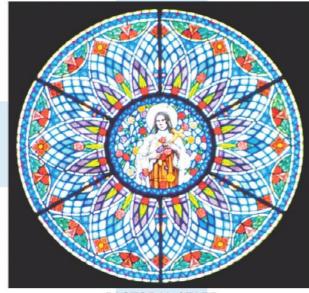
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Saturday:

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?

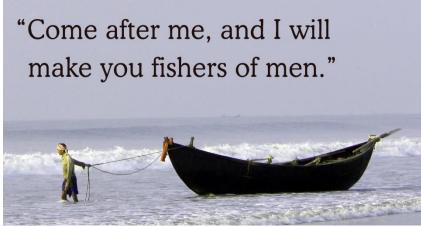
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates for First Eucharist and their parents as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

Also, today is the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God.

This Monday, January 22, the Catholic Church in the United States marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* which legalized abortion

throughout the United States with a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. Although *Roe v Wade* was overturned by last year's Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, the battle for the legal protection of unborn children has now moved to the states. Therefore, the 5:30 p.m. Mass will be the Mass for "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life." Please join us as we give thanks for the gift of human life and pray for the legal protection of unborn children.

At the request of some of our high school students, Little Flower is beginning a youth group for high school students who are interested in growing their faith, developing community, and eating pizza. The group will be led by our middle school Religion Teacher, Ben Wilson, and will take place twice per month after the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. There will be a callout meeting next Sunday, January 28, immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass in the basement of the parish center. More information can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

Next Sunday, January 28, is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. We invite all parishioners to the Little Flower Catholic School Open House on that day from 10:30-12:00. Come and tour classrooms, talk to students, parents, and staff and discover The Little Way. A Catholic school should be a microcosm of the parish, and Little Flower School is a warm, welcoming, family environment. Come see YOUR school in action.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



We will soon be running the schedule for February, March, and April. 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 at katie.leszcynski1993@gmail.com
- <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>: please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- Servers: please email Lisa 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, January 22.



We remember Ray Riley who passed away on January 5 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 13.

Ray was a teacher and former principal at Scecina. We extend our condolences to Bob Lawless, Anita Moody and Steve Moody on the death of Bob's wife, and Anita's and Steve's sister, Bobbie Lawless, who passed away on January 14 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 20. Bobbie was a cantor and member of the adult choir for many years. She was also involved in the Gabriel Project and past president of the Ladies Club. Please keep all of Ray's and Bobbie's families and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Ray and Bobbie into his eternal glory.



Readings for January 28
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012824.cfm



For the Week of January 22-28, 2024

Tor the week or bandary 22 20, 2027						
22	January	Monday				
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly				
23	January	Tuesday				
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. John Maung				
24	January	Wednesday				
		No Mass				
25	January	Thursday				
	5:30 p.m.	The Boyle & Maginn Families				
26	January	Friday				
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by the Legion				
		of Mary				
27	January	Saturday – The Vigil of 4th Sunday in				
		Ordinary Time				
	5:00 p.m.	Don Wright by Jim & Loretta Miller				
28	January	Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary				
		Time				
	9:30 a.m.	Diane Sharp by Mario Van				
	6:00 p.m.	For the People				

/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 21- 28, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment for First Communicants	
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep	
Monday				
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Commission Meeting	
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group	
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre	
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal	
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding	
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House	



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class.

Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.

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	459				
November 2023	515				
December 2023	475				
Christmas Mass Attendance	1027				
January 2024 (1-14)	420				



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 Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobby Lesczynski, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, 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:

Lois Irwin 815 N. Chester Ave Indianapolis, IN 46201

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 in Dalgren, VA. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of January 13 and 14	\$ 7,098.00
Electronic Contributions 1/8-1/12	\$ 3,180.02
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 381,751.86
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 382,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 DEFICIT	\$ - 1,048.14

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,364.00
December Contributions	\$ 3,464.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,513.00

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 1/15)

Parish Goal \$ 62,294.00 # of gifts received or pledged Amount of gifts received or pledged \$ 22,515.00

SAVE THE DATE!

Plan now to attend our Ministry Fair and FREE Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 4, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Duffey Hall. This is part of our annual stewardship awareness and will provide a great opportunity to learn about ways to give of your time and talent at Little Flower



Registration is now open! The Eucharistic Archdiocese is encouraging strong participation from each of its parishes and the Faithful.

As the host archdiocese, we have been provided with a discount code, Indy24, which reduces the cost of individual passes from \$375 to \$274.

If you have already signed up or have interest in attending the conference in July would you please notify Elizabeth Mann at emann@littleflowerparish.org or text / call Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640.

The complete schedule is out now with a list of featured speakers. You can check it out at their website. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule

Daily and weekend passes are now available. There is a 10% discount through the end of January using code EMMANUEL.

The final Mass at Lucas Oil stadium on Sunday, July 21, 2024, will include the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.

Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

Kick off meeting for the leadership team is Wednesday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be sent via email in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Friday, January 26. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.



Join us for the Legacy Gala in support of three vital ministries: Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools and Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary





Also help us celebrate this year's honoree, Sister Shirley Gerth





The Little Flower Youth Group is having a call out meeting on January 28 following the 6 p.m. Mass and lasting until 8 p.m. This event is open to any high schooler who

wants to grow in faith, develop community, and eat pizza. Come join us in the Parish Center basement (Holy Family Room) to develop a community of high schoolers focused on growing in their Catholic Faith. See you there!



Next weekend, January 27 and 28, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Little Flower Athletic Association

Do you like watching sports events? Enjoy Coaching and watching your team succeed on and off the field? Want to be more behind the scenes? Or, to show off your organization skills? Do you have fundraising ideas to bring to life?

We are looking for volunteers that want to be involved with the decision making for Athletics at Little Flower. The Little Flower Athletic Association will be discerning new officers on March 6. Nominations will need to be in by February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Come see us at the Little Flower School Open House on January 28. Visit us and hear more details about the positions available. If you have any questions or want to know more, please email the Little Flower Athletic Association at ahtletics@littleflowerparish.org.

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Reverse Raffle & Bingo Night

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3rd in LF CAFETERIA Doors open 6:00pm

*Pre-Sale thru Feb 2: \$30 Individual Raffle or Bingo ticket

\$50 Combo Ticket (Raffle + Bingo)

*Day of Event: \$35 Individual Raffle or Bingo ticket

\$60 Combo Ticket (Raffle + Bingo)

FULL TABLES available Includes 8 combo tix + 1 Free Raffle entry



Dinner provided by Indy's Historic Steer-In

Tickets can be purchased in the Little Flower school or parish office, Or after ALL masses Jan 6-7 and Jan 20-21.

Questions? Sponsor or Donation info? Email drewtorz@gmail.com

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Must be age 21+ to attend

Little Flower Euchre Nights

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age Where: Little Flower Parish Center – St. Patrick Room **When:** The following Thursday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please note the change in the room and the day of the week.

> January 25 February 8 and 22 March 7 and 21 April 4 and 18

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.



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