# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass

9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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 317-322-7702 Fax

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,

Thanks to the *Invite* Commission and the Parish Life Commission for hosting a welcome brunch for new parishioners last Sunday. Six new families attended. They were paired with parishioners who will be available to help them feel more welcome in the parish and help them become more active in the parish.

Today is World Mission Sunday. According to the United States Conference of American Bishops, "In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927." This year's theme is "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). He reminds us that, "every Christian is called to be a

missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.... Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities."

Monday is the 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the death of Fr. Thomas Scecina for whom Scecina Memorial High School is named. Fr. Scecina was born on September 16, 1910, in Vicksburg in Greene County, Indiana. After studies at St. Meinrad Seminary, he was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis on June 11, 1935. Fr. Scecina served as a military chaplain in World War II. Captured by the Japanese, he was part of the Bataan Death March. In the Fall of 1944, the Japanese planned to transfer all the POWs to Japan to serve as slave laborers. He was on the ship Arisan Maru when it was torpedoed by an American submarine that did not know that the ship was a prisoner ship.

Scecina Memorial High School opened in 1953 with Fr. Harry Hoover as Principal. The school was staffed by Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg. The first class was composed of 128 freshman girls and 127 freshman boys. The first class, consisting of 219 seniors, graduated in 1957.

Wednesday I will have Mass at Scecina.

Friday is the Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. Saint Simon is referred to as the Zealot or Canaanite. Some argue that he was called the Zealot because he belonged to an anti-Roman party. Others argue that he was called the Zealot because of his rigid adherence to Jewish Law. St. Jude, also called Thaddeus ("Courageous"), is the patron of those in despair or of hopeless cases. According to tradition, both were martyred in Persia. Please pray for the priests and parishioners of St. Simon and St. Jude parishes on Friday.

We are looking forward to our All-Class Reunion on Saturday, November 5. Please note the full-page announcement of this year's All-Class Reunion elsewhere in *The Theresean*. Besides the presentation of Outstanding Alumni awards, we will recognize 2022 anniversary classes. The All-Class Reunion will give us an opportunity to say thanks to you for your support, for you to reconnect with classmates and friends, and for us to honor outstanding alumni. If you are an alumnus or alumna, please sign up to come. Also, if your children are alumni, please encourage them to attend. Finally, there will be no confessions on November 5 because of the All-Class Reunion.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be on Tuesday, November 1, at 6 p.m. During this special liturgy, we remember by name those members of the Little Flower community who have died in the past year. There will also be an opportunity to remember other loved ones who have died recently. If you would like to have a candle lit in remembrance of someone not buried from here in the past year, please arrive by 5:50 p.m. and write their names on the list that will be available at each door.



#### **CANDY NEEDED**

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 container at the church doors. We don't want to run out of candy!! Thank You!



#### For the Week of October 24 - 30, 2022

24 October Monday 5:30 p.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday October

25

23

DAY

5:30 p.m. Eileen Watson by Jane Gilmore

26 October Wednesday No Mass 27

October **Thursday** 

9:30 a.m. Edward Galluzzi by the Galluzzi Family

28 October Friday

> 9.30 a m For the Intentions of Carol Freeland

Saturday - The Vigil of the 31st Sunday in 29 October

**Ordinary Time** 

5:00 p.m. Mary Jo Campbell by Jerry and Joan Bullock Sunday - The 31st Sunday in Ordinary October

9:30 a.m. The Fowler Family by Family

6:00 p.m. For the People

ROOM

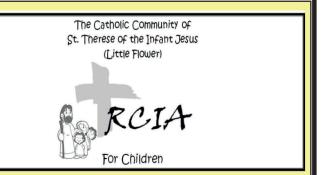
### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

GROUP

#### October 24 - 30, 2022TIME

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	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Chess Practice	
Monday	School parking lot	3:00 p.m.	Blood Mobile	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Executive Meeting	
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	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting	
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group	
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	RCIA for Children Parent Meeting	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday	Church	9:30 a.m.	All School Mass	
·	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance	
Saturday				
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	

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden," will be distributed in mid-November. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to Ifparishnews@yahoo.com by Friday, October 28. You may also bring items to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.



Little Flower Catholic Church will have an information meeting for parents whose children would like to become Catholic on Thursday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center (please enter door **numbers 11 or 13.)** This meeting will explain the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) which is open to all children in 3rd grade and above, who are not baptized, or who are baptized in another Christian denomination. These classes are designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to the Catholic faith, or delayed your child's sacramental preparation, all are welcome. If you have any questions, or if you are planning on attending, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of October 15 and 16	\$ 6,798.80
Electronic Contributions 10/10-10/14	\$ 3,250.19
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 198,364.27
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 209,600.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 11,235.73

#### **Home Improvement Fund**

August contributions	\$	2,144.00
September contributions	\$	2,247.00
October contributions (to date)	S	1.651.50

#### 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	
October 2022 (first three weekend only)	458	



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.

## 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. If you have children who graduated from Little Flower, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend. More details can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.



#### **YOUTH CHOIR**

Youth Choir will sing at the 6 p.m. Mass on Sundays October 23 and November 6, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

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



During the month of October the Ladies Club is asking for donations of travel sized toiletries for the homeless. There will be

baskets at all of the church entrances. Some suggestions are:

- razors
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- can openers(smallest available)
- deodorant bar soap
- bar soap containers
- lip balm
- masks

Thank you!





#### **FLU SHOTS**

Are you ready for flu season? Community Hospital East is here to help by providing free flu shots this fall for adults 18 and older, while supplies last,

in the lobby of the professional building at 1400 N. Ritter Ave.

The next date will be Wednesday, Oct. 26/9 a.m. – Noon.



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! 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.



SAVE THE DATE: Our semiannual 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.



The family of Jack Clark would like to thank Fr. Bob and the parishioners of Little Flower for the kindness and compassion shown to our family. Many thanks to the Funeral Luncheon committee that

provided the mercy meal. We are blessed to be a part of the Little Flower family!



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, 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:

#### Esther Capps Creekside Health and Rehab 3114 E 46<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

#### 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.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



#### **Kroger Community Rewards**

Our third-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$758.79, with 240 households participating between 7/1/2022 to 9/30/2022. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months! How?

By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to <a href="https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards">www.kroger.com/communityrewards</a>. You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, please enter our organization number CP031. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday**, **October 2**4 at 6:30 p.m. hosting a **Chili Cookoff Contest and more**. No charges for the meal. Donations accepted for "**Coats for Kids**" **fundraiser**. We will also present a monthly award for **Knight of the Month**. Please join us for a great evening.



#### World Mission Sunday

October 23, 2022

The Church, therefore, is missionary by her very nature. She continues the mission of the Son and the mission of the Holy Spirit by proclaiming to the ends of the earth the salvation Christ offers those who believe in him. We are faithful to the nature of the Church to the degree that we love and sincerely promote her missionary activity. As teachers and pastors we are responsible for keeping alive a vibrant Catholic missionary spirit in the United States.



## HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING!



IT' AS EASY AS 1-2-3!

- 1. On the weekend of October 29/30 pick up a reusable grocery bag (or two!) in the front of church. If you are not able to pick up a bag in church, they will be available in the parish office beginning October 31, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. while supplies last. Inside the bag you will find a list of 10 grocery items.
- 2. Go to the store and purchase the 10 items. This is something families can do together as a good work to help the poor!
- 3. Return your filled bag to church on the weekend of November 12/13 or to the parish office no later than November 14.

Little Flower's St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will add a bread item and a grocery gift card to make the bag complete.

Thank you for your help as we serve the poor in our neighborhood



#### Our annual all-class reunion is right around the corner!!

We are inviting all of our alumni to attend. We are also asking that you assist us in encouraging your children, siblings, cousins, friends, and acquaintances who are alumni to attend this special evening.

Details are provided below. Please lend us a hand in spreading the word. **Reservations required by OCTOBER 31.** 

### All Alumni and their guest are invited to our annual

#### **ALL-CLASS REUNION**

Saturday, November 5, 2022

4:15 pm School Tours - Meet in School Cafeteria (enter Door #6)

5:00 pm Mass at Little Flower Church

6:15 pm Social Hour (cash bar) at the Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 E. 21st Street

7:00 pm Complimentary Dinner and Program at the Marriott

#### This year we will honor the following outstanding alumni:

June Ann Nally Jorgenson, Class of 1953 Dr. Thomas Thamann, PhD, Class of 1962 Kurt Schnell, Class of 1981

and

The Little Flower Classes of 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, and 1997

#### Please R.S.V.P. by October 31, 2022

Call the Little Flower Parish office at 317-357-8352, or send an e-mail to Ifalumni@yahoo.com.

Please send your name, year of graduation, and your guest's name.

Kindly help us spread the word by inviting and encouraging other Little Flower alumni to attend.

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening. To help accommodate guests who would like to be seated together, the dining room will open for seating at 6:35 p.m.

Arrive early for early seating.



John Traub

"80"

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