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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Mass Saturday: 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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 317-322-7702

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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,

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, often called Good Shepherd Sunday. Today has also been designated World Day of Prayer for Vocations or Vocation Sunday. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill Jesus' instruction to "*Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest*" [Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2]. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life, or secular institutes. You can find many resources to promote a culture of vocations on the USCCB Vocations webpage (www.usccb.org/vocations).

Tuesday I will be at the semi-annual Priest/PLC meeting at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish.

This Saturday is the 30th anniversary of the death of Msgr. Raymond Bosler, the fourth pastor of Little Flower. Msgr. Bosler served as pastor of Little Flower from May 16, 1966 to July 12, 1977. Msgr. Bosler served as a *peritus* or expert at the Second Vatican Council. At the time of his appointment to Little Flower, he was the editor of *The Criterion*. He was also the author of several books: *What a modern Catholic believes about moral problems, What They Ask About Marriage*, and *New Wine Bursting Old Skins: Memories Of An Old Priest Longing For A New Church*. For 18 years, he wrote a syndicated Catholic column titled "Question Box." It was Msgr. Bosler who encouraged me to ask to study in Rome.

Next Sunday, April 28, 26 children will make their First Communion at an added Mass at 11:30 a.m. All are invited. Also, their Blessing Cups are displayed on the altar this weekend. Please pray for our First Communicants and their families during this special time.

The CYO Awards Committee has selected the recipients of the St. John Bosco Award, Monsignor Busald Award, Edward J. Tinder Official of the Year Award, and the Spirit of Youth Award for 2024. **CYO awards will be presented by Archbishop Thompson at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, May 14, at 6:30 PM.** Several Little Flower parishioners will be recognized at this time. Please mark your calendars.

The St. John Bosco Medal and Monsignor Busald Award recognize adult volunteers in youth ministry and athletic ministry in our parishes. The St. John Bosco Medal is CYO's highest award. This year Antoinette Maio Burford will receive the St. John Bosco Medal, and Angie Mackell will receive the Monsignor Albert Busald Award.

The Spirit of Youth Award recognizes outstanding teens for their service to their parish, school, and community. This year Reanna Hollada and Alex Lozano will receive the Spirit of Youth Award.

The Edward J. Tinder Official of the Year Award is given to a CYO Official that has truly put their heart and soul into officiating for the CYO. This is CYO's newest award. This year Steve Grohovsky and Jeff Wellner will be co-recipients of the Edward J. Tinder Official of the Year Award.

Have a wonderful week.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Izabella (Bella) Renee, daughter of Cory and Lindsey (Wickham) Honeycutt, who was baptized on Sunday, April 14, 2024





We will soon be running the schedule for May, June, July. 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 at katie.leszcynski1993@gmail.com.
- Eucharistic Ministers: please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- <u>Servers:</u> 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 Wednesday, April 24, 2024.



	Fo	or the Week of April 22-28, 2024
22	April	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T Kelly
23	April	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Imogene Beckner by Ladies Club
24	April	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family
25	April	Thursday
		No Mass
26	April	Friday

9:30 a.m. Msgr. Paul Koetter

April Saturday – the Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter 27 5:00 p.m. Walter & Ann Bordenkecher by Pauline & Charlie

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Sunday - The Fifth Sunday of Easter 28 April

> 9:30 a.m. For the People

11:30 a.m. First Communion Mass - Marilyn Jones Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 22 -28, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church &	10:30 a.m.	First Communion
10	School Café		Practice & lunch
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	(Parish Center)		
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
	(Parish Center)	5.20	
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	(school café)		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese	5:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting
	(Parish Center)		T .: 134 .:
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
6	(school café)		
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation
	(Parish Center)		Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Poetry Slam
	(school café)		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	(Parish Center)		
Friday	Church &	10:30 a.m.	First Communion
3	Parish Center		Retreat Day
	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
3	(Parish Center)	7.00	16.111 G.1 1D
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
G	(school café)		
Saturday		T	T 24.14 2 2 1
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
,	(school café)		
	Church	11:30 a.m.	First Communion
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
8	Church	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Sending -
			Confirmation
	to c)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of April 13 and 14	\$ 8,101.98
Electronic Contributions 4/8-4/12	\$ 3,934.26
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$ 569,882.56
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget	\$ 554,400.00
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 YTD	\$ 15,482.56

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 2,348.00
March Contributions	\$ 2,670.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,601.00

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	1		
June 2022 - May 2023	483	}		
June 2023 - December 2023	480)		
Christmas Mass Attendance	1027	7		
January 2024	463	}		
February 2024	511			
March 2024 (1-24)	524	1		
Holy Thursday	388	3		
Good Friday	123	3		
Easter Vigil/Easter Masses	806	5		
April 2024 (7 th & 14 th)	511			



Readings for April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042824.cfm



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.



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.



Stained Glass Raffle

As you may know, the artist who donated his time, labor, and money in the past to create stained glass pieces for our festival raffle has retired and is no longer able to continue with this tradition. We are very grateful for all of the hours of labor and travel he gave to our cause.

HOWEVER, we are very blessed that TWO individuals have donated pieces back to us so that we may raffle them off.

If anyone else out there has one of Steve Wright's stained glass pieces that you are not using, we would be happy to add it to this fundraiser.

We will send out an email with the picture of the glass, and we ask that you forward it to *all* the people on your email list and also post to Facebook or other social media. You are in *NO* way obligated to buy any tickets (but we would love it if you do). You are in *NO* way obligated to sell any amount of tickets. All we ask is that you forward these to your contacts. With your help we can really help Little Flower to have another successful festival. It will take just a few minutes out of your busy schedule. *PLEASE help us to have another banner year!* Please contact Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you will help. Thanks in advance for all your help. Watch for emails in the coming weeks. We will keep you posted as to how we are doing with the raffle.



Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

Permit #002626

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!

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Johnson (317-340-5292) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items – all these options are a great addition to our auction.

REGISTER - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. The auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO TURN IN A SPONSORSHIP (but almost)! 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 the name and address for Angie and she will mail information to them. SPONSORSHIP DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO APRIL 30.

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.

KEG SPONSORSHIP

Want to help at Summerfest? Why not be a keg sponsor? For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival. You can find the keg sponsor form on our website at Ifsummerfest.com, or you can send an email to amackell@littleflowerparish.org.



"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

- Gather as many of the items on the list as you are comfortable with.
- 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).
- Watch Theresean 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





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:

Carol Murphy 4723 E 12th Street, Indianapolis, IN46201

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.



Ladies Club News!!!

Our final meeting of the year will be Thursday, May 2. Please note we will have an early start time at 5:30 p.m. After the meeting PLEASE JOIN US for a pitch in and a Beverage and Canvas painting class beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. PLEASE RSVP to the parish office if you are participating by Monday, April 29, by noon. Payment is due the night of by cash or check. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Clegg at amy.clegg@att.net, or 317-223-6850.

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