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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

At-Large Member

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5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Saturday: 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 317-357-5316

DOL 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. SCHOOL 317-322-7702

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?

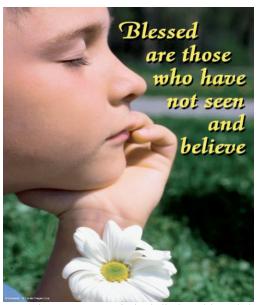
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

We want to welcome our First Communicants and their families and friends to our 9:30 a.m. First Communion Liturgy.

Congratulations to our 12 First Communicants!

Santiago Alvarez-	Macy Freudenstein	Ryleigh McGinley	
Osorio			
Josephine Burks	Miguel Angel Garcia	Zyla Miller	
Claire Cunningham	Aylin Gonzalez-Bustos	Rocket Mundell	
Francesca Echegarav	Charles McGinley, Jr.	Camila Velazquez	

Special thanks to the First Communion coordinator Lisa Gibbons and catechists Caroline Mages and Emily Pingel. Thanks to Peggy Clegg Ann O'Neill, and Bridget Hollada, for helping with the dinner for the First Communicants and their families on Thursday, April 24, before their practice.

Archbishop Thompson will confirm twelve parishioners from Little Flower Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral.

I was certainly surprised when the first words I heard on the radio on Monday morning were that Pope Francis had died. Although he has been in such poor health, I was surprised because he seemed to be recovering and greeted people several times over the Triduum and Easter Sunday. Please pray for Pope Francis and for the Church.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also called the Sunday of Divine Mercy. Both in the pre-Vatican II Liturgy and today's Liturgy, the Gospel for this Sunday is the Gospel of the institution of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

It seemed to me that our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies could not have been more beautiful. Thank you to everyone who attended our Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil Liturgies. Your presence and participation made them so life giving. On Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, 934 people attended Mass at Little Flower, which is 133 more than last year.

Special thanks to all who worked so hard to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so beautiful. Tom Costello and all the music ministers, both vocalists and instrumentalists, were outstanding. Most of our music ministers were here Tuesday evening of Holy Week for practice, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and two Easter Masses. Thanks to the members of the Art and Environment Committee and other volunteers who helped decorate the church. Thanks to all the liturgical ministers, including lectors, Eucharistic ministers, servers, and hospitality ministers.

An extra special thanks to Dick Kramer who created and set up the Empty Tomb with help from the Men's Club, and to Joyce Wyne for sewing the beautiful baptismal garments.

Likewise, an extra special thanks to Ryan Davis who designed our beautiful Easter candle this year. If you get a chance, please take a look at it.

Special thanks to Peggy Clegg and the Parish Life Commission who hosted the Soup and Bread dinner before the Holy Thursday Liturgy and to all those who helped set up and/or helped clean up. Likewise, special thanks to Jeanine Adkins, Shannon Estrada, and BJ Schmidt for hosting the reception after the Easter Vigil.

Special thanks to Mrs. Kelli Tromiczak and the Little Flower 8th Grade Class who presented Living Stations on Good Friday at 9:30 a.m. for the school and at 1:00 p.m. for the parish. Also, thanks to Tom Costello for playing the Stations.

Congratulations to Little Flower parishioners who achieved 3rd quarter high honors at Cathedral High School: Edgar Arboleda, Luke Bruno, Holden Groulik, and Frances McGinley.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank you for all your Easter cards and gifts. You are so good to me.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, May 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. This month we will be playing 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!!

Little Flower School Spring Musical May 2 & 3, 2025

Please join us for Little Flower School Spring Musical DESCENDANTS. You may get your tickets at: https://our.show/lfdisneydescendants

Where: Little Flower School gym When: Friday, May 2, 2025 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 3, 2025 2:00 p.m. & 7p.m.

All the students are working so hard, we hope to see you there!



For the Week of April 28 – May 4, 2025

28	April 5:30 p.m.	Monday For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family		
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29	April	Tuesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Glenn Cunningham by Patrick & Beth		
	-	Murphy		
30	April	Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Kathleen Goodin by Cathy Kramer		
01	May	Thursday		
	7:00 p.m.	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral - Confirmation		
02	May			
	9:30 a.m.	Mary Helen Eckrich by Bonnie & Paul		
		Suding		
03	May	Saturday		
	5:00 p.m.	Helena Rikke by the Golab Family		
04	May	Sunday		
	9:30 a.m.	Elaine Jerrell by the Veerkamp & Jerrell Families		

PEW REFINISHING PROJECT

For the People

6:00 p.m.

As Father Bob prepares to end his 22 years as pastor/administrator of Little Flower, and as the parish begins the celebration of its 100th Anniversary, we are in the midst a project to refinish the pews in our church.

Countless people have been in and out of these pews during the 62 years since they were last professionally refinished. In addition, the constant cleaning after every Mass when we reopened church during Covid had a negative effect. Today there is no way to match the quality of the pews, so it seems refinishing is the answer.

There is also a recognition component with this project. All details are available at the link on littleflowerparish.org http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/pew-refinishing-project/

All donations, regardless of amount, will be appreciated. If you have misplaced your forms, everything is available at the link above. If you misplaced your original envelope, please place donation in an envelope marked "pew refinishing project" and mail it to 4720 E. 13th Street, 46201 or place it in the weekend collection.

Amount raised as of 4/21/2025 \$58,980.00

We are hoping to raise \$80,000 to \$100,000 from donations.

We hope to close out the fund-raising portion of this project by May 15.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 27 – May 4, 2025

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	First Communion
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
	(Parish Center)	4.30 p.m.	Meeting
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Sending
Monday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Jubilee Planning
	(Parish Center)		Committee
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	9:30 a.m.	May Crowning
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	Spring Musical
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Front of Church	8:00 a.m.	Ladies Club Flower pick up.
	Gym	2:00 p.m.	Spring Musical
	Gym	6:00 p.m.	Spring Musical
	New Parishioner Sign Up after all Masses		
Sunday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Going Forth – First Communion
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	PPS Pancake Breakfast
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group – 8 th Grade Call Out



The upcoming Ladies Club meeting has been changed to May 8 instead of May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fr. Bob will be joining us for dinner. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend! In honor of our 100th Anniversary, we'd love to have as many past Ladies Club

officers as possible to attend. Those attending may bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main entree will be provided by the Ladies Club. In order to know how much meat to order, please RSVP by calling Jeannie, in the Parish Office, 317-357-8352, or emailing her at jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org, by Friday, May 2.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of April 19 and 20	\$ 10,737.30
Electronic Contributions 4/14-4/18	\$ 8,993.19
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 569,791.23
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 558,600.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 11,191.23

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 2,210.00
March Contributions	\$ 2,308.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,955.00



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, May 14 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This year the bloodmobile will be in the circular drive in front of the Church. In order for this to be a successful drive we need at least 15 donations. For the past several years, we have not met our goal for the number of people donating blood. It would be great if we met our goal this year and to do this, your help is

needed. As always there is a great need for blood donors. Donors will receive a free tee shirt!! 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/zip Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 if you have any questions.



100th Anniversary Pictorial Directory!

Please help us develop a complete directory by having your photo taken. There is no cost to you unless you order additional pictures.

All households photographed will receive a complimentary copy of the

completed directory and a free 8x10 portrait.

SCHEDULE YOUR SITTING ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- 1. Sign up after Masses on April 26-27, May 3-4, or May 10-11.
- 2. Go to www.littleflowerparish.org and follow the link to schedule your photograph session.
- 3. Call the parish office at 317-357-8352 during office hours.



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, Charlotte Allstatt, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn

Blackwell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Karen Lientz, Maximus Lopez, Larry Lynch, Tom McAndrews. Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Mary Alice Pogue, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Gary Walters, Eileen Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzl.

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:

Sandi Adkins Brickyard Healthcare-Brookview 7145 E 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219

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 in Tokyo, Japan – nephew of Rita Cooning.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving at Naval base Kitsap in Bangor, Washington – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in AAMDS Poland. 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.

Ian Carter, serving in the United States Navy in Oak Harbor, WA, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

Lexi Robertson, Navel Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

Riley Allstatt, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

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.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages) December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic) 608 June 2020 - May 2021 June 2021 - May 2022 434 June 2022 - May 2023 483 June 2023 - May 2024 497 June 2024 - February 2025 481 March 2025 515 April 2025 (thru 4/20/25 - excluding Easter) 580 Holy Thursday 314 Good Friday 161 Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday 934



READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3 and 4

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/050425.cfm



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, April 28 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.



Save the Date! 77th Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by Men's Club

All women of the parish <u>21 years old and over</u> are invited to the Mother's Day Breakfast on **Sunday**, **May 11**, **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!



Summerfest 2025 – "Cheers to 100 Years" May 30 – June 1

<u>WE NEED YOU!</u> Below are some booth chair positions that need to be filled for this year's festival:

- * Set up/Tear down we need someone to coordinate the set up and tear down process. Email Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if interested.
- * Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Pulled Pork we need someone to be in charge of the cooking and scheduling for this booth. Email Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if interested.

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).

The Silent Auction team needs your help!

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) 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.

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.



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FOOD



Outdoor Food Court Beer and Wine w/Daily Specials Indoor Dinner provided by Steer-In Saturday 5-7 pm Indoor Sunday Brunch 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



ENTERTAINMENT

Friday

5 Minutes 2 Wapner at 5:00 pm The Sherwood Club at 8:30 pm

Saturday

OK Boomer Band at 4:30 pm Bigger is Better Band at 7:30 pm

Sunday _

Silly Safaris at 12:00 pm Jaylen Koehl at 1:00pm Arisan Maru (Scecina) at 2:00 pm Almost Live at 3:00 pm



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