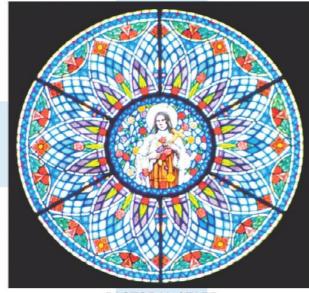
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

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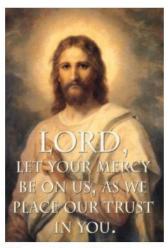
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our young people who made their First Communion last Sunday to celebrate the Rite of Going Forth with us. This special rite helps reinforce commitment to the Eucharist and to going forth to make a better world. It helps the children discover that First Communion is a starting point in living a Eucharistic life.

This week Little Flower will host the CYO kickball championships. Because of the quality of our field, CYO consistently chooses Little Flower to host the championship games in the fall and spring.

CYO Girls' Kickball is an Indianapolis sport created by Fr. Bernard Gerdon when he was assistant pastor at St. Philip Neri. Fr. Gerdon later served as assistant pastor at Little Flower from 1953 to 1955 and from 1957 to 1960. Also, we recently received a newspaper article for the archives from 1950. The article states that the very first kickball game was played between St. Philip and Little Flower!

The 8th grade class of 2023 hosted this year's senior prom on Saturday, April 29, 2023, with the help of their teachers, Kelli Tromiczak and Lauren Hanzel, and Peggy Clegg, Pastoral Associate for Health and Senior Ministries. I would like to thank them for all of their hard work to make sure that the evening was enjoyable for all who attended. Special thanks also to our art teacher, David Wissel, who helped with set up, and to his students who made flowers to decorate the cafeteria for the prom and to Kevin Gawrys for calling Bingo! Thanks to Tim and Patty Kegley, our cafeteria managers, for preparing a delicious meal for the evening. It takes many hands to make this evening possible, and we are blessed to have such dedicated teachers and staff, willing to pitch in when needed. Finally, thanks to all those who attended the prom; without you the evening would not have been possible.

Have a wonderful week.



We extend our sympathy and condolences to Paul and Therese Myers on the death of Paul's sister, Mary Ellen Myers, who recently passed away. Her funeral liturgy was

celebrated at St. Philip Neri church. Please keep all of Mary Ellen's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary into his eternal glory.



For the Week of May 8 - 14, 2023

08	May	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Bryan Cuppy by donna & Thomas Kemp
09	May	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Sharp by Brian & Sue Swhear
10	May	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Mary Sweeney by Marian Brinker
11	May	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	William Moylan by Family and Friends
12	May	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Ita Moriarty by Ladies Club
13	May	Saturday - The Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter
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	5:00 p.m.	Floretta Burton by Diane Gray
14	May	Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Easter
	9:30 a.m.	Cathy Mears by Christy & Carol

For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	New Parishioner Regisration after all Masses.					
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Church	9:30 a.m.	First Communion Rite of Going Forth			
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
Monday						
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group			
-	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council			
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:15 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA			
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
Saturday	Blood Pressure check after all Masses.					
Sunday	Happy Mother's Day!					
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Breakfast			



6:00 p.m.

75th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

Hosted by the Little Flower Mens Club Sunday May 14 following 9:30 a.m. Mass Little Flower cafeteria Ladies 21 and over

PLEASE RSVP - To ensure we have

enough food and beverages at this special anniversary event, please RSVP at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6095551495897

or contact the parish office at 317-357-8352.



Summerfest 2023 June 2, 3, and 4

Permit #002626

The next leadership team meeting is Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. (note time change)

Sign up sheets to volunteer for Summerfest are in the gathering area once again this weekend.

The Silent Auction team needs your help!

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items — all these options are a great addition to our auction.

REGISTER - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. The auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily!

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

KEG SPONSORSHIP

Want to help at Summerfest? Why not be a keg sponsor? For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, May 10 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for lunch and fellowship. Feel free to bring a friend, the more the merrier. You may call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you plan to attend.

Stained Glass Raffle



Last year we raised about \$4,500 for the Little Flower Festival! This year again we will have 3 new stained glass creations to be raffled off. This year we would love for *ALL* of you to pitch in and help.

Due to the artist's family circumstances, **this may be the last year** for the stained glass raffle. Let's help make this year the best one ever!

It's very easy. We will send out an email with the pictures of the glass and we ask that you forward

it to all the people on your email list and also post to Facebook if you have an account. You are in NO way obligated to buy any tickets (but we would love it if you do). You are in NO way obligated to sell any amount of tickets. All we ask is that you forward these to your contacts. With your help we believe we can top last year's total and really help Little Flower to have another successful festival. It will take just a few minutes out of your busy schedule. PLEASE help us to have another banner year! Please contact Steve Wright at trading915@aol.com if you will help. Thanks in advance for all your help. Watch for emails in the coming weeks. We keep you posted as to how we are doing with the raffle.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of April 29 and 30	\$ 9,979.87
Electronic Contributions 4/24-4/28	\$ 3,102.34
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 591,446.78
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 576,400.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$ 15,046.78

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$	2,215.00
March Contributions	\$	2,159.00
April Contributions	S	2,303.00

NOTE: WE HAVE ONLY RECEIVED AROUND 100 COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARDS FROM PARISHIONERS.

If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the church doors.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608		
June 2020 - May 2021	249		
June 2021 - May 2022	434		
June 2022 - December 2022			
January 2023-March 2023			
April 2023 (excluding Easter and First Communion)			



Readings for May 13 and 14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17 I Peter 3: 15-18 John 14:15-21

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051423.cfm



Coca Cola Give Program is under construction and being reimagined. We encourage all consumers to donate their product codes, found under product caps

and on fridge packs, on or before June 30, 2023. This program has benefited Little Flower School over the years it has been running. Donations this year are over \$200 currently. Please turn in your caps and "official codes" (not bar codes) from boxes as you finish the product. This will ensure as many of the codes as possible can be entered before the program ends.

Anyone can log into www.coke.com/give and enter the codes from caps and boxes. Among the many schools participating in this program, it is easy to find Little Flower School by entering the Zip Code 46201.

Little Flower Euchre

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club

Who: Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age

Where: Little Flower Cafeteria

When: Wednesday, May 24, from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Cost: \$5

We will play a round robin within groups of 8, so you will play 7 rounds and partner with everyone in your group of 8. Rounds will last 15 minutes with each player dealing twice if time allows – we will strictly limit each round to 15 minutes. We will play 4 rounds then take a 15-minute break before playing the final three rounds.

Snacks will be provided and soft drinks/water will be available for \$1 each

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you register.

Questions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or johnsojc@iupui.edu.



Free Skin Cancer Screenings

May is Skin Cancer Awareness Month and regardless of skin color, it can affect anyone. To help you identify and treat skin cancer

early, Community is offering FREE screenings. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States, but with early detection, you can have a better chance of a successful treatment.

Tuesday, May 23 / 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Community MD Anderson Cancer Center – Radiation Oncology
1500 N. Ritter Ave. Indianapolis, 46219

To schedule an appointment call 800-777-7775, or eCommunity.com/skincancer



YOUTH CHOIR (grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, May 7, meeting in church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass.

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



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, Mark Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Jo Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Bobby Lesczynski, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Jimmy Murphy, Carol 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:

Ray and Hazel Quinn 1116 N Gladstone Ave, 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.

Gary Ballou, currently deployed overseas in the Air Force reserve.

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.

Children's Liturgy What you need to know!

What: This is a program that presents Catholic teaching to children

3 years old up until preparation for First Communion. When: Sundays during 9:30 a.m. Mass

Where: St. Patrick room in the Parish Center

Our coordinator for many years is stepping down at the end of the summer. We will need a new coordinator in place for September. We want this important ministry to continue so please search your heart to see if this is something you would like to do. For more information contact Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Our first-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$674.88, with 228 households participating between 1/1/2023 to 3/31/2023. 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 www.kroger.com/communityrewards. 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!

May 1, 2023

Dear Parish Family,

Now in my final month as music director, I have been reflecting on many memories of my time working at Little Flower. My earliest days in music ministry (as a volunteer) here date back to 1984.

When I retired as Director of Stewardship and Administration in 2017, a retirement party was held for me. Although I had decided by that time to stay on as part-time music director, I clearly remember promising at that event that there would only be one retirement party. As discussions arose recently about how to mark my most recent retirement, I have remembered that promise!

However, I do want to mark this departure in some way. Anyone who has spent any amount of time with me probably knows that our parish's weekend Mass attendance has been a concern for me since the pandemic started. Although many people have returned to Mass, we have still not reached our prepandemic attendance. In addition to the pandemic, there has been a general attrition of Mass attendance over the past several years. Over the years, I have personally been saddened because people whom I have considered members of my church family have simply stopped attending Mass. Frankly, this is not a trend that bodes well for the future of the parish.

I have also been thinking about what has brought me the most joy in my years involved in music ministry. That's an easy question to answer. The time I have felt the most joy, the most fulfilled, and the most grateful for our music ministry have been the times when the church has been full! There is nothing that enriches our Liturgy more than a full congregation.

Added to all this is the fact that my last weekend as music director (and the final Sunday in our Choir season) happens to be Pentecost. There is no more appropriate time to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our parish.

So, my request is a simple one. I want to fill the church at our Masses on May 27 and 28. I want us to come together in prayer to the Holy Spirit to guide us and ignite in us the fire of God's love. I am fully aware that this happens to also be Memorial Day/Race weekend. But as always, we have three available Mass times; 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. It would be a gift to me to see our pews filled at all three Masses.

If you have gotten out of the habit of attending Mass, please make an effort. If you have issues with the Church, please consider putting them aside. Nothing is more important to our parish than celebrating Liturgy together.

As always, please know that I understand if you are physically unable to be present with us. Otherwise, I hope you will give some consideration to my request.

Gratefully,

Tom

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