arents are truly the primary catechists of their children.

They prepare the soil and plant the first seeds of faith. On Catechetical Sunday, we not only highlight the work of catechists in parishes and schools, but we also commend parents and guardians and encourage them to take seriously their role of making their Catholic households a place where faith is passed on to the next generation.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: Weekdays and Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services Check inside the bulletin.

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ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 317-357-5316

DOL 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. SCHOOL 317-322-7702 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 year's Little Flower Novena will begin this Wednesday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m. Each evening the novena will consist of the novena prayers, a reading, and a Communion Service. The novena will be held Wednesday through Friday, September 20-22, and Monday through Friday, September 25-29. The Solemn Closing of the novena will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, September 30. Little Flower Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses the weekend of September 30-October 1.

The 1945 Jubilee Brochure described the first Little Flower Novena:

The first public novena in honor of the Little Flower came to a close on her feast, September 30, 1927. Crowds from all over the city

participated in this novena, the average nightly attendance being about 700. Closing night, an estimated 1500 persons were present.

I invite and encourage you to attend and pray in thanksgiving for all God's blessings upon us, our families, and our parish.

Little Flower School will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Monday, October 2.

Thanks to Scott Sidor, who organized the Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing on Friday, September 8, at Pleasant Run Golf Course. We had a wonderful day, and the weather was outstanding. We had a record high 118 golfers this year! The winning team was comprised of Pete Gibbons, Bobby Leszcynski, Jim Stevenson, and Dan Nicholson. They shot a 47, which was 24 under par.

Thanks to all of our sponsors, those who donated prizes for our golfers, and Casey Kehrer and the Steer-In for providing lunch. The remainder of the golf committee consisted of Paul Clegg, Steve Clegg, Jared Kanter, Rick Fischer, Dave Hughey, Dan Mages, and Drew Torzewski. Thanks to Frank Mackell for his help running errands prior to the outing. Thank you to the other volunteers who helped at the event: Angie Mackell, Sam Mackell, Joanne Mages, Caroline Mages, Sandy Clegg, and Jessica Freudenstein. Special thanks to Jeff Lyons for his guidance and advice. Thanks to all who supported the golf outing. Former parishioners Jeff Lyons and Jeremy Rochford, who currently live in the Boston area, returned to play in the tournament.

If you have not already seen it, please check out the Friday, September 8, 2023, edition of *The Criterion*. At the bottom of page 7, the article titled "A Dad's wish leads a daughter to kickstart a tournament that brings joy, helps others" tells the story of the "One Faith, One Family, One Sock" preseason kickball tournament organized by Antoinette Maio-Burford. Congratulations and thanks to Antoinette and to all those who helped with the tournament in early August.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to *Bill and Cathy Gorton* on the death of Bill's father, **Lawrence "Larry" Gorton**, who passed away on September 7 and whose funeral

services were held on September 12. Larry was a longtime member of Little Flower and coached CYO sports and received the Monsignor Busald CYO Award. Please keep all of Larry's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Larry into his eternal glory.





The Ladies Club is planning a trip to the **National Shrine of St. Therese in Darien, IL on Thursday, September 21.** We will be carpooling and plan to leave Little Flower at 8:00 a.m. The relics of St. Therese and her parents will be on display while we are there. There is no cost to attend, but money will be needed for lunch and possibly dinner on the way home. If anyone wants to participate in a tour, if one is available while we are there, the cost would be \$15.00. We should be back at Little Flower no later than 7:00-7:30 p.m. Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, or 317-357-8356 x 106 if you plan to attend by Wednesday, September 20. Also, let Peggy know if you can drive and if so, how many people you can take with you.



	For the V	Veek of September 18 - 24, 2023
18	September	Monday
		No Mass
19	September	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jesse Quiroz by the Quiroz Family
20	September	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
21	September	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
22	September	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James
		O'Hara
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion Service
23	September	Saturday – The Vigil of the 25 th Sunday in
		Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Delia Gilday
24	September	Sunday – The 25 th Sunday in Ordinary
		Time
	9:30 a.m.	Catherine Mears by Mike & Pam Goodin
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	September 17 - 24, 2023					
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Ladies Club Novena Flower Collection after all Masses.					
	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			
Monday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club			
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			
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.			
Wednesday	Litte Flower N	lovena Begins				
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council			
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre			
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group			
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	АА			
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group			
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 & Donuts			
	Off-site	1:35 p.m.	PPS-Indians Baseball Game			
	Cynitha's Hallmark- Greenfield	2:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Fashion Show			
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep			

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
September 2023 (thru 9/3)	447



One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the Annual Novena to St. Therese. The Novena will begin this week on Wednesday, September 20 and will be held each weekday in church at 5:30 p.m. The service will consist of novena prayers, a reflection, and a Communion Service. The Solemn Closing of the Novena

(day 9) will take place during the 5:00 p.m. Mass, on Saturday, September 30.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of September 30/October 1.



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.



Celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 – October!

Celebrating the Season of Creation: Week 3! This week: Watch "The Letter" film to hear how five communities around the world are being impacted by climate change and how Pope Francis's is inviting us all to join him in being stewards of God's creation for all. View

Creation Us all God's at: www.theletterfilm.org.

ATTENTION ALUMNI! On Saturday, November 4

We will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of September 9 and 10	\$	6,219.20
Electronic Contributions 9/4-9/8	\$	5,169.64
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	138,328.17
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	145,200.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 6,871.83
Home Improvement	t Fund	<u>l</u>
July Contributions	\$	2,314.00
August Contributions	\$	2,380.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,558.00



Our next session will be on **Tuesday, September 19, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.** Our topic for the evening is <u>The Bible.</u> Please join us! If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u>.

Little Flower Euchre Nights Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club

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

September 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.

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:

Mary Helen Eckrich 1455 Eagle Trace Drive, Greenwood, IN 46143

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.

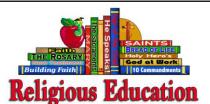
Matthew Hughey, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.



IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

If you missed signing up, you can still participate!

Our next class will be on **Sunday, September 24 from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools.

If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u>, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All men of Little Flower parish are invited to join a Saturday morning prayer group beginning Saturday September 23, and continuing every other Saturday morning. These bi-weekly meetings will take place in the parish center from 7:00-8:00 a.m.

This once long-standing tradition at Little Flower is coming back after several years hiatus. We will read and reflect upon the Sunday scripture passages, followed by open discussion. We hope to strengthen our spiritual lives, while encouraging group fellowship, support, and prayer.



IF YOU MISSED THE FIRST COUPLE OF **REHEARSALS IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

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,

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 give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. It's a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every weekend.

It's not too late. Join us in church this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

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



Readings for September 23 and 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a Matthew 20:1-16a To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092423.cfm

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

Sacraments for children in 3rd through 8th grade

Any Catholic child, who has not made their First Eucharist or Reconciliation, and are in grades 3rd through 8th, please contact Lisa in the parish office by October 2 so that we can set up classes to prepare for the sacraments.

If you need a translator, contact Mary at the school office, at 317-353-2282.

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 dsweeney@svdpindy.org 317-924-5769 ext. 238. Thank You for helping us help others.



Our semi-annual **Blood Drive will be** on Wednesday, October 4 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. In order for this to be a successful drive we need 20 donations. You may register to donate by contacting Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 317-357-8352 ext. 106, or register online at https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedu les/drive_schedule/160910. REMEMBER: When you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, hug a friend, play with their child, attend church, and to live!!



This weekend we celebrate Catechetical Sunday! The 2023 theme is "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened" (Matthew 11:28). Catholics hear these powerful words spoken by Jesus as an invitation to follow him and have our burdens lightened. Thank you to all our volunteers that help pass along our Faith through witness and action --- RCIA, Children's Liturgy, Religious Ed, CYO Coaches, Sacramental Preparation, LF school teachers, Leaders in Adult Faith Formation, Vacation Bible School.

View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com



Little Flower School & PPS

We are so excited to invite you to our Fall Family Fun Night! We will have a hotdog dinner, an apple dessert bar, outdoor games, music, photo booth and much more. We will be supplying water with the dinner, but encourage you to bring your own cooler of drinks, non-alcoholic only, as this is a school event. We will have a few tables and chairs out for dinner but please bring your own camping chair if you'd like to sit around the parking lot. A giant thank you goes out to our PPS team, Parish-Parents-School, for co-hosting this event with us. We highly encourage you to **RSVP** by September 27 for this event so that we can order the correct amount of food and drinks.



JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST

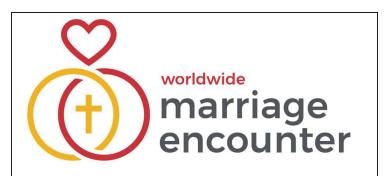
Want to have the deepest possible relationship with Jesus through the Eucharist? This seven-week study is for you. In fact, it is for our whole Parish.

The Evening group, led by Kurt Schnell, starts **Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m**. in the School Cafeteria. The Afternoon group, led by Elizabeth Mann, starts **Thursday, October 12, 1:00 pm**, in the St. Therese Room of the Parish Center.



Come. It's free. And you won't regret it!

"Receive Communion often, very often.... Jesus has not put this attraction in your heart for nothing". St. Therese of Lisieux



Are you living a busy life and don't really have time to talk to your spouse? We have a gift to share with you; it's called a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The Weekend will give you the opportunity to examine your lives together. A time to share your feelings, hopes, joys and frustrations without the interruption of family commitments, TV, internet and phone calls, rather it is a time to get to know your spouse all over again and rediscover your deep love for each other. **Our last Weekend in 2023 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on November 3-5.** Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:

"Thank you for the most rewarding Weekend of our lives. We are looking eagerly to many exciting years together. We wish every young couple could experience a Marriage Encounter Weekend."



In a spirit of thankfulness and celebration for your ongoing gifts of time, talent, and treasure, Fr. Bob and the staff of Little Flower request the presence of you and your family at a special dinner for <u>all</u> parishioners.

The purpose of this meal is to celebrate everything that is great about Little Flower— YOU!

~SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30~

~DUFFEY HALL~

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 5:00 P.M. FEAST DAY MASS



Dinner will be provided, so you don't need to bring anything!

R.S.V.P. to the Parish Center 317-357-8352, ext.103 or jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by September 22.



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