

How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me? I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Lord, I am your servant.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

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

Communion Services

At-Large Member

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

SCHOOL OOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702 The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8. 317-322-7702

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.



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Dear Parish Family,

At the 6 p.m. Mass this Sunday evening, we welcome our Confirmation candidates who will celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in the Confirmation process.

Days 4-8 of the Little Flower Novena will take place Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. Each day will consist of the novena prayers, a reading, and Holy Communion.

Nest Sunday, October 1, is the Feast of St. Therese. We will celebrate her feast at all the Masses next weekend. Since her canonization, St. Therese has had three different feast days: September 30, October 3, and now October 1.

The Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena will be Saturday,

September 30, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Solemn Closing will consist of the traditional procession with the relic of St. Therese and those preparing for First Communion dropping rose petals, the 9th day novena prayer, and the Mass of St. Therese. I hope that many of you will make a special effort to attend.

As I noted in last week's Theresean, an estimated 1500 persons attended the closing of the first novena on September 30, 1927.

Likewise, I hope many of you will be able to attend the **Parish Appreciation Dinner next Saturday, September 30, in Duffey Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**. This dinner is our "thank you" for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure that help make our parish the wonderful faith community that we all enjoy. Please come and allow us to show our gratitude in this small way. Everything will be provided, so just bring yourselves. Please RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 x 103 or <u>jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org</u> by Monday, September 25.

Wednesday, September 27, is the 63rd anniversary of the death of Fr. William Vollmuth. Fr. Vollmuth was one of the most popular Little Flower associate pastors. He served at Little Flower from June 18, 1947 until October 7, 1957. In 1959, Fr. Vollmuth became the founding pastor of St. Jude Parish on the Southside.

Wednesday is also the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. We need to thank all the members of our revitalized Little Flower Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for their ministry to those in need within our parish boundaries. They are fulfilling Pope Francis' call to reach out to those on the peripheries.

Friday, September 29, is the Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Michael means "Who is like God?" Gabriel means "God's Strength." Raphael means "God's Remedy." All three are mentioned in the Bible. St. Michael is the patron of security forces and of the sick. St. Gabriel is the patron of telecommunications and the postal service. St. Raphael is the patron saint of travelers and the blind.

Have a wonderful week.





ANNUAL PET BLESSING

On **Saturday, October 7**, we will have our annual **Blessing of Pets** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. We will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in the grassy area between the church and the school (Bosart lawn). You don't want

to miss this opportunity to have your pet blessed by Fr. Bob.





Readings for September 30/October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Due to the Feast of St. Therese we will use the following readings next weekend. Micah 6:6-8

Colossians 3:12-17 Matthew 18:1-4

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 9/17)	460



For the Week of September 25 – October 1, 2023

25	September	Monday
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Little Flower Novena & Communion Service 5:30 p.m.

September Tuesday 26

Emma & Emil Weimer by Ron Sharp 9:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service

September 27 Wednesday

> 5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service

28 September **Thursday**

> Little Flower Novena & Communion Service 5:30 p.m.

29 September Friday

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9:30 a.m. Fr. Harold Rightor

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion Service September Saturday - The Vigil of the 26th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Michelle Fontanella by Jerry & Joan Bullock 5:00 p.m.

Sunday -The 26th Sunday in Ordinary 01 October

Time

9:30 a.m. For the People

DOOM

6:00 p.m. Janet Commiskey by the Commiskey family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 24 – October 1,

DAY	ROOM	TIME	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 and 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
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	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:30 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Scecina Sacred Music Concert
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	Parish Appreciation Dinner
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



NOVENA CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the Annual Novena to St. Therese.

The novena continues this week, Monday thru Friday, 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.



Care of

from September 1 – October!

Celebrate the Season of Creation

Celebrating the Season of Creation: Week 4! Reminder: This Tues, September 26 at 6 p.m., come celebrate the Mass for the Season of Creation with Archbishop Thompson at St. Thomas Aguinas. The Mass is hosted by St.

Creation Thomas Aguinas and ArchIndy Creation

Care Ministries. Refreshments follow.

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 16 and 17	\$ 5,426.31
Electronic Contributions 9/11-9/15	\$ 6,903.72
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 150,658.20
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 158,400.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 7,741.80

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,314.00
August Contributions	\$ 2,380.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$ 1.813.00

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Our next session will be on **Tuesday, September 26, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.** Our topic for the evening is *The Holy Trinity & Who is Jesus Christ.* Please join us!

The following dates for RCIA will be different:

The week of October 2^{nd} we will meet on **Wednesday**, **October 4** at Our Lady of Lourdes from 7-8:30 p.m. for class with Archbishop Thompson.

The Week of October 7th we will meet at Little Flower **on Tuesday**, **October 10**, **at 6 p.m.** for a tour of the Church.

If you would like to join us, please email Lisa at littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105 so we can plan accordingly.

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 27 (NEW DAY) 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.

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Little Flower Parish Feast Day and Appreciation Celebration will be **Saturday, September 30,** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner will be provided, so you don't need to bring anything! Please RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352, ext. 103 or by email to jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by Monday, September 25.



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/schedules/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!!



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:

Marianela "Nela" Fox 4400 Terrace Dr Apt 301, New Palestine, IN 46163

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.



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.

If you have been to 9:30 A.M. Mass since the choir has returned, you probably noticed that 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.

We would like to have a fully-staffed choir when our new music director is hired. Please consider joining us!

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.

Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday**, **September 25**, at 6:30 p.m. featuring **chicken marsala made with a special sauce**, **pasta**, **and chicken along with salad**, **and dessert**. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.



September 2023 Scecina News

Important Scecina Memorial High School Class of 2028 Dates

Scecina is now accepting applications for the Class of 2028. Students who apply by November 2, 2023, and complete all application requirements will receive an admissions decision during Thanksgiving week. Please visit scecina.org/admissions/ for more details.

Open House: November 2
High School Placement Test: October 7, November 4,
December 2, January 27

Public Shadow Days: September 26 and 28; October 10 and 12; November 7, 9, 16, 28 and 30; December 14
Acceptances Announced: Week of Thanksgiving
Curriculum Night: February 28 and March 6

Curriculum Night: February 28 and March 6 **Early Registration Deadline:** March 15, 2024

Sacred Music Concert

Please join the Scecina Advanced and Beginning Choirs for the Sacred Music Concert at Little Flower Church on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

The Raffle for the Scecina Memorial Booster Club

The raffle for the Scecina Memorial High School Booster Club gives a maximum of 500 participants 16 chances to win a total of \$4,800. The raffle begins with a \$1,000 drawing at halftime of the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 6. You do not need to be present to win. You can purchase your tickets at St. Francis Hall (east of the main school building) or visit scecina.org/athletics/booster/ to request your tickets online.



A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP FEATURING SCECINA'S ADVANCED AND BEGINNING CHOIRS

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 28

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH 4720 E. 13TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS

7:30 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION



The Rite of Enrollment for the 2023-24 Confirmation Candidates will take place October 1 at the 6 p.m. Mass. Please join us and remember to pray for our confirmation candidates as they embark on this spiritual journey.



Thank you, Fr. Bob, for all you do for our Parish!

Jesus and the Eucharist



Do you think about <u>your Eternal Life</u> as you receive the Gift of Holy Communion? Do you prepare yourself to receive his Body and Blood? What do you need to change?

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Evenings

-Or-

Afternoons

Starts: Monday, October 9

When: 6:30 p.m. Where: Little Flower

Cafeteria

Leader: Kurt Schnell

Register: At back of Church

or call Cac Diehr

Starts: Thursday, October 12

When: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Little Flower Parish

Center

Leader: Elizabeth Mann

Register: At back of Church

or call Elizabeth Mann 463-206-5196

Project Outdoor Nativity Scene



Once again Little Flower Parish & School is participating in Project Outdoor Nativity Scene (PONS) to help bring back the true meaning of Christmas. It is our hope the nativity scenes will serve to brighten up your neighborhoods and remind our children of the importance of the Holy Family in the Christmas season.

- \$110 per kit
- The order window is September 17 October 8, 2023
- Kit distribution will begin the week of November 27. Pick-up either in school or the parish center.

Outdoor Nativity Scene Kit Description

This four piece silhouette style display is made from an all-weather white plastic board that never needs painting. Assembles easily using only a Philips head screwdriver. All hardware, yard stakes, and instructions are included. Measures 48" tall to the top of the star x 50" wide.

The kit comes in a slim box and weighs 12 pounds. The box is 32"x 20"x 2".

Name		
Phone	Email	
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