

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Saturday:

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

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

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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,

The parish staff and I want to wish all mothers a blessed and happy Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a day to celebrate our mothers or our memories of our mothers.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. This Solemnity reminds us that the mission and ministry of Jesus has been entrusted to the Church. During the time between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church asks us to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. We also should pray that we will be open to the presences, power, and activity of the Holy Spirit within us, within the Church, and within the world.

Confirmation was a beautiful experience for our ten young men and women who experienced new outpouring of the Holy Spirit when they were confirmed on Wednesday, May 1. Special thanks to Michele Rosenbaum and Rachel Shaffer who have spent this past year preparing our Confirmation candidates. They have generously shared their time and talent and, literally, themselves with these young men and women. Thank you!

Once again this year we would like to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, college, or graduate programs in the upcoming issues of *The Theresean*. Please send their names

and the name of the school, college, or university from which they are graduating to <u>parishoffice@littleflowerparish.org</u> or call the parish center and leave the information. You do not need to submit graduates from Scecina, Cathedral, or Little Flower. Their names will be published separately.

Special thanks to the Ladies' Altar Society and Social Club for their donation of \$5,000 to the parish. When I say "special thanks," I mean special thanks. The number of active members of the Ladies' Club is relatively small, and some are older women. Every year I am amazed at how much money they are able to raise. Part of the money goes to maintaining and beautifying our Liturgy, and the other part they give as a donation to the Church. The entire parish owes them a debt of gratitude.

Tuesday, May 14, is the Feast of St. Matthias, the Apostle chosen to replace Judas Iscariot.

Fr. John Riedinger was born on May 15, 1882. Fr. John served as pastor of Little Flower from 1942 to 1966. He was the longest-serving pastor of Little Flower. Among his accomplishments, he built our beautiful church. Riedinger Hall is named for him.

Finally, CYO awards will be presented by Archbishop Thompson at the Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral on Tuesday, May 14, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This year Antoinette Maio Burford will receive the St. John Bosco Medal, and Angie Mackell will receive the Monsignor Albert Busald Award. Reanna Hollada and Alex Lozano will receive the Spirt of Youth Award. Steve Grohovsky and Jeff Wellner will be co-recipients of the Edward J. Tinder Official of the Year Award.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly average	ges)	
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 (does not include 1st Communion Mass)	500	
First Communion Mass on 4/28/2024	368	
May 2024 (1st week)	513	

STEWARDSHIP CO	DRNER	
Your Gifts of Trea	sure	
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of May 4 and 5	\$	14,223.73
Electronic Contributions 4/29-5/3	\$	9,387.24
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	622,361.82
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget	\$	594,000.00
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 YTD	\$	28,361.82
Home Improvement	Fund	
March Contributions	\$	2,670.00
April Contributions	\$	2,423.00
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,619.75



For the Week of May 13 - 19, 2024

May Monday 13

5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly

14 May Tuesday

No Mass Wednesday 15 May

5:30 p.m. Fr. Paul Hulsman May Thursday 16

5:30 p.m. Susan Hendrix by Ladies Club

17 May Friday

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9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish

Family

18 May Saturday - the Vigil of Pentecost Sunday 5:00 p.m. Martha & George Haddin by the Haddin Family

Sunday - Pentecost Sunday 19 May

> 9:30 a.m. Isabelle Lyons by Nanna & Papaw Lyons

6:00 p.m. For the People

DOOM

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 12 - 17, 2024 -

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses			
0.18	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Breakfast	
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Athletic Banquet	
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting	
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 Meeting	
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group	
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	



Readings for May 19, 2024 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13 John 20:19-23

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051924.cfm

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.

> May 16 & 23 June 13 & 27 July 11 & 25 **August 8 & 22**

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you register.

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



rhythm of our daily life in the monastery. They will:

- . join us for the Divine Office and Mass.
- · share our meals and recreate with us.
- · tour the monastery and its garden.
- · listen to talks by the Nuns on topics of prayer, vocation discernment, and Carmelite charism.
- · have the chance to share their vocation stories and listen to the Sisters' vocation stories.
- · have quiet time for personal prayer and reflection.

Are you between the ages of 18 and 40? Do you hear God calling you by name to religious life? Would you like to explore the contemplative Carmelite way of life?

CONTACT

Sr. Clare Joseph, OCD, Vocation Director vocations@heartsawake.org Phone: 812-299-1410 x214

Carmelite Monastery- 59 Allendale, Terre Haute, Indiana 47802 http://www.heartsawake.org 812-299-1410





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:

Bob Lawless 9745 Olympia Dr., Apt. 319 Fishers, IN 46037

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.

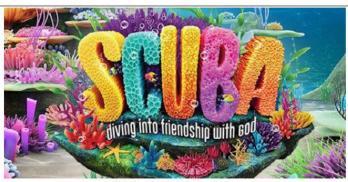
Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

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 Hughev.

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.





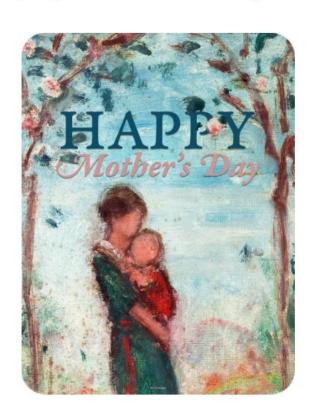
SAVE THE DATE Vacation Bible School June 24 – 28, 2024 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

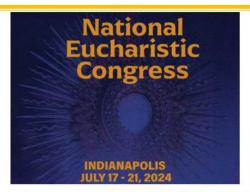
For children entering Pre-4 to 4th grade in the fall. Spend the week making friends, playing, making fun crafts, and most of all seeing Jesus in everything we do!

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 <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> to register your child, or if you are interested in volunteering.





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



Bishop Robert Barron

BIO:

Bishop Robert Barron is the bishop of the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, MN, and the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. He is the host of <u>CATHOLICISM</u>, an award-winning documentary about the Catholic Faith. Bishop Barron's more recent film series, <u>CATHOLICISM</u>: The <u>Pivotal Players</u>, won an Emmy award and has been syndicated for national television. Bishop Barron is a #1 Amazon bestselling author, and his most recent book, "This Is My Body," sold over one million copies. He was a religion correspondent for NBC and has also appeared on FOX News, CNN, and EWTN. He has engaged in dialogue with influencers and thought leaders and has keynoted many conferences and events all over the world, including the 2023 World Youth Day in Lisbon, 2016 World Youth Day in Kraków, and the 2015 World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

I AM WITH YOU always until the end of the age

Matthew 28:20



Divine Wine & Mandala Art

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 5:00pm - 9:00pm

Mandalas are ancient, sacred circle symbols used as a form of contemplation and prayer. The effort and focus in creating a mandala is a time when each of us can meditate and reflect on our spiritual connection with God.

Another circle symbol, the labyrinth, consists of a singular, concentric path that if followed through its twists and turns, has one goal: to lead you to the center of a sacred space.



We are thrilled to welcome Kristin Scifres, trained art therapist and labyrinth enthusiast, back to Fatima for this evening of creativity and prayer!

Combining these two symbols, Kris will lead us as in walking the labyrinth and creating our own personal mandala stone.

All skill levels are welcome and will find ease and meaning in this prayerful art experience!

Please wear comfortable shoes for walking the labyrinth **

**We have a handful of "finger labyrinths" for those unable to walk to use for this prayer experience.

Registration: \$45.00 per person

Includes: snacks, wine, program and all supplies.

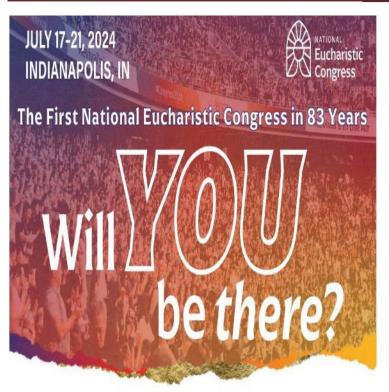
Registration will be limited to 16 people so Register Early! Invite a Friend!

To Register online please go to www.archindy.org/Fatima & click on "Register" - scroll down to find this program OR you may scan the QR code to the right





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Jesus is calling us back to our *first love* for a new Pentecost. Your life—and our Church—will never be the same!

Each day of the Congress is packed with opportunities for personal transformation and life-giving Catholic community. Come for one day, or come for all of it—just don't miss the Church's moment.

Bishop Robert Barron
Fr. Mike Schmitz
Sr. Josephine Garrett
Montse Alvarado
Chris Stefanick
Matt Maher
Curtis Martin
Sr. Miriam James Heidland
Dr. Edward Sri
and more...
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Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Programming includes general sessions, morning impact sessions, and breakouts, featuring the best of today's Catholic speakers and theologians. Most importantly, this Congress will provide a one-of-a-kind encounter with Jesus Christ and the Church through the Sacraments. There will be opportunities for daily Mass, adoration, and confession, as well a perpetual adoration chapel available to attendees each day of the Congress.

We highly encourage families to attend and be a part of this moment! Children 12 and younger get in for FREE! Many programming elements and event experiences have been specifically crafted with families in mind. There will truly be something for everyone!

Be there when God moves!





Why should I go?

We are in a unique position compared to every other Catholic as this once in a lifetime event is happening right in our city. The cost to you is much less than all other attendees because we are not needing to fund lodging or transportation!

What is the Cost?

That depends on a few things. Children 12 years old and younger are free! Day pass and full event pass options are listed below.

As an archdiocesan parishioner, you can take advantage of our Archdiocese's discount. Use code INDY24 for 20% off your registration.

Day Passes				
	Adults (19+)	Teens (13-18)		
Wednesday	\$49	\$20		
Thursday	\$95	\$75		
Friday	\$95	\$75		
Sat + Sun	\$125	\$80		

Scholarships are available...

through an initiative led by the USCCB. They are now accepting applications. Visit the website for more info eucharisticcongress.org/solidarity-fund

	Cost per person
Individual	\$360
Family: Parent	\$299
Family: Teen (13-18)	\$250
Children (12 & under)	FREE
Groups 2-5 people	\$349
Groups 6-10 people	\$325
Groups 11-14 people	\$299



Learn more, see all the exciting details, and register to attend at eucharisticcongress.org

Hope to see you there!



Summerfest 2024 May 31, June 1 and 2

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

PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBANDS

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or friends after Masses on May 18/19 and May 25/26, or at the parish office beginning on Monday, May 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please plan ahead and get your wristband and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

SILENT AUCTION

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 BOARDS

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.

SET UP

We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25 at 9 a.m., and Thursday, May 30 at 6 p.m. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot ladder if you can.

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 use 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.

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