

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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

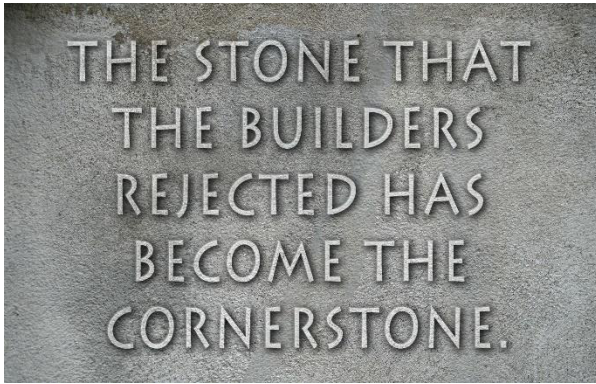
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 weekend we welcome Gavin Craig as our new Music Director. Gavin received a Master of Music in Conducting from Butler University in May. Gavin began work this week. For the sake of continuity, he and Tom will work together until the All-Class Reunion weekend the first weekend in November. I hope you will give him a very warm welcome as we get to know him and he gets to know us.

Special thanks to the members of the Search Committee. Joanne Mages did an excellent job as chairperson of the committee. Other members included: Liam Bonner, Mark Erdosy, Holly Hodges, Angie Mackell, Eileen Pfeiffer, and Liz Schurger. Each of the members of the Search Committee brought different

and valuable perspectives. Thanks also to the members of the choir who participated in the auditions of the candidates and offered their insights.

This has been a long process. The blessing in all this is that Tom Costello will finally begin his retirement at the beginning of November. He will be much missed, but no one deserves retirement more than he.

Thank you to Scecina Memorial High School for holding their Sacred Music Concert at Little Flower on Thursday, September 28. Both choirs performed well under the direction of Mr. Chase Hall, the new director of music at Scecina.

Thank you to the 20 First Communicants who participated in the Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena on Saturday, September 30, by dropping rose petals during the opening procession. It is one of our traditions that those preparing for First Communion participate in the Solemn Closing of the Novena. Thank you to all the families who participated. Special thanks to Mrs. Lisa Gibbons, Miss Caroline Mages, and Mrs. Joanne Mages who coordinated the entrance procession. They are preparing our First Communicants for First Communion and First Reconciliation.

Thanks to Rob Bridges, the President of Cathedral High School, for sending flowers for the Feast of St. Therese. I placed them on the St. Therese altar.

Special thanks to the Stewardship Commission led by Angie Mackell for their hard work in planning the Parish Appreciation Dinner last Saturday. Also, thanks to those who helped with set up and clean up. This included members of the Stewardship Commission—Angie Mackell, Cassie Echegaray, Tracy Erdosy, Dan Mages, Scott Sidor, and Jordan Myers—as well as volunteers Frank Mackell, Mark Misner, and Miyah Henderson. Thanks to Casey and Barbara Kehrer and the Steer-In for the delicious food. Special thanks to Iris Eskew who donated 12 pies. Finally, thank you to all who attended. This dinner was to thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Little Flower Parish is great because of its great people.

On a very sad note, over the years many of you may have noticed the framed first class relic of St. Therese that has sat on the St. Therese altar longer than I have been pastor. Recently someone cut into the backing of the frame and stole the relic. Please pray for the person that he or she will return the relic (no questions asked) and that God will forgive him or her. I have to believe that the person who stole the relic has some devotion to St. Therese.

Finally, if we believe in God's providence, we believe that God's providence is at work during this month's synod. Please pray every day this month, through the intercession of St. Therese, for the Holy Spirit to enlighten the minds and hearts of all the Synod participants. Please keep informed about the Synod through *The Criterion* and other Catholic news sources.

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 - September 2023	469
October 2023(thru October 1)	583



Readings for October 14/15

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Matthew 22:1-14

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101523.cfm>

MASS SCHEDULE

For the Week of October 9 – 15, 2023

09	October	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Msgr. Harold Knueven
10	October	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Frank Skinner by Linda Cisco
11	October	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Mildren Stein by Charlie and Pauline Graf
12	October	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Floretta Burton by Diane Gray
13	October	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Emma & Emil Weimer by Ron Sharp
14	October	Saturday – The Vigil of the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Rose McGrath by the McGrath Family
15	October	Sunday – The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Father Bob by Your Parish Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

October 8 - 15, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study- Jesus & the Eucharist
		7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Chess Practice
	Church	6:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	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
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Blood Pressure check after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	10:30 a.m.	New Parishioner Brunch



We extend our sympathy to *Judson and Kristen Kring and their children, Thomas and Veronica.* on the death of their niece/cousin, **Jaclyn Shaw.** Please keep all of Jaclyn's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jaclyn into his eternal glory.



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).

- **Lectors:** please email Katie Leszcynski at katie.leszcynski1993@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 Monday, October 16.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of Sept. 30 and Oct. 1	\$	7,517.18
Electronic Contributions 9/25-9/29	\$	2,871.94
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	171,792.95
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	184,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 13,007.05

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,380.00
September Contributions	\$	2,243.00
October Contributions (to date)	\$	532.00



Our next session will be on **Tuesday, October 10, at 6 p.m. in the Church** for a tour of the Church.

**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.

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.



Congratulations to the Cheever/Davis family on the baptism of Jaden Quinn Sanchez-Cheever, who was baptized on Sunday, September 24, 2023.

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.:

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.



**ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL
ALL-CLASS REUNION**

Saturday, November 4 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class 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 lfalumni@yahoo.com.



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:

Margie Greene

1945 N Wallace Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.





The Parish Life Commission will once again host our annual **Halloween Party on Tuesday, October 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the school. There will be games in the gym, hot dogs, chips, and drinks in the cafeteria, trick or treating in the hallways, and the night will end with a costume contest!

Your help is needed in order to make the Halloween Bash a success. **Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers that will be available at the church doors.** Also, if you are willing to help with the Halloween Bash please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x106. We are in need of people to help with setting up, tearing down, passing out candy, working in the cafeteria, and assisting with games.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

All men of Little Flower parish are invited to join a Saturday morning prayer group. These bi-weekly meetings will take place in the parish center from 7:00-8:00 a.m. See parish calendar for specific dates.

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.



Do you have a good marriage? Do you want to make it even better? Why not attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and find out how you can make it happen? Our last Weekend in 2023 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, November 3-5. Visit www.wme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: *"We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"*



WELCOME / REGISTRATION

October 7 & 8, 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



September 2023 Sccecina News

Important Sccecina Memorial High School Class of 2028 Dates

Sccecina 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

Early Registration Deadline: March 15, 2024

The Raffle for the Sccecina Memorial Booster Club

The raffle for the Sccecina 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.

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