

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,

Today at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our young people who made their First Communion last Sunday to celebrate the Rite of Going Forth with us. This special rite helps reinforce their commitment to the Eucharist and to going forth to make a better world. It helps the children discover that First Communion is a starting point in living a Eucharistic life.

Women of the parish 21 and over are invited to join us in Duffey Hall for our annual Mother’s Day Breakfast next Sunday, May 12, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The breakfast is sponsored by the Little Flower Men’s Club, and a good time is always had by all.

Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Bob



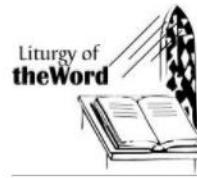
For the Week of May 6 - 12, 2024

- 06 **May Monday**
5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
- 07 **May Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. John Bruce by Family & Friends
- 08 **May Wednesday**
11:00 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Bob by the Legion of Mary
- 09 **May Thursday**
9:30 a.m. Delia Gilday
- 10 **May Friday**
NO MASS
- 11 **May Saturday – the Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Easter**
5:00 p.m. Genevieve “Jeb” Carter Short by Sitzman & Carter families
- 12 **May Sunday – The Seventh Sunday of Easter**
9:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Bernice & Hershall Borton by Eileen Pfeiffer

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 5 - 12, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
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	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday			
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	Duffey Hall (school café)	3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Invite Commission
	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 café)	10:30 a.m.	Mother’s Day Breakfast



**Readings for May 12, 2024
Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension)**

- Acts 1:1-11
- Ephesians 1:17-23
- Mark 16:15-20

To read the readings on-line, go to <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051224.cfm>

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of April 27 and 28	\$	6,503.36
Electronic Contributions 4/22-4/26	\$	4,637.42
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	598,750.80
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget	\$	580,800.00
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 YTD	\$	17,950.80

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$	2,348.00
March Contributions	\$	2,670.00
April Contributions	\$	2,423.00

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
April 2024	592



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

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, 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.



Mothers Day Breakfast hosted by Men's Club

All women of the parish **21 years old and over** are invited to the Mothers Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12, after 9:30 Mass in Duffey Hall. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and breakfast is served at 11 a.m. Please start your Mother's Day off with breakfast on us!

Attention Men of the Parish

Volunteers are needed for set-up and serving the Mothers Day Breakfast. Set-up and food prep for the breakfast will begin at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, in Duffey Hall, with additional setup on Sunday, May 12, at 8 a.m. All volunteers to serve breakfast need to arrive no later than 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 12. Anyone interested in helping with setup or serving should contact Rick at fischer6266@gmail.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 Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszczynski, 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:

Tom Griffin, 9405 General Way Apt 119, Indianapolis, IN 46216

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.



Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ in the United States and in developing countries around the world through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of funds collected remain here in the Indianapolis Archdiocese to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

Permit #002626

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, May 15,
at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

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!

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 lfsummerfest.com, or you can send an email to amackell@littleflowerparish.org. Deadline for Keg Sponsors is **May 10**.

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.

We have sent 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.

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, May 8, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. This month we will have lunch and play games. Please call Jeannie in the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend – the more the merrier!



We extend our condolences to *Steve and Mary Kennedy and their family* on the death of their brother-in-law, **Rev. Doug**

Williams. Please keep all of Doug’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Doug into his eternal glory.



"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. Nutri grain 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



Camp Rancho Framasa is Hiring!

We have two unique summer positions that we are eager to fill.

Take a look below for the details.

Life Assistant

This position is for the 2024 summer season. The Life Assistant will provide direct support to an adult male camp staff member who has Down Syndrome. This position includes: 1. assistance with daily living tasks, which includes shopping, cleaning, and cooking. 2. scheduling work and non-work time. 3. training and working alongside the individual as a job coach in the camp environment (programs, food service, office).

Qualifications

- Applicants should have experience working with adults who have disabilities, be first aid and CPR certified or be willing to obtain and have reliable transportation.
- CYO Camp Training: June 10-14.
- Volunteers of America training required and offered after being hired by CYO Camp.
- \$21 per hour.
- Monday- Friday (approximate hours 8:00-4:30; may vary).
- 6 weeks of employment: 5 weeks + 1 week of training, with the option to extend beyond July 26.

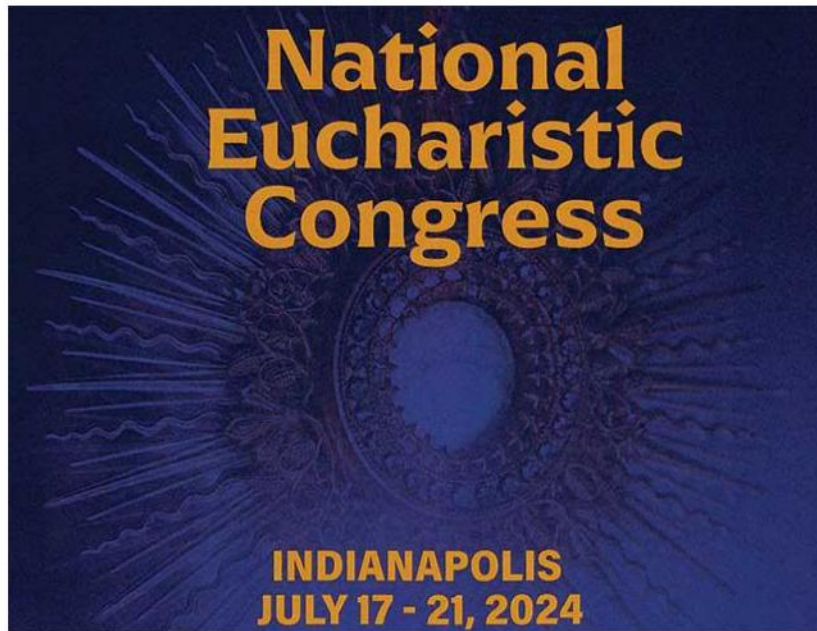
Send an inquiry and/or resume to Lauren at lauren@campranchoframasa.org

Media Coordinator

We are in search of a Media Coordinator! This adult will take on many of the responsibilities of a residential summer counselor, while also taking photos, videos, and working directly to assist our Social Media Manager.

More information and an online application can be found here:

<https://www.campranchoframasa.org/available-positions.html>



Over the next several weeks we will be featuring biographies of the speakers that will be at the National Eucharistic Congress in July.



Sr. Josephine Garrett

BIO:


Sr. Josephine was born and raised Baptist in Houston, Texas. She earned a bachelor's in politics from the University of Dallas, and shortly thereafter entered the Catholic Church. Sr. Josephine served in the banking industry for 10 years as a Vice President. In 2011, she began her religious formation with the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth. She is a nationally certified and licensed counselor, specializing in trauma and the treatment of children and adolescents and serving as a Catholic school counselor in Tyler, Texas. A board member of the Laboure Society and Life Teen, she is also the author of *Hope: An Invitation* and host of the Hope Stories podcast.





Kroger Community Rewards

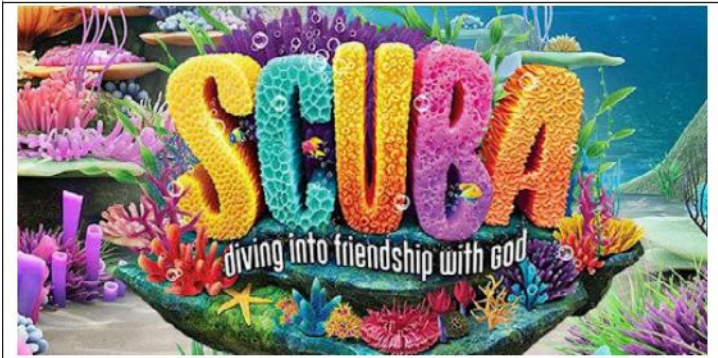
Our first-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser is \$712.43, with 231 households participating between 01/01/2024 to 03/31/2024. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months! How? By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, **please enter our organization number CP031**. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual **Blood Drive** will be on **Wednesday, May 8, from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. In order for this to be a successful drive, we need at least 15 donations. As summer approaches, the need for blood donation increases. Please prayerfully consider giving the gift of life and helping us reach our goal. **REMEMBER** when you give blood you give someone another chance to ride a bike, go out to eat, play with their child, attend church, and to live!!

Schedule your donation at:
https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/166294

Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317- 357-8352 if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
June 24 – 28, 2024
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

For children entering Pre-4 to 4th grade in the fall. Spend the week making friends, playing, making fun crafts, and most of all seeing Jesus in everything we do!

Save with Early Bird Sign Up with Paid Registration!
If you register and are paid before June 3, the cost is only \$15 per child or for a family of three or more \$40.00. After June 3 the activity fee will be \$20 per child. Register Early!

Volunteers are needed to be leaders during VBS.

Please contact the parish office at 317-357-8352, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register your child, or if you are interested in volunteering.



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