Flower School, registration is underway for CYO Basketball. Please register by October 5 at orgsonline.com using our code, 165LF-N. Questions? Contact lfactivities@gmail.com.



ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 5 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. The reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria, followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. School alumni, plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 by October 31 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to lfalumni@yahoo.com.



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.

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 cwehlage@indy.rr.com or (317)606-9427. This is a new ministry. Help make it a success!



Youth Choir will sing at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on October 2, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m.



The next Ladies Club meeting will be on **Thursday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria.)** All ladies of the parish over the age of 18 are invited to be a part of the Ladies Club. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. If you would like to attend and need a ride please contact Amy Clegg at: amy.clegg@att.net or 317-223-6850.



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual **Blood Drive** will be on **Monday, October 24 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.** The Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot. All safety precautions will be observed. In order for this to be a successful drive we need 15 donations. Due to Covid donations are still down and

needed now more than ever. Please consider donating. **REMEMBER** When you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, play with their child, attend church, and to live!!

Schedule your donation at:

<https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip>

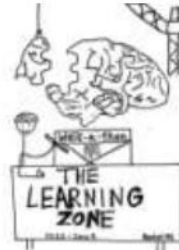
Please contact Peggy Clegg at

pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317- 357-8352 if you have any questions.

WALK-A-THON



Little Flower students will be collecting pledges until October 7 for our annual PPS Walk-a-thon Fundraiser. Help us reach our \$5,000 goal by supporting your favorite



student(s) with a monetary donation. Dollars raised will fund a variety of fun and educational field trips throughout the school year, recognize the hard work done by our awesome teachers, and provide each student with an article of Spirit Wear that can be worn to field trips, Spirit Days, and other special occasions.

You can make your pledge via debit or credit card online. Go to our school website and under the SUPPORT US header you will see "2022 Walk-a-thon." Or type in this link: <https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/walkathon>.

Include your favorite student's name on your donation so they can win additional prizes! Thank you for all your support of this important ministry of our parish.

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:

Geraldine "Jerry" Watts, 1214 N Riley 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.



Do you have a good marriage? Do you want to make it even better? Why not attend a Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend and find out how you can make it happen? Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on November 4-6, 2022, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, on February 10-12, 2023. Visit www.wwme.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!"

Project Outdoor Nativity Scene



On Sale Now! Only \$110.00! Deadline to order is October 9. Order form is on our website or call the parish office. Delivery is the week of November 28.



The Parish Life Commission will once again host our annual **Halloween Party on Monday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the school. There will be games in the gym, hot dogs, chips, and drinks in the cafeteria, trick or treating in the hallways, and the night will end with a costume contest!

Your help is needed in order to make the Halloween Bash a success. **Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers that will be available at the church doors beginning next weekend.** Also, if you are willing to help with the Halloween Bash please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352. We are in need of people to help with setting up, tearing down, passing out candy, working in the cafeteria, and assisting with games.



*I will spend my heaven
doing good upon earth.
I will let fall from heaven
a shower of roses.*
~St. Therese of Lisieux



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