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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.

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
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 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.

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 welcome Jim Tidaback who will be speaking on behalf of the African Sisters Education Cooperative. By educating African Sisters, the Cooperative improves their ability to serve their communities and to make a difference in their communities. Please be as generous as possible.

My gratitude goes out to the Men's Club for their help in tending the grounds and for their help with the all-school cookout on Thursday, July 13. During the summer, our maintenance crew works very hard in the school building doing necessary cleaning, painting, and repairs to get classrooms and student spaces ready before school starts in August. Because summer is also the time when the grounds need the most attention, it is difficult to keep up with all the tasks. Last week the Men's Club responded to our call for help by quickly putting together a work day to trim bushes, pull weeds, and organize the garage. Big thanks for their hard work and dedication to keeping our parish grounds looking good! Also, the Men's Club played a major role in the all-school cookout on July 13. They took responsibility for setting up, tearing down, and cooking.

Last Monday, I attended the Men's Club meeting. The Men's Club continues to grow in numbers and is having a significant impact on the parish. In addition, the Men's Club offers fellowship to its members and engages them in fun activities.

As good as it is to be away on vacation, it is always good to return home. Little Flower has now been my home for 20 years. Also, this was the first time I have been away for three successive weekends. Because I go to a lake, I am always asked if I fish. I do not fish. However, I did read 1 ½ novels. I took several boat rides and went out on a wave runner once. Most importantly, I was able to spend quality time with the family I was visiting, their other guests, and their neighbors.

In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told the parable of the sower and the seed. During the homily, I mentioned that while I was on vacation, I had the opportunity to discuss faith with several young adults. For example, I talked with one young woman who just graduated from high school who has a very strong, personal faith. I have to admit that I always wonder why some people believe so strongly and other very good people not so strongly or not at all.

Tuesday is the Feast of St. James, Apostle. This St. James is often referred to as St. James the Greater as opposed to the other apostle named James, referred to as St. James the Lesser. This St. James is called the Greater because he followed Jesus before the other St. James. He is the brother of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. They were the sons of Zebedee.

Wednesday is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin. This is a good day for all of us to pray for all parents. However, someone suggested to me that July 26 should be the official Grandparents Day. If your grandparents are still alive, you might want to give them a call on Wednesday. If they are deceased, you might want to say a special prayer for them.

Friday is the 6th anniversary of Archbishop Thompson's installation as Archbishop of Indianapolis. Please pray for him in a special way on Friday.

Finally, Saturday is the feast of Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Until recently, this was simply the feast of St. Martha. Pope Francis added her sister and brother, Mary and Lazarus. There are two familiar stories about them in the Gospels. In one story, Martha and Mary welcomed Jesus into their home. However, we are most familiar with the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to *Mary Lou Hoggatt* on the death of her companion of 20 years, **Richard Phelps**, who for many years was Santa's helper at our parish Christmas Party. We extend our sympathy to *Ann Sutton* and her

family on the death of her father, **Frank Skinner** who passed away on July 12 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on July 21. Frank was 87 and before his health declined, he would help count the weekly collection, he was an usher, and he helped clean the church. For many years, in their younger days, he and his late wife, Mary, would run the Walking Taco booth at our Summerfest. Please keep all of Richard's and Frank's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Richard and Frank into his eternal glory.

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We will soon be running the schedule for August, September, and October. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- **Lectors:** please email Katie Leszczynski at katie.leszczynski1993@gmail.com
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org because Ron is on vacation.
- **Servers:** Please email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If however, you have dates to request that you not be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Wednesday, July 26.**

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

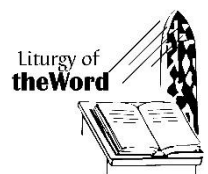
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023	455
July 2023 (thru July 16)	418



Saint Vincent De Paul News

The local conference of SVDP is called to journey together toward holiness through serving Christ in the poor and one another. The work is supported by donations. When a month has five Sundays, (like July) a special donation envelope is dedicated to SVDP. Please prayerfully reflect on your ability to give and help on Sunday, July 30.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-August. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Friday, July 28. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.



Readings for July 29 and 30
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
 Romans 8:28-30
 Matthew 13:44-52

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/073023.cfm>



This year we will continue to offer our annual back-to-school blessing for students beginning new academic years. We will welcome all elementary school students in addition to our high

school and college students, and those who have entered or are entering training in trade programs. We will offer this blessing at all Masses on the weekend of July 29 and 30.

Please try to make this a priority for your family.

Little Flower Euchre Nights

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club

Who: Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age
Where: Little Flower Cafeteria
When: The following Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m.:

July 26
 August 9 and 23
 September 6 and 20
 October 11 and 25

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.



For the Week of July 24 - 30, 2023

24	July	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Mary Valentine by Mary Rancourt
25	July	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jackie Hendricks Gregory by the LF Class of 1964
26	July	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Willie Sutton by the Schaedel Family
27	July	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends
28	July	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Michael Commiskey, Jr. by the Commiskey Family
29	July	Saturday – The Vigil the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Nancy Wheelock by the Bordenkecher Family
30	July	Sunday – The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	Craig Deputy by the Deputy Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the people

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 16 - 23, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	2:00 p.m.	Parish Council Sub Committee
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of July 15 and 16	\$	5,949.05
Electronic Contributions 7/10-7/14	\$	3,193.44
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	36,528.12
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	39,600.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 3,071.88

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,520.00
June Contributions	\$	2,210.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$	1,552.00



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 Clevenger, 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:

Geraldine “Jerry” Watts
1214 N Riley Avenue, 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.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving on the USS Wisconsin in Great Lakes, IL.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

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.



NOW HIRING

We continue to seek a replacement for Tom Costello. We are searching for a part-time (approx. 20 hrs. per week) Director of Music Ministry to lead a well-developed liturgical ministry.

Responsibilities include:

- Providing music at three Masses per weekend, including personal direction and/or performance for at least two Masses.
- Recruiting and supervising volunteer musicians.
- Directing adult and youth choirs.
- Training cantors.
- Assisting with liturgical music for school liturgies.

This dynamic person of faith should have a Bachelor's Degree in music or equivalent experience, a strong knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy, and proficiency in keyboard and choral direction. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

E-mail cover letter, résumé, and references, to musicdirectorsearch@littleflowerparish.org.



39th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Marriage & Family Life Office invites all couples married sacramentally within the Catholic Church to celebrate the joy of their vocation at a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Charles C. Thompson on Sunday, August 27, at 2:00 p.m. at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. The Mass will include a blessing for the renewal of nuptial commitment and a certificate of recognition will be awarded to couples who celebrate their sacramental marriage. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited, and registration is required. You may register online at <https://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html>. The registrations closes on August 5. After Mass, there will be a reception with the Archbishop at the Assembly Hall from 3 - 5 p.m. It includes heavy appetizers, music, and the opportunity to greet the Archbishop. For more information: Contact Claudia Corona in the Marriage & Family Life Office at CCorona@archindy.org or call (317) 236-7310.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, August 21, 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 November.



SAVE THE DATE: Our annual **Parish Picnic** will be **Sunday, August 27** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. It's held right here on the parish grounds. Mark your calendar now and save the date.

You don't want to miss out on all the fun. More information will follow in future issues of the *Theresean*.

HELP NEEDED!

The Little Flower Ladies Club needs some help for the 2023-2024 year.

We need a First Vice Chairperson and a Membership Chairperson. If you have any questions, or are interested in helping out, please contact Amy Clegg at amy.clegg@att.net or (317) 223-6850.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AT LITTLE FLOWER

Meet your neighbors, celebrate the neighborhood, enjoy a free light supper, visit the food trucks, enjoy live music and games, and get some free school supplies! There will be loads of fun for everyone!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1
6:00pm-7:30pm

Little Flower Catholic Church/School
1401 N. Bosart Ave
in the parking lot
Inclement weather location: School cafeteria

See a fire truck and police car up close and meet our neighborhood IFD and IMPD members.

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LITTLE FLOWER LADIES CLUB ANNUAL MUM SALE

Mum season is rapidly approaching. What better way to make your yard beautiful and to help the Ladies Club at the same time. A varied assortment of 9" Mums and Kale will be offered at \$10.00 a plant.

**Cut-off date is Wednesday, August 16 and delivery date is Friday, August 25
in front of the church from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Delivery charge is \$5.00.**

Any questions, please contact Rita Chapman, 317-709-7879 or email: midwestmrs@att.net.

ORDERING INFORMATION

NAME OF PLANT	QTY	TOTAL PLANT CHARGE
Yellow Mums		
White Mums		
Orange/Bronze Mums		
Red Mums		
Pink/Purple Mums		
Red Kale		
White Kale		
Delivery Charge		
Total		

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Email:
Phone:

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