# **ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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.

### 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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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 Sunday is our annual Volunteer and Ministry Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Little Flower Cafeteria. This Volunteer and Ministry Fair will allow you to explore all of the ministries and volunteer opportunities available here at Little Flower. Also, once again this year our PPS is hosting a Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with the fair at no cost to you. I would like to encourage everyone to attend the Volunteer and Ministry Fair and determine where you can lend your talent(s) to help Little Flower grow as a parish community.

Next Sunday is World Marriage Day. Therefore, there will be a blessing for married couples and engaged couples at all the Masses next weekend.

Last Sunday's Little Flower School Open House was a huge success.

Fifteen new families attended, and 13 of them registered. Enrollment for next year currently stands at 232, which includes 36 **NEW** students. Preschool is almost full! Special thanks to Amy Torzewski and Mary Rodriguez for all their hard work with registrations. Thanks to the School Commission and all the organizations who shared their stories that day. Thanks to teachers, Gloria Fernandez, and the many volunteers who led tours, set up, and cleaned up. Our Open House truly showed off our outstanding community and how we come together.

Also, at all the Masses last weekend, Kevin Gawrys shared with us the outstanding opportunities Little Flower School offers our students. As I mentioned in my remarks before he spoke, the previous Sunday a couple told me they chose Little Flower for their children because of the close relationship between the parish and school and all the opportunities Little Flower School offers. Thanks, Kevin.

Cassie Echegaray, our grades 3-5 math teacher, is a featured teacher in the 2024 Catholic Schools Week Supplement in the January 26 edition of *The Criterion*. The title of the article is "Curious children lead a teacher to a 'home' where God wants her to be." Among the points, she makes in the article is that teaching for her is a vocation. This inspiring article may be found in the print edition on page 12B or at <u>https://www.archindy.org/criterion/local/2024/01-26/s- curious.html</u>. I would encourage everyone to read it.

Finally, congratulations to Little Flower parishioners and/or alumni who earned first semester high honors or honors at Cathedral High School:

High Honors Edgar Arboleda Viviana Arboleda-Arellano Luke Bruno Nevaeha Cunningham Alejandro Lozano Payton Roadley Samuel Wilcox

Honors Holden Groulik Ruby Martinez Amaya

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



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.



Readings for February 11 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1 Mark 1:40-45 To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021124.cfm



### For the Week of February 5 - 11, 2024

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05	February	Monday				
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. John Hartzer				
06	February	Tuesday				
	5:30 p.m.	Christine Marie Anderson by Bernie & Rose				
		Sponsel				
07	February	Wednesday				
		No Mass				
08	February	Thursday				
	5:30 p.m.	Emma Bixler by the Ladies Club				
09	February	Friday				
	9:30 a.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends				
10	February	Saturday – The Vigil of 6th Sunday in				
		Ordinary Time				
	5:00 p.m.	For the People				
11	February	Sunday – The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary				
		Time				
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Mary Lou Beaupre by				
		Her Children & Grandchildren				
	6:00 p.m.	Maria Ball Espinoza by the Quiroz Family				

## **/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

February 4 - 11, 2024

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP					
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.							
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy					
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed					
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Ministry Fair &					
	(school café)		Pancake Breakfast					
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group					
Monday	St. Patrick 7:00 p.m. (Parish Center)		Baptism Class					
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. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission					
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					
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	Athletic Meeting					
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group					
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.							
	Stewardship Intention Weekend							
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy					
Sallung	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed					
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts					

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

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 (1-28)	463				



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 Leszcynski, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, 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:

### Mary Helen Echrich 1455 Eagle Trace Dr, 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 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

Tour Girls of Tre	abure	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of January 27 and 28	\$	9,363.00
Electronic Contributions 1/22-1/26	\$	4,037.85
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	409,887.70
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	409,200.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YDT	\$	687.70
Home Improvement	t Fund	l
November Contributions	\$	2,364.00
December Contributions	\$	3,464.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$	2,298.00
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Parish Goal		\$ 62,294.00
# of aifts received or pledaed		87

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## Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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Calling all volunteers – the Silent Auction needs your help! In a typical Festival year we reach out to 400+ area businesses and ask for donations. Would you be willing to make just 10 phone calls to area businesses for the Silent Auction? We have the businesses and their contact information identified, and we have prepared a script for you to use. Many hands make light work! Please contact Andrea Johnson at 317-340-5292 if you can help. Thank you!





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

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

### **February at Fatima Retreat House**

Embracing our Threefold Call to Holiness as Priest, Prophet & King – Day of Reflection Led by: Deacon Bob Beyke

Saturday, February 24, 2024 / 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Description: During this day of reflection, we will explore the question of what it means to be Priest, Prophet and King - and what that means to us. We will look at the three anointings of Christ from a biblical perspective with the goal of finding meaning in our own baptismal calling.

Registration: \$45 per person; includes Mass and lunch. www.archindy.org/fatima - click on "Register" on home page and scroll through Calendar of Events to find this program. You may also contact our Registrar, Lisa Coons at (317) 545-7681 or email at lcoons@archindy.org



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21st following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. (NOTE: this is a change from the normal meeting date due to Ash Wednesday being the 2nd Wednesday in February.) This month we will celebrate Valentine's Day and

play Bingo. You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend! All are welcome!



### 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 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.

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.



CYO Camp is gearing up for a great summer and we need your help! We are currently recruiting and hiring for several positions. Below are important details regarding the available opportunities:





The Little Flower School Commission wants your help!

**WHAT IS THE SCHOOL COMMISSION??** The function of the School Commission is to act as a consultative body that works in coordination with the School Principal and Pastor in strategically planning, developing, evaluating and preparing long range policies in accordance with the educational goals set by the Archdiocese and the Parish.

The Commission has set strategic goals to help continue to make Little Flower the special place we all know and love as well as work towards a brighter future at our school. There are two subcommittees that the Commission created to include more members of the school, parish, and community. The subcommittees and their goals are below.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Subcommittee** GOALS

- 1. Little Flower School will promote and maintain diversity.
- 2. Little Flower School will aspire to provide resources and support for all students and families.
- 3. At Little Flower School we want all new and existing families to feel at home and included.

### **Teacher Retention Subcommittee** GOALS

- 1. Make Little Flower School a destination school for teachers.
- 2. At Little Flower School, teachers will be a priority to enhance students' success.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?? Please sign up for a subcommittee of interest or talk to a friend connected to Little Flower who would be interested in helping. Once we have a list of interested members, the subcommittee chairs will reach out about the next steps. Sign up with the link below or call the parish office to provide your contact information.

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D4DAEAA2AA6F94-47201425-little



Do you want to make your marriage stronger? Do you want to spend an uninterrupted weekend with

your spouse? Why not prepare for Valentine's Day by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn more about your wonderful vocation? Our first Weekend of 2024 is at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, on April 19-21. Visit <u>www.wwme.org</u> for further information. Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Our Weekend was, without qualification, the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives."

### ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Next weekend is the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week, and place the envelope provided in your regular packet in the regular collection.



### Scholarships for 8th graders

Every year, Scecina Memorial High School awards nearly \$1.2 million in scholarships and financial aid to new Crusaders. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit www.scecina.org/scholarships.

### Applications due February 5, 2024

- Placement Test Scholarship All Students
- Immaculata Scholarship Our Lady of Lourdes Students
- John Meyer and Jeff Young Class of 1968 Memorial Scholarship Holy Spirit and Little Flower Students
- William Daley Memorial Scholarship All Students, preference for St. Philip Neri students

### Applications due March 1, 2024

• Stan Epperson Scholarship – All Students

### JOIN US FOR CURRICULUM NIGHT!

February 28 and March 6, 2024 | 6-8 p.m.

Students who have been accepted into the Class of 2028 are asked to attend Curriculum Night. During this event, you will meet with a staff member to request courses for freshman year. Please register for Curriculum at <a href="https://scecina.schooladminonline.com/">https://scecina.schooladminonline.com/</a>

### Win a \$3,000 Scholarship

Students who apply and enroll at Scecina by March 18, 2024, are eligible for a \$3,000 Early Bird Scholarship. All five items below must be completed.

- #1 Apply for admission and complete your application.
- #2 Be accepted as a member of Scecina's Class of 2028.
- #3 Complete your registration form and pay the registration fee.
- #4 Complete the tuition assistance application or financial aid waiver.

#5 Course Request by attending Curriculum Night on February 28 or March 6, 2024, or making an individual appointment.

Admissions Contacts - Do you have questions about admissions? Please contact us:



Director of Admissions mmedina@scecina.org 317-352-3287 Hablo Español

Miriam Medina



Patty Feeney Admissions Assistant pfeeney@scecina.org 317-356-6377 Ext. 1317 February 4, 2024



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### Men's Lenten Prayer Group starting on February 13

Our study this year is to learn more about the reality of Jesus in the Eucharist as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. Please join this Lenten Prayer Group. We

will meet for 6 consecutive weeks on Tuesday mornings, starting on February 13, from 6:30 to 7:30 AM, at the Fatima Event Center, 1040 N. Post Rd. Doors open at 6:15 AM. Over 6 sessions we will watch the video of JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST Series and then break into smaller groups with a table leader posing questions for reflection and leading a shared prayer. We will end promptly at 7:30 AM so you can get to work or go about your day. All Catholic men from the East deanery are invited to attend as your schedule permits. We are asking for a one-time goodwill \$10 donation to cover coffee, snacks, printing, and facility costs. This series of meetings is sponsored by the K of C Our Lady of Fatima Council, and the Holy Spirit Men's Ministry Group. Please let Jesus and the Eucharist make a positive difference in your life this Lenten season. Contact Bil McLaughlin, 317-748-2800 by phone, or text with questions, or to sign-up in advance with name, telephone #, and email address.

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