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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.

#### 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,

Thanks to all the participants and volunteers in Vacation Bible School the week of July 17-21, 2023. Thirty students from Pre-K to 4th grade participated in the Bible School. Also, special thanks to all of our volunteers. Workers included adults, teens, and students in grades 5 through high school. They are:

Jeanine Adkins
Camila Avalos
Sophie Brown
Cassie Echegaray
Shannon Estrada
Abby Estrada

Kimberly Hall Andrew Hollada Reanna Hollada Keeghan Jones Thomas Kring Sam Mackell Caroline Mages Joanne Mages Elizabeth Mann Mary Mann Cece Pertile B.J. Schmidt Joanna Slisz Marek Torzewski Paisley Torzewski Mandie Wade Elise Weimer

Special thanks to Lisa Gibbons who serves as director of Vacation Bible School. The theme of the week was "Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light." The program reminded the children that we are called to shine Jesus' light.

Monday we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest. St. Ignatius was the founder of the Jesuits. According to the *Ordo*, at the time of his death in 1556, "the Society numbered 1000 members in seventy-six houses in twelve provinces, including Brazil, Japan, and India; today numbers some 15,300 members...." In Indianapolis, Brebeuf High School is a ministry of the Jesuits. My first three years in Rome I attended the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Jesuit university.

Monday is also the anniversary of the death of Fr. Thomas Finneran in 1968. Fr. Finneran served briefly as associate pastor of Little Flower in the early 1960's.

Tuesday is the feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church. St. Alphonsus was a lawyer who founded the Redemptorists. He was one of the greatest moral theologians in the history of the Church. Cardinal Tobin was a member of the Redemptorists.

Friday is the feast of St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars. He is the patron saint of priests, especially parish priests. He heard confessions for 16 hours/day during the summer and up to 11 hours/day in the winter. Friday would be a good day to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood.

This week we celebrate the feasts of three priests who could not have been more different from each other. Ignatius had been a soldier; Alphonsus had been a lawyer; John Vianney was a parish priest. Each of these unique individuals placed his gifts and talents in the service of Christ and the Church. We are all unique individuals, and we are called to place our gifts and talents in the service of Christ and the Church in our own unique way.

Jackie Metz, my brother's mother-in-law, died last Monday, July 24. She was 95 years old. On July 9, she and her husband (John) had celebrated their 74<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I will turn 74 next Sunday. They were married longer than I was alive! They were a remarkable witness to the meaning of lifelong marriage. Please pray for Jackie and John, my brother and sister-in-law, and their family.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

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 23)	425			



We extend our sympathy to *Rick & Karen Lyons* on the death of Karen's mother, **Betty McDonald**, who passed away on July 19 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on July 25.

Please keep all of Betty's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Betty into his heavenly kingdom.



#### For the Week of July 31 – August 6, 2023

31 July Monday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Mary Valentine by

Mary Rancourt

01 August Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Ivy Sky by Johnny & Mary Gorman

02 August Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Mary Ita Moriarty by Family

03 August Thursday

No Mass

04 August Friday

5:30 p.m. Mary Cervantes by B.J. Schmidt

05 August Saturday - The Vigil of the Feast of the

Transfiguration of the Lord

5:00 p.m. David O'Connor by Family & Friends

06 August Sunday -The Feast of the Transfiguration

of the Lord

9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish

Family

6:00 p.m. For the people

### / THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 23 – August 6, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	(School Café)			
Tuesday	Duffey Hall &	6:00 p.m.	National Night Out	
	Parking Lot			
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:30 p.m.	SVDP	
	Duffy Hall	6:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic	
	(School Café)		Commission Meeting	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission	
	(Parish Center)			
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation	
	(Parish Center)		Group	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
	(Parish Center)	-		
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
	(Parish Center)			
Saturday	Church	3:00 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion	
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffy Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	(School Café)			



Thank you to the Lady of Victory praesidium at Little Flower for the donation of a metallic white board in the Eucharistic Chapel for prayer intentions to replace the old cork board for prayer intentions.



Readings for August 5 and 6 Feast of the Transfiguration Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080623.cfm.



The Ladies Club is having a mum sale. There are forms at all the doors of church and you may also get a form from Jeannie in the Parish Center. All orders and money must be turned into the Parish Center by Wednesday, August 16. The pickup date is Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in front of the church.

Your mums can be delivered to you for a fee of \$5.00 and you can indicate that on the order form. If you have any questions, please contact Rita Chapman, 317-709-7879, or email: midwestmrs@att.net. Thank you!



Are you interested in knowing about the Catholic Faith? Sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 5, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or just wanting to know more about our faith, let us know you are coming! Call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

# 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 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.:

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.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, August 9 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month, Stacy Bunes from Clear Captions will speak on telephone services for those with hearing difficulties. You may call the parish center if you plan on attending.



Kroger Community Rewards
Our second-quarter earnings from The Kroger
Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$680.94,
with 225 households participating between
04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023. You could help Little
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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!

#### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of July 22 and 23	\$ 5,419.00
<b>Electronic Contributions 7/17-7/21</b>	\$ 9,177.34
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 51,124.46
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 52,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 1,675.54

#### **Home Improvement Fund**

May Contributions	\$ 2,520.00
June Contributions	\$ 2,210.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$ 2.143.00



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:

Gary and Eileen Walters 6137 E Southern Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46203

#### **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.

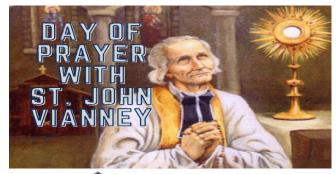
**Matthew Hughey**, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

**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.





August 2023 SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral

12:00PM-5:00PM EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 5:15PM MASS



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.

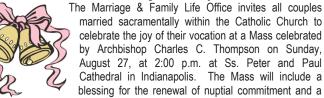
#### Responsibilities include:

- 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, references, to musicdirectorsearch@littleflowerparish.org.

#### 39th Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass



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 required. You may register https://www.archindy.org/marriageandfamily/ministries-weddingcelebration.html. The registrations close 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

More information will follow in future issues of the Theresean.

#### WELCOME / REGISTRATION August 5 & 6

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower? Are you considering joining us? If so, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish! Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the WELCOME TABLE in the gathering area for a registration form. There are also forms available if your address or contact information has changed.

> You may also register at www.littleflowerparish.org



# **Religious Education**

Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. beginning September 10, 2023 through April 2024. PLEASE NOTE if you have a child in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade that needs to make their First Communion and they attend public schools, please enroll your child in Religious Ed. If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105. Registration is also available website by clicking on this http://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/about-us/sundayreligious-education.



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