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Saturday: 5:00 PM 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

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OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 317-357-5316

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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?

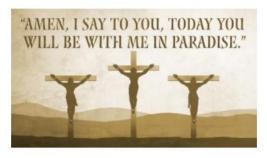
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the Church year. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI at the close of the 1925 Holy Year. He wanted to emphasize the kingship of Christ over all creation. In the Preface of the Mass, we pray, "You anointed Jesus Christ, your only Son, with the oil of gladness, as the eternal priest and universal king."

Today we commission all of our lectors, servers, music ministers, ministers of hospitality, and arts and environment ministers at all of our weekend Masses. We very much appreciate the contributions of these ministers who enrich our liturgy on a weekly basis.

This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day. **Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m.** Even in these difficult economic times, as a nation, we have much for which to be grateful. The three best ways to give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving Day are to celebrate Eucharist as a family, spend quality time with our family and/or friends, and share some of our blessings with those in need. Little Flower School will anticipate the celebration of Thanksgiving with an all-school Mass on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Likewise, we as a parish and a school have many reasons to be grateful. We have beautiful Liturgies. Our parish continues to thrive despite the pandemic and the economy. We continue to thrive because of you. So many of you are so generous with your time, talent, and treasure. We thrive because we have a wonderful, dedicated staff. We continue to provide faith formation to our parishioners and others and to strive to meet the needs of the community.

Little Flower School has a stable enrollment, new gym and stage floors with sound system being installed, a new STEM Lab, a fully staffed building with quality dedicated teachers, Amy Torzewski and Mary Rodriguez are fantastic at welcoming and supporting all, good kids with kind hearts, families that want better for their kids, increased staffing for kids who are behind, a record of high achievement from our top students, a supportive parish, generous and committed alumni, a great maintenance staff and a beautiful building, and a great kitchen staff with an almost completely renovated kitchen.

On Thanksgiving Day, there will be a collection to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of the economy, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stretched thinner than ever with more people in need and possibly fewer donations. Thank you to all who returned Thanksgiving Blessing Bags or donated gift cards. On Thanksgiving, you are invited to bring food for those in need. It may be placed on the steps around the altar.

You are also invited to bring food for your own dinner. Please do not place this food on the steps. You will be invited to bring it forward to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Because of Thanksgiving, the parish offices and school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

Next Sunday will be the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new church year. Giving Tree tags will also be available next Sunday. Please note the full announcement about the Giving Tree. The Giving Tree gifts are one way in which we become Christ to others, and they become Christ to us.

As most of you know, the Archdiocese will soon once again permit the reception of Holy Communion under both species. Some people wonder why we do not adopt the practice of small communion cups. The Church does not allow this for several reasons. Unlike most other churches, we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In most cases, these cups are inexpensive and disposable, hardly suitable to hold the Blood of Christ. Likewise, it would be inconceivable that we would simply throw them in the trash. Second, although admittedly it takes many chalices to distribute Communion under both species, we are imitating the example of Jesus at the Last Supper at which the disciples drank from a shared cup. Also, based on our theology of the Eucharist, we receive the Eucharist from another; we do not take the Eucharist.

Have a wonderful week!





We extend our condolences to *Denis Moriarty* on the death of his wife, **Ita Moriarty**, who passed away on November 13 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 18.

Denis and Ita still considered Little Flower their home parish, even after moving to Illinois to be closer to their children in July 2021. Before moving, Ita was involved with the Ladies Club and helped with funeral luncheons. Her faith was very strong and she faithfully attended Mass each week. Please keep all of Ita's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Ita into his eternal glory.



## **Thanksgiving Blessing Bags**

Thank You to everyone for all of your donations to help neighborhood families in need for Thanksgiving. May the blessing you have extended to others be returned to you!



#### For the Week of November 21-27, 2022

21 November Monday

5:30 p.m. Martha Haddin by Theresa Cartwright &

Family

November 9:30 a.m.
 November Wednesday

5:30 p.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory

24 November Thursday

9:30 a.m. Pat & Margaret Moriarty & Family

25 November Friday No Mass

26 November Saturday - The Vigil the First Sunday of

Advent

5:00 p.m. John & Josephine Watson by Jane Gilmore

27 November Sunday – First Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Charlene Runge by Ladies Club

6:00 p.m. For the People

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

November 20 - 27, 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		
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep		
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Advent Family Night		
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club		
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir		
Wednesday					
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving				
	Parish Office is closed.				
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Parish Office is closed.				
Saturday	Church	9:00 a.m.	SVDP set-up		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		



**LECTORS** will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 26 and 27. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.



Readings for November 26 and 27 First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112722.cfm

Ladies Club Bake Sale after masses on December 3 and 4!! We need your baked goods!! Please bring items to sell to the back of church anytime after 2 p.m. on December 3, so we can get them sorted and priced.



### LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CHOIR

REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS TUESDAY,

November 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Church

The Christmas Choir rehearses

on the 5 Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, November 22. The choir will then sing at the 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sundays, January 1 and January 8.

Members are asked to commit to four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.



Want to give back to the community but not be tied to a schedule or leave your home? We are looking for one or two more volunteers to join our IU Health Little Flower Congregation ministry. There will be a training session in January. The class lasts only an hour once a week for 4 weeks

via Zoom. If you have an hour or less a week to phone someone that can use telephone support or help from a network of community resources, you may enjoy this ministry. We are learning how to address issues of social isolation and loneliness, especially for persons with chronic illnesses. If you would like to join our ministry or learn more about it, please contact Pattiann Gavaghan, 317-502-4630, email <a href="mailto:gavagpt@gmail.com">gavagpt@gmail.com</a> or Trisha Corcoran,317-363-7890, email torcoranotr@gmail.com.



#### **Holiday Bulletin Deadlines**

Our bulletin company has been alerted by UPS and FedEx that both companies expect to be pushed to capacity this holiday season, if not beyond. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will

have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

#### **Christmas Schedule**

- December 18 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday,
   December 8, at noon.
- <u>December 25 bulletin</u> submissions are due by Thursday,
   <u>December 15, at noon.</u>
- January 1 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday, December 22, at noon.

**ATTENTION:** Ladies Club Meeting will be moved to Thursday December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria!! Join us for our Christmas Celebration where we will have the Little Flower Liturgical Choir for entertainment, and have an ornament exchange. If possible, please bring a snack or dessert to share and an ornament for the exchange!! This evening is always a fun time, please consider joining us!!



The Parish Life Commission will host "Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun" on Monday, November 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on November 27. The evening will begin with dinner (pizza). Following dinner, each family will be given the opportunity to make an Advent Calendar. The evening is free, but reservations are needed in

order to make sure there is enough food and supplies for everyone. All are invited! If you have any questions, contact Peggy Clegg at <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> or 317-357-8352 x106.

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of November 12 and 13	\$ 7,965.71
Electronic Contributions 11/7-11/11	\$ 3,041.49
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 251,022.44
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 262,000.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 10,977.56

#### Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,247.00	
October Contributions	\$	2,318.00	
November Contributions (to date)	S	1.364.00	

#### PLEASE NOTE

Last weekend was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.

#### 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	451
November (so far)	482*
* adjusted due to alumni weekend.	



#### YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will sing at the 6 p.m. Mass on Sundays, November 27 and December 4, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? Please contact Tom at <a href="mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org">tom@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, Fr. Mike Barton, Jane Bell, Floretta Burton, 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, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Sally Meth,Gene Miller, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Ray Riley, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, 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:

Mary Helen Eckrich 1455 Eagle Trace Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143

## 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.



Our parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 11, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends and hopefully get everyone into the Christmas spirit! The menu will include eggs, ham, potatoes, muffins, fruit,

sausage gravy and biscuits, milk and orange juice. Santa will be present for those Kodak moments, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. There will be a craft activity for grade school students to make if they wish. There will also be door prizes for both adults and children. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!

# MOVIE NIGHT!



NOVEMBER 28, 6:30 PM LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL CAFETERIA FUN, FELLOWSHIP, PISCUSSION



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Thea Bowman



Rev. Tolton



Julia Greeley



Sister DeLille

- Mother Mary Lange, a Baltimore nun who started and ran a school for Black children during the era of slavery.
   Haitian American and former slave Pierre Toussaint, who went on to became a successful business owner and philanthropist in New York.
- 3. Mississippi-born scholar-evangelist Thea Bowman.
  4. Rev. Augustus Tolton, a former slave who was baptized and reared Catholic, was rejected on the basis of his race by every American seminary he applied to. He went to Rome to study and, in 1886, won the distinction of being the first Black priest in America.
  5. Julia Greeley, born enslaved in Missouri in the mid-1800s and baptized Catholic, became known as Denver's "Angel of Charity" for her work on behalf of that city's poor.
- 6. Sister Henriette DeLille, a Black nun from New Orleans born in 1813, opened the first Catholic home for older adults and founded an order of women religious in the face of opposition due to her race.

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## Happy Thanksgiving

THE STAFF OF LITTLE FLOWER PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING



Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:30 am, so that we might together give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been given.

Bring some food that you plan to use as part of your Thanksgiving Meal. Keep your food with you during mass, and you will be asked to bring it forward for a blessing during Mass.

Donations of non-perishable food to replenish their emergency food pantry will also be accepted by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

The Thanksgiving Day collection will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in their work during this busy season.



John Traub

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