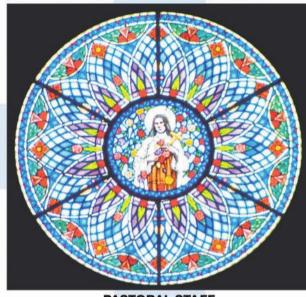
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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?

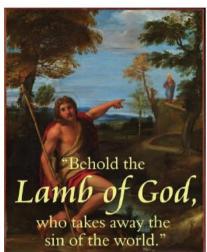
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This Monday, January 16, our nation celebrates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King. I am always moved by Dr. King's words in his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." In that same speech, Dr. King reminded his listeners, "...unearned suffering is redemptive."

Tuesday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). January 25 was and is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for 2023 is "Do good; seek justice" [Isaiah 1:17]. According to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, "The theme, taken from the first chapter of the Book of Isaiah, reflects his concern for the oppressed who suffer from injustice and inequality fed by hypocrisy that leads to disunity." This theme was developed with the assistance of a group of Christians in Minnesota where George Floyd was murdered.

In early December, I included a short biography of two of our 2022 Outstanding Alumni. The third and final outstanding alumnus is Kurt Schnell from the Class of 1983.

Kurt is the youngest of Ralph and Wanda Schnell's six children, all of whom attended Little Flower Grade School. The family of eight lived in a small three bedroom house at 1710 N Colorado in a neighborhood where many Little Flower parishioners lived. He graduated from Scecina Memorial High School. Kurt and his wife, Patti, have two daughters, Cassie and Jessie. They also have two grandchildren by Cassie, Mason and Emma. Kurt began working in the tool and construction rental industry during his high school years and continued that line of work after graduating. He started his own successful business, K & R Tool Shed, in 2003.

Kurt has remained steadfast in his loyalty to Little Flower. All throughout his adult life he has dedicated time and effort in volunteering wherever needed. For many years he has contributed to the success of the Little Flower Festival. He also ushers at Mass regularly. A few years ago he signed up for a Bible study with the Invite Commission and soon after was asked to help lead the studies. He is the Vice-Chairperson of the Parish Council and a member of the Executive Committee of the Parish Council.

One of his best memories from Little School was the support he felt in fourth grade when his father died unexpectedly. Mr. Bauerle brought the entire Cub Scout troop to the funeral. His teacher, Ms. Vicki Scherer, showed incredible love and support when he returned to school after the funeral. Although she now lives in Michigan, Kurt was able to locate her, and she and her husband, Keith Johnson, attended the All Class Reunion. According to Kurt, "The value of a Little Flower education reaches far and wide. In addition to learning the Catholic faith and service to others it helps create many lifelong friends." He believes Little Flower is a family.

For his loyalty, dedication, and generosity to Little Flower Parish, we honored Kurt Schnell as an outstanding alumnus of Little Flower Catholic School.

Have a wonderful week!





Readings for January 21/22 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 8:23-9:3 I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 Matthew 4:12-23

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012223.cfm



We remember our former parishioner, **Norma Greeley**, who passed away on December 30 and whose funeral service was held at the chapel at Calvary

Cemetery on January 9. Please keep all of Norma's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Norma into his eternal glory.

Life's most persistent & urgent question is: What are you doing for others?

Martin Luther King Jr.



For the Week of January 16, 22, 2023

16	January	Monday		
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly		
17	January	Tuesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Jerry Buchman by Diane & Ron Sharp		
18	January	Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Norma Jean Clark by June Ann Jorgenson		
19	January	Thursday		
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman		
20	January	Friday		
	9:30 a.m.	Barbara Baumgartner		
21	January	Saturday - The Vigil of 3rd Sunday in		
		Ordinary Time		
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Margaret & Jerry Kelly by the Kelly		
		Family		
22	January	Sunday - The Third Sundy in Ordinary		
		Time		
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Renee Gordon by the		
		Gordon Family		
	6:00 p.m.	For the People		

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 15 - 22, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.					
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir			
Monday	Parish Office and School Closed.					
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study			
	Duffey Hall (school Café)	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club			
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.			
Wednesday	Parish Center	5:45 p.m.	Bible Study - Childcare			
701	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council			
	Duffey Hall (school Café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study			
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:30 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop			
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting			
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Music Director Search Committee			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts			
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed			

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



Adopt-A-Seminarian Program

The Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations has assigned Alexander W. Lindberg to Little Flower in their Adopt-A-Seminarian Program. Through this program we ask everyone to pray for and send words of encouragement to

Alexander throughout the year. There are prayer cards with his picture at the church doors. Direct contact information for Alexander can be found at www.HearGodsCall.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of January 7 and 8	\$ 6,827.10
Electronic Contributions 1/2-1/6	\$ 9,535.74
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 369,085.06
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 366,800.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$ 2,285.06

Christmas Collection \$ 8,364.70

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,034.00
December Contributions	\$ 2,324.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,249.00

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/22)

Parish Goal	\$ 58,338.00	
# of gifts received or pledged	23	
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 11 196 00	



Project Rachel

Experience Hope and Healing After Abortion

Upcoming Retreat in the Greater Indianapolis Area

February 10-12, 2023

For Confidential Help Contact 317-452-0054 or projectrachel@archindy.org for more information.

All Calls and Locations Are Confidential.

A Special Word to Those Who Have Had an Abortion ...

Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope....
If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility
and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you
his forgiveness and his peace ...
~Saint John Paul II, The Gospel Life



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, January 15 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church. New members are

always welcome.

We will also sing on Sundays, January 22 and February 1, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



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, 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, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Jimmy Murphy, 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:

Ellen Corriden 166 Albany Way Apt C, Beech Grove, IN 46107

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.

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.

Next weekend, January 21 and 22, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be sent via email in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Thursday, January 26. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 6 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 April.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2023 June 2, 3, and 4

We can't believe it either - it's time to start planning SUMMERFEST 2023!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 25** for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you'd like to be a new part of the team.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any <u>gaming</u> capacity at this year's festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working/selling at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org, with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" by January 15:

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information previously, and nothing has changed, you don't need to send again.

IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list. If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



In a recent edition of the bulletin there was a mistake. It stated that Katie Tobin's mother, Denise Tobin, passed away. It was actually John Tobin's mother who passed away and Katie's mother-in-law. Also, Judy Corpuz's name was misspelled. Please accept our apology for this mistake.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - August 2022	
September 2022 - November 2022	
December 2022 (first three weekends)	466
January 2023 (first weekend only)	

Mass Attendance for the four Christmas Masses was 841



Catholic in Recovery Indianapolis is a new resource available to Catholics throughout the Archdiocese who are either themselves facing addiction or are helping loved ones face addiction. Here is more information:

Catholic in Recovery (https://catholicinrecovery.com/) blends the Sacraments with a 12-Step Program to help both those dealing with substance abuse and any addictions and those loved ones of addicts and substance abusers. The Indianapolis chapter meeting is at 7 p.m. every Monday in the Cry Room at Saint Simon the Apostle Church, 8155 Oaklandon Road, 46236 (northeast side of Indianapolis). When you arrive for the meeting, please enter the church under the big drive-through overhang and turn right to the Cry Room. For more local information or to have someone reach out to you, please email CatholicinrecoveryIndy@gmail.com.



Regular adult choir resumes with practice on Tuesday, January 17, at 7:00 P.M. in church. The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays, September through May. Practices are held

on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. We could use some new voices in all voice sections. If you have questions, e-mail Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.



A personal note of thanks to all members and instrumentalists of the Christmas choir. In the midst of an upsurge in various illnesses, they persisted! The results were outstanding! Very few parishes do Christmas like Little Flower!

Thanks to all, Tom

St. Therese LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Little Flower Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. You can schedule a tour and pick up registration forms by contacting the school office at 317-353-2282 or email kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org. Little Flower does accept state vouchers. Catholic education is affordable for all families.



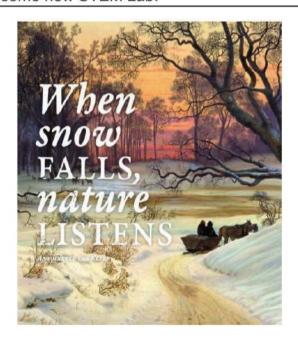
Little Flower Catholic School

January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come and see the wonderful things happening at <u>your</u> Catholic school.

See the new gym floor, the new doors, and our awesome new STEM Lab.



HERE AM I, LORD; I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

PSALM 40:9

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Reverse Raffle & Bingo Night

Saturday January 28 in LF cafeteria Doors open 6:00pm

*Pre-Sale thru Jan 27: \$30 Individual Raffle or Bingo ticket

\$50 Combo Ticket (Raffle + Bingo)

*Day of Event: \$35 Individual Raffle or Bingo ticket

\$60 Combo Ticket (Raffle + Bingo)

*Full Tables also available for purchase (8 tickets + 1 free Raffle entry)

All tickets include dinner, drinks, and chances for cash prizes!

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Need a break from the day to day at home and at work?



want an adult only evening without the hassle of trying to plan all of it?

Join us for The Little Flower Men's and Ladies' Clubs: **Social Dinner Dance!!**

Who: Men and Women over 21

(Do not need to be a parishioner.)

What: Catered dinner with beer, wine, and soft drinks

included, followed by dancing!

When: Saturday, February 18, 2023

Social hour - after 5 p.m. Mass, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Little Flower Cafeteria

How Much: \$40 per person / \$80 per couple

RSVP: Buy tickets at parish office or by contacting Amy

& Steve below, no later than Monday, February 6

at 3 p.m.

Contact: Amy Clegg 317-223-6850, or

email amy.clegg@att.net Steve Clegg 317-538-6636, or email steven.clegg@att.net





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