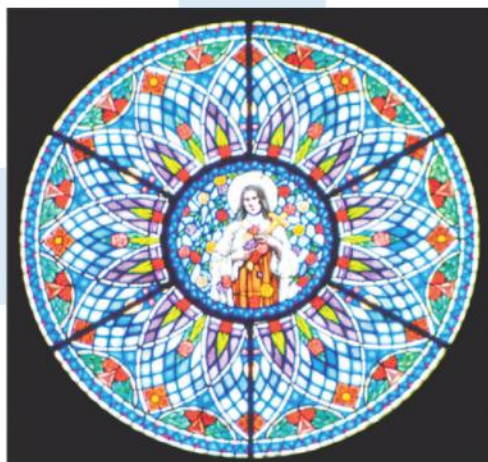


6th Sunday of Easter

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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
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SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702
The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
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Contact the school for more information.

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At-Large Member	Karla Absalom
At-Large Member	Patrick Becker
At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
At-Large Member	Katie Leszczynski
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum

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.

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,

The parish staff and I want to wish all mothers a blessed and happy Mothers' Day. Mother's Day is a day to cherish our mothers or our memories of our mothers.

Congratulations to our Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Thompson this past Wednesday, May 3, at Sts. Peter & Paul Cathedral.

Edgar Arboleda
Colin Smith
Kate Erdosy
Jacob Minton

Frank Cheever
Joe Cheever
Rain Davis

Hannah McMahon
Cecilia Lyons
Alex Gillum

Melanie Garcia from St Patrick Parish also joined us for Confirmation. Although she is a member of St. Patrick Parish, she is in 8th grade at Little Flower.

Special thanks to Michele Rosenbaum and Rachel Shaffer who have spent this past year preparing our Confirmation candidates. They have generously shared their time and talent and, literally, themselves with these young men and women. Thank you!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of *Newsies, Jr.*, our Little Flower spring musical. The students have been working since before Christmas, and all that hard work was evident with three phenomenal performances this past weekend. Our new sound system was loud and clear and let the incredible talent of our students shine through!

Thanks to all the staff who helped to make this production a success. Ashley Burkhardt, Lauren Hanzel, Angie Mackell, Dave Barr, and David Wissel made significant contributions to the production. And, of course, Katie McGannon, our director and music teacher, has brought energy and excellence back to Little Flower music and productions. We are so fortunate for her talent and leadership.

Last Sunday was the 40th wedding anniversary of John and Barbara Bruce. They had asked for an anniversary blessing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, which I forgot because of all that was happening at that Mass. However, I was able to give them the blessing after Mass, but I was not able to congratulate them in front of the parish. Congratulations John and Barbara!

As we all know, Tom Costello is retiring as Music Director effective June 1. In last week's bulletin, he made a special request. Since pandemic began, and even before that time, he has been very concerned about Mass attendance. Therefore, he requested that we fill the church at all our Masses on May 27-28, his last weekend, which is also the Solemnity of Pentecost. As he wrote, "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." This is the only gift he has requested. Also, the choir is planning some special music at the 9:30 a.m. Mass since it is also the last Sunday in the choir season.

With Tom retiring, we are looking for a new music director. I appointed a committee to conduct the search. At this point, two candidates have applied. The committee interviewed each of them, and both auditioned for the committee with help from members of the adult choir. At this point, we are planning to interview each of them again. Until we hire someone, the search remains open to additional candidates.

Have a wonderful week,

fr. Bob

MASSES For The Week

For the Week of May 15 - 21, 2023

15	May	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Janet Commiskey by the Commiskey Family
16	May	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Karen Alger by June Jorgenson
17	May	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Jim & Judy Watson
18	May	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Jesse Quiroz by the Quiroz Family
19	May	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by Carol Freeland
20	May	Saturday – The Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter
	5:00 p.m.	Walter & Anna Bordekecher by Pauline & Charlie Graf
14	May	Sunday – The Seventh Sunday of Easter
	9:30 a.m.	Isabel Mackenzie Lyons by Nanna & Papaw
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

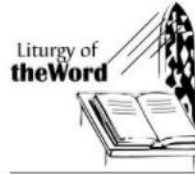
May 14 - 21, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Happy Mother's Day!		
	Blood Pressure checks after all Masses.		
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Breakfast
Monday	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Assoc.
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patirck (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	7:30 p.m.	Festival Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:15 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	7:00 p.m.	LFAC Awards Banquet
Saturday	Parking Lot	6:45 a.m.	8 th Grade DC Trip
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir

Happy Mother's Day



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Andrew Gordon and Mindy Dant-Gordon and their family*, on the death of Mindy's uncle, Greg Dant, who passed away on May 3. His funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Jude on May 12. Please keep all of Greg's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Greg into his eternal glory.



Readings for May 20 and 21 SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

Acts 1: 1-11

Ephesians 1: 17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052123.cfm>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of May 6 and 7	\$	6,978.29
Electronic Contributions 5/1-5/5	\$	8,767.29
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	607,192.36
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	589,500.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD	\$	17,692.36

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,159.00
April Contributions	\$	2,303.00
May Contributions	\$	1,530.00

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	441
January 2023-March 2023	497
April 2023 (thru 4/16-excluding Easter)	534
May 2023 (thru 5/7)	504

SAVE THE DATE

Vacation Bible School

July 17 - 21, 2023

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

For children entering Pre4 to 4th grade in the fall.

Volunteers are needed! Please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email: lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Watch the bulletin for more information.

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.

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:

Bill and Judy Rathz

Kesslerwood Place

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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.

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.



YOUTH CHOIR
(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, May 28, meeting in church at 5pm for 6pm Mass.

WE WILL NOT PRACTICE ON SUNDAY MAY 21.



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!



Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of funds collected remain here in the Indianapolis Archdiocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.





**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 difference)

PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or for friends after Masses on May 20/21 and May 27/28, or at the parish office beginning on Monday, May 15, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please plan ahead and get your wristband...and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

T-SHIRTS

Festival T-shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up after Masses on the weekends of May 20/21 and May 27/28. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$13.00 each (YS-AXL), \$15 (2XL), or \$17 (3XL-5XL).

KEG SPONSORSHIP

DEADLINE FOR KEG SPONSORS IS MAY 12! 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.

SILENT AUCTION

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).

SET UP

We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 27 at 9am and Thursday, June 1 at 6pm. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.

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 is 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.

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