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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:
PARISH CENTERMonday - Friday
317-357-83529:00 AM to 3:00 PM
FaxSCHOOL317-357-8352Fax317-357-5316SCHOOL317-353-2282Fax317-322-7702
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.



sportsmanship.

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we are celebrating the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses. Saturday evening we are also celebrating the Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena with the traditional procession with the relic of St. Therese and the 2nd graders who are preparing to receive First Eucharist dropping rose petals

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

Congratulations to our Cadet A and 56A kickball teams and their coaches who played for the city championship in their respective leagues here at Little Flower on Wednesday, September 20. Although neither team won, they played competitively and demonstrated excellent

My first weekend at Little Flower in 2003, I was impressed by the close relationship between the parish and the school. This close relationship continues today. Attendance at both games was impressive. Parents and families of players, fellow students, LF teachers, LF alumni, LF parishioners, and neighbors were on hand to cheer them on. The Men's Club ran the concession stand, offering free food and drink to the players after the game. After the game, we received multiple compliments about the good sportsmanship our teams demonstrated although they did not win and the tremendous spirit shown by our fans.

This is the first time in many years that we have had four kickball teams. Over the last few years, our kickball program has been revitalized under the leadership of Antoinette Maio-Burford. I first want to thank and congratulate all our coaches for their excellent seasons:

- Cadet A: Kathleen Hagan & Jaclyn Wall
- Cadet B: Sam Mackell & Caroline Mages •
- 56A: Antoinette Maio-Burford & Angie Mackell •
- 34: Bridget Dugan & Amanda Dugan

All eight coaches are graduates of Little Flower School and played kickball at Little Flower!

Thanks to all who attended the games and cheered for our players.

Also, I once again would like to thank the Men's Club for everything they do for the parish. The Men's Club continues to grow in numbers and is having a significant impact on the parish. For example, they help decorate the church at Christmas and then help take down the decorations. They host both the Lenten fish frys and the Mother's Day breakfast. They set up and take down tables and chairs for the parish picnic. They run the concession stand during outdoor sports. One of their main contributions to the parish is helping to maintain our beautiful grounds. In addition, the Men's Club offers fellowship to its members and engages them in fun activities. Most recently, they have re-instituted a Saturday morning prayer group. Please check the Theresean for details concerning the Saturday morning prayer group.

Tuesday, October 3, is the Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, our only Indiana saint. St. Mother Theodore founded the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. On Tuesday, please pray for our Archdiocese and especially for the Sisters of Providence who continue her work.

Wednesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Wednesday, please pray for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, staffed Little Flower School from its beginning until approximately 1993. When I was in school, October 4 was always a free day.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for October 7/8 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21;33-43 To read the readings on-line, go to https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100823.cfm

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly avera	iges)
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	474



For the Week of October 2 - 8, 2023

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02	October	Monday			
	9:30 a.m.	Dorothy Carson			
03	October	Tuesday			
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Sharp by the Rector Family			
04	October	Wednesday			
		No Mass			
05	October	Thursday			
	5:30 p.m.	Robbie & Ruth McMahon by the McMahon			
		Family			
06	October	Friday			
	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Jane Gilmore			
07	September	Saturday – The Vigil of the 27 th Sunday			
		in Ordinary Time			
	5:00 p.m.	For the People			
08	October	Sunday – The 27 th Sunday in Ordinary			
		Time			
	9:30 a.m.	Joe Thie by Jim & Loretta Miller			
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Wehlage Family by			
		the Cannon Family			

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	October 1 - 8, 2023				
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Parish Feast Day	ý			
	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		
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Chess Practice		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir		
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (School Café)	3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Athletic Association Meeting		
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission		
	At OLL	7:00 p.m.	RCIA		
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group		
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Meeting		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary		
	Parish Grounds	6:00 p.m.	Fall Family Fun		
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group		
	Bosart Lawn	9:30 a.m.	Pet Blessing		
	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotions		
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.				
			Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts		



We will soon be running the schedule for November, December, and January. 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).

- <u>Lectors:</u> please email Katie Leszcynski at katie.leszynski1993@gmail.com.
- Eucharistic Ministers: please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- 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. *However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here. 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 <u>Monday, October 16.</u>*



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.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, October 11 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month some of the 8th graders from school will join us for lunch. We will be celebrating Halloween and will decorate pumpkins! Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-

357 -8352 x 106 or <u>pclegg@littleflowerschool.org</u> if you plan on attending.



Celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 – October!

Celebrating the Season of Creation: Final Week! Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis this Wednesday by downloading and printing "The Earth Cube" and guide so that you can continue to be a caretaker of God's creation all year long. Go to www.theearthcube.org.

Care of Creation

September Contributions

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Your Gifts of Treasure

Wester Dudget Coal	¢	12 200 00
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of September 23 and 24	\$	5,442.69
Electronic Contributions 9/18-9/22	\$	5,302.94
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	161,403.83
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	171,600.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 10,196.17
Home Improvemen	t Fund	<u>l</u>
July Contributions	\$	2,314.00
August Contributions	\$	2.380.00

2,243.00



Our next session will be on **Wednesday**, **October 4**, **at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.** <u>Our topic for the evening is *The Holy Spirit*.</u> Archbishop Thompson will be leading our session. If you are interested in attending, please contact Lisa, so we can plan accordingly.

The following RCIA session will begin early on Tuesday, October 10, at 6 p.m. for a tour of the Church.



ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 4 is the date for our annual Little Flower School allclass reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. The reunion will

begin with optional school tours at 4:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria, followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. School alumni, plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 by October 30 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to Ifalumni@yahoo.com.

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 CafeteriaWhen: The following Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m.:

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 15minute 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.

Turn a new leaf Fall into giving ↓

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 contacting by Peggy Clegg at pclega@littleflowerparish.org or at 317-357-8352 106, register online at ext. or https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/dr ive_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!!

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Community Hospital East is once again offering free flu shots on the following days in the main lobby of the hospital for anyone 18 years or older on the following days.

Monday, October 16	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 17	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, October 18	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 19	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday, October 20	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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:

> Charlie Goodman 4760 Pennwood Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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.

Ladies Club

Ladies of the parish, you are invited to come to our next meeting on **Thursday**, **October 5**, **at 7:00 p.m.**, in the cafeteria, for a craft night. We will be making a fall wall/door decoration. Please join us for lots of fellowship and fun!! Bring a friend, you know you don't want them to miss out either! We look forward to seeing all of you there!



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 <u>scecina.org/admissions/</u> 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 Early Registration Deadline: March 15, 2024

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.

Project Outdoor Nativity Scene



On Sale Now! Only \$110.00! Deadline to order is October 8. Order form is on our website or call the parish office. Delivery is the week of November 27 at school or the parish office.



ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CALLOUT

- Kids interested in playing sports?
- Desire to become involved in the sports community?
- Students looking for service hours?
- Are you interested in coaching?

Come to the next Athletic Association meeting on **Wednesday October 4, at 6:00 p.m**. Get the chance to meet the new Athletic Association Members and hear about the exciting things going on now. Any questions or concerns please contact the Athletic

Association at athletics@littleflowerparish.org



Boys Basketball Registration!!!

If you are interested in playing Boys Basketball and in grades 4-8, registration is going on NOW until October 14! Register at www.orgsonline.com.

Little Flower code for registration: 165LF-IN.

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?

Jesus and the Eucharist is a 7 session Study of the most Holy Sacrament of Communion. This is a Study intended for our Whole Parish. It is a Study to change <u>Your</u> life.

-Or-

Evenings

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 317-501-0060 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







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