

3RD SUNDAY of Easter

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

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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,

If you forgot to bring your blessed palms from 2023 with you last weekend, you may bring them next Sunday, and we will burn them for you.

Today is the last class for Religious Education for the 2023-24 school year. We would like to thank all the families who participated in the program and especially all the catechists under the leadership of Lisa Gibbons: Mindy Gordon – Kindergarten & 1st Grade; Joanne Mages–2nd Grade; Jennifer Hammond– 3rd & 4th Grade; Bridget & Reanna Hollada–5th & 6th Grade; and Lisa Gibbons–7th & 8th Grade. We are deeply thankful for their service to this ministry.

Thanks to Gina Foster for making a new white Lectionary cover in time for Easter.

This Wednesday is the 85th anniversary of the death of Fr. Charles Duffey, the founding pastor of Little Flower. An older priest once told me that the founding pastor establishes the character and personality of the parish.

Have a wonderful week.



For the Week of April 15 - 21, 2024

- 15 April Monday**
5:30 p.m. Roberta Galluzzi by Diane Pusnik
- 16 April Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Nela Delaney Fox by Thomas & Karen Urrutia
- 17 April Wednesday**
No Mass
- 18 April Thursday**
9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family
- 19 April Friday**
No Mass
- 20 April Saturday – the Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Mary Lou Hoggatt by your Family
- 21 April Sunday – The Forth Sunday of Easter**
9:30 a.m. E.J. Bruno by Joe & Theresa Bruno
6:00 p.m. For the People

fr. Bob



We remember our former parishioner, **Susan Hendrix**, who passed away on April 1 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on April 5. Susan was a graduate of Little Flower school and her

daughter, Tiffany Hendrix, went to school here until 5th grade. We extend our prayers and condolences to *Joe and Marlaina Pertile and their family* on the death of Marlaina’s father, **Nick Scalo**. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Susan and Nick into his eternal glory.



Little Flower students will be collecting pledges until April 19 for our annual PPS Walk-a-thon Fundraiser. Help us reach our \$5,000 goal by supporting your favorite students with a monetary donation. Dollars raised will fund a variety of fun and educational field trips throughout the school year, recognize the hard work done by our awesome teachers, as well as provide each student with an article of Spirit Wear that can be worn to field trips, Spirit Days, and other special occasions.

You can make your pledge via debit or credit card online. Go to our school website and under the SUPPORT US header you will see “2024 Walk-a-thon”. Or type in this link:

<https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/walkathon>

Include your favorite student’s name on your donation so they can win additional prizes! Thank you for all your support of this important ministry of our parish.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 15 - 21, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Board Meeting
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Committee
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Parish Grounds	9:00 a.m.	Spring Clean-up
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Senior Spring Social
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Church & School Cafe	10:30 a.m.	First Communion Practice/Lunch
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group



SAVE THE DATE: The 8th grade class will host a **Spring Senior Social**, for all our “young at heart” parishioners. This year’s theme, “**Springo Bingo**,” will give you the perfect opportunity to enjoy a spaghetti dinner and play bingo with some of our students. The date is **Saturday, April 20, following the 5 p.m. Mass**. Please call the Parish Center, (317) 357-8352, or e-mail, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, by Monday, April 15, if you plan on attending.



The Little Flower Ladies Club Bedding Plant Sale is blooming in full force this year. We have a new vendor and are excited to offer Boston Ferns, several types of tomatoes and varied plants. Order **deadline is April 15** and Delivery Date is May 4. Order Forms are at entrances of the church and on-line on the Little Flower Website.

So, beautify your garden and support the Ladies Club.



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, Carrie Jones, Bob Lawless, 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:

Sally Meth
1463 N Bosart Avenue, 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 with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – 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.
- Zach Meyer**, Marine Reserve in South Bend, son-in-law of Dave and Dora Hughey.

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 next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, April 22, 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 June.



We will have a Spring Cleanup Day on our grounds on **Saturday, April 20**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you don't mind getting your hands a little dirty to help, make our campus more beautiful, come join us! There will be plenty of mulch to be spread, weeds to be pulled, and bushes to be trimmed. Meet by the rectory garage. If you have garden tools, you're welcome to bring them, but we will have some as well. Please bring your own garden gloves if you need them.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of April 6 and 7	\$ 8,168.47
Electronic Contributions 4/1-4/5	\$ 9,672.74
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 557,846.32
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$ 541,200.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD	\$ 16,646.32

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 2,348.00
March Contributions	\$ 2,670.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,391.00

NOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED JUST OVER 125 COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARDS FROM PARISHIONERS. By filling out a Stewardship card, you help populate a database that helps us best plan for, and utilize, the time, talent, and treasure of all our stewards at Little Flower. If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the church doors.

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 3/25)

Parish Goal	\$ 62,294.00
# of gifts received or pledged	101
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 28,780.00

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


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 - December 2023		480
Christmas Mass Attendance		1027
January 2024		463
February 2024		511
March 2024 (1-24)		524
Holy Thursday		388
Good Friday		123
Easter Vigil/Easter Masses		806

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.

April 18

Questions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or johnsojc@iupui.edu.



The Archdiocese is encouraging strong participation from each of its parishes and the Faithful.

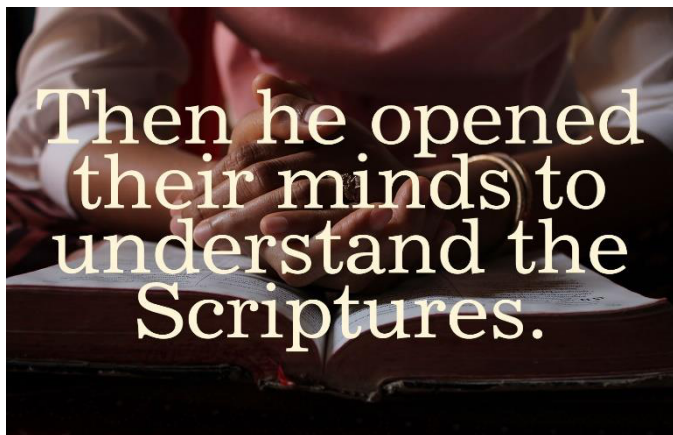
The links below are the new discount codes for registration to the NEC in July. This discount will make registration \$299.00 instead of \$360.00. There are no discounts currently for daily or weekend passes.

<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/ewtn>
<https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/augustine>

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.



FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

The next leadership meeting is
Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Raffle News

Raffle tickets are available for parishioner pickup this weekend. Volunteers will be delivering those not picked up at church. *If you can help deliver unclaimed tickets to parishioners, please call Jeannie at the Parish center at 317-357-8352.* Please turn in your sold tickets and money in the collection or at the parish center. **Do your best to make the raffle a success!**

- The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196) or edeputy1@yahoo.com, or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate!
- **Are you an artisan or just plain crafty?** Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.
 - **Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25?** Consider donating them!
 - **Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder?** Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.
 - **Do you have a timeshare or vacation property?** Consider donating a week this year.
 - **Are there gift cards lying around that you will never use?** Let us put them to good use as an auction item!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00 and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie and she will mail information to them. **Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!**

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

Tip Board Donations – If you are willing and able to donate a higher-end bottle of spirits to be raffled off with our tip boards, please contact Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640 or zimmfan67@gmail.com.



"TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOR IN CHARITY IS TO LOVE GOD IN MAN." - ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ARCHINDY SERVICE PROJECT HYGIENE CARE PACKAGES

Buying hygiene items is a luxury for so many individuals within our communities. Offering a simple gift of a Hygiene Care Package helps provide dignity and hope to those who may feel forgotten.

As part of the National Eucharist Congress from July 17-21, 2024, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are sponsoring the Hygiene Care Package Project.

Here is how we can help

- 1. Gather as many of the items on the list as you are comfortable with.
2. Bring to church and place in the bins at entrances on weekends of 4/20-21 and 4/27-28 (like done with Halloween candy).
3. Watch There sean for volunteer opportunities to assist with bagging and transporting.

TO INCLUDE IN GALLON ZIPLOC BAGS:

- Large socks
• Soft food item (ex. Nutrigrain bars, individual trail mix packs)
• Hand wipes
• Large body wipes
• Chapstick
• Lotion - trial size
• Mylar Blanket -compact size
• Toothbrush - trial size
• Toothpaste - trial size
• Rosary w/ prayer instructions
• Small Card of Encouragement with a Scripture quote.

All completed Hygiene Care Packages will be distributed at the National Eucharistic Congress - July 17-21, 2024. Participants of the Eucharistic Congress will be encouraged to distribute the care packages to those in need in the Indianapolis area or take the care packages back to their diocese to be replicated and distributed to those in need in their areas.

For more info: Theresa Chamblee Catholic Charities 317-236-1404 tchamblee@archindy.org



Scan the QR Code to learn more about the National Eucharistic Congress



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