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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,

This Monday, September 4, is Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. The parish office as well as Little Flower school will be closed on Monday.

I would encourage all those who are able to attend Mass on Monday. Labor Day celebrates the contribution of workers to the common good of our society and the prosperity our country enjoys. Labor Day is a good day for us to thank God for the economic blessings we enjoy and to pray for the health and safety of all workers and for those who are unemployed or under-employed. "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers" is one of the seven principles of Catholic Social

Teaching.

Please be reminded that RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) for adults begins this Tuesday, September 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or receiving First Communion or Confirmation is welcome to come.

Thanks to the members of the Parish Life Commission for hosting our Parish Picnic last Sunday. Special thanks to all those that helped with set up and tear down, especially members of the Men's Club. Finally thanks to all who came and brought food, especially those who brought extra food to be shared. The weather was great, and everyone seemed to have a good time.

This is a good opportunity to thank the members of the Men's Club for all the hard, physical labor they do around the parish. I hope they know how much I, the staff, and their fellow parishioners appreciate all they do.

Because most of the young people who play CYO sports are students of Little Flower School, we decided that it would be better if the Athletic Association reported to the School Commission rather than to the Parish Council. Therefore, we began a revision of the bylaws which has led to a number of changes in the leadership of our athletic program.

Lynda Trimble has chosen to resign as president of the Athletic Association. Today I want to thank Lynda for her many years of leadership of and service to the athletic program. At various points in her tenure, she was doing the work of several people and coaching multiple teams at the same time. We wish her the best.

This week our all-school Mass will be on Thursday.

Friday is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

Help Needed

The Saint Vincent DePaul Food Pantry is in dire need of volunteers! A weekly parish schedule has been generated and the East District has been assigned Sept. 18-22. Opportunities are from 7:45 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. - 2p.m. Monday - Friday.

If unable to work a full shift, even a couple of hours are helpful. Shopping days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday) are the most critical need, but also have restocking on Mondays and Wednesdays.

SIGN UP THROUGH SIGNUP GENIUS:

https://www.svdpindy.org/i-want-to-help/#time.

QUESTIONS?: Darlene Sweeney <u>dsweeney@svdpindy.org</u> 317-924-5769 ext. 238. Thank You for helping us help others.



We remember our former parishioner, **Jo Anne Burkhard**, who passed away on August 24 and whose funeral services were held on August 27. Jo Anne's husband is Dave Burkhard,

who used to be the DRE and Pastoral Associate at Little Flower. Please keep Dave, his family, and all of Jo Anne's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jo Anne into his eternal glory.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



3rd Annual Ladies Club Fashion Show

Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m. at Cynthia's Hallmark, 1584 N State St., Greenfield, IN

Sign up now! Order forms are at the Church doors, or at the Parish Center. Forms can be returned by dropping them in the collection basket, or to the

Parish Center **by Monday, September 18.** The cost is \$20/ticket, which includes a free scarf, appetizers, door prizes, and coupons to be used on the day of the show.

All proceeds come back to the Church.



Readings for September 9 and 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091023.cfm



For the Week of September 4 - 10, 2023

04 September Monday

9:30 a.m. Dane Kramer by the Kramer Family

05 September Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Janet Commiskey by Paul Commiskey

06 September Wednesday

5:30 p.m. For the Souls in Purgatory by Carol Freeland

07SeptemberThursday9:30 a.m.Jack Madden08SeptemberFriday
No Mass

09 September Saturday - The Vigil of the 23rd Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Martha Haddin by Family

10 September Sunday -The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

9:30 a.m. Jeanette McCarty Corrigan by Ladies Club

6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 3 - 10, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Weekend Masses.				
Monday	Labor Day				
	Parish Office & School Closed.				
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Chess Practice		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir		
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre		
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission		
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group		
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Meeting		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Off-Site	8:30 a.m.	Golf Outing		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary		
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal		
Saturday	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding		
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.				
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation		

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 - July 2023	451
August 2023	504



Reminder, Confirmation class will begin on September 10, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the parish center. High school students that have been baptized and made their First Communion are invited to attend and learn more about the sacrament of

Confirmation. The program consists of educational sessions, volunteer sessions, and a retreat. For more information or questions, please contact Michele Rosenbaum at confirmation@littleflowerparish.org, or call the parish center at 317-357-8352. Come join us and learn how the Holy Spirit is ready to bless you with an abundance of gifts for your journey with Christ!



Please welcome into our Christian community Theodore Jack, son of Andrew and Blaire (Barnhart) Jansen, who was baptized on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

Maui Wildfires

Today our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected by the devastating wildfires that have ravaged the island of Maui. As a community of faith, we are called to come together and provide unwavering support to those who are suffering. It is in times like these that our collective love, faith, and compassion can make a tremendous difference. You are encouraged to make online financial contributions to Catholic Charities-USA: https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23.



WELCOME / REGISTRATION September 2 & 3, 2023

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 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



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, September 13 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please invite a friend and join us. The more the merrier!! You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352 to let us know you are coming.



Care of Creation

Celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 – October!

It is a time to renew our relationship with God, with one another, and with the earth. This year's theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". Mark your calendar to celebrate the Mass for the Season of Creation with Archbishop Charles Thompson at St. Thomas Aquinas parish on Tuesday,

September 26 at 6 p.m. Refreshments follow.



Register now to hear Alex Kendrick at the Right to Life of Indianapolis Celebrate Life Dinner, September 20, 2023.

Do you want to help build a culture of life in Indianapolis? Mark your calendars for the upcoming Celebrate Life Dinner! Join Right to Life of Indianapolis on Wednesday, September 20 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown for the Annual Celebrate Life Dinner.

Keynote speaker will be Alex Kendrick, the mastermind behind Christian films such as Fireproof, Facing the Giants, War Room, Courageous, and last year's Lifemark. You won't want to miss his inspiring and uplifting insights on transforming our culture. Don't miss your chance to hear Alex Kendrick in Indianapolis on September 20.

Registration is \$75 per person, tables of 10 available for \$750. Register online at www.rtlindy.org, or call the Right to Life of Indianapolis office (317) 582-1526 to make your reservation over the phone.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of August 26 and 27	\$ 5,559.17
Electronic Contributions 8/21-8/28	\$ 3,388.24
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 110,635.59
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 118,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 8,164.41

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$ 2,210.00
July Contributions	\$ 2,314.00
August Contributions (to date)	\$ 2.380.00

Thank you for your continued donations to the Home Improvement Fund! Below are some recent projects we have been able to accomplish with our Home Improvement fund without impacting our operating budget:

- Two new lockable walk-in gates were installed in the parking lot to ensure better safety for our students at recess.
- The terrazzo on the top floor of the school was refinished and polished.
- Broken windows were replaced in the church doors facing Bosart.
- New glass block windows were installed to replace the windows in the rectory basement.

Have you made a grave decision

A long time Little Flower parishioner has 8 plots in Calvary Cemetery, that allows an upright monument, with 25% off current price and 25% to Little Flower. Contact davidmdinn@gmail.com if interested and for further information.



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.



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.



Little Flower Catholic Church

4720 E 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Are you:

Searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus? Interested in becoming Catholic? Curious what Catholics believe and how we worship?

Our RCIA class is forming NOW! Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Beginning September 5, 2023 in the Parish Center.

During these sessions, we will cover the four cornerstones of our Catholic Faith:

- What We Believe (Creed)
- How We Worship (Sacraments)
- How We Live (Morality)
- How We Pray (Spirituality)

It's not too late! Join us on Tuesday!

If you have any questions, contact Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

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.:

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 johnsoje@iupui.edu.



IT'S TIME - REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS TUESDAY

The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M, and our first practice for the new year will be Tuesday, September 5 at 7:00 P.M.

Several members have recently "retired," and we easily have 6 or hopefully more spots to fill. We could use some new voices in ALL voice sections, with a little more need in the men's sections.

There is no audition needed and no minimum skill level required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability. Please start to give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. It is a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every weekend.

If you have questions, e-mail tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.

PPS Fundraiser

Join the Little Flower community for an Indians baseball game at Victory Field on Sunday, September 24 with a 1:35 p.m. game time!

- Little Flower's Liturgical choir led by Miss McGannon will sing the national anthem.
- Children 14 and under receive a hotdog, chips, and bottle of water with their ticket.
- Tickets are \$15 each + fees and Little Flower receives \$5 back for every ticket sold for the PPS to fund future opportunities for our students.

Invite your families, friends, and neighbors to join us! Use the link below or QR code to purchase your tickets that will be directly emailed to you.

https://fevogm.com/event/Stterese0924





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:

Brenda Crosley 5505 Yucatan Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237

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.

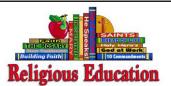
Matthew Hughey, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.



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 2nd 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 Religious Ed, email for please lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105. Registration is also available on our website by clicking on this http://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/about-us/sundayreligious-education.

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