



THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

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Ladies Club Completes Another Great Year

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Ladies Club
- Summerfest 2024
- Parish Life
- Religious Education
- Veterans Memorial

FYI: 2025 will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of our parish. Please consider mailing stories and photos that we can feature starting in November 2024 and running through 2025. THANKS!

Celebrating 100 Years

*We would love to hear from you if you have any upcoming events. Take lots of pictures so we can use some of them in future issues. Submit photos and info by **10/28/24** in order for them to be published in the **November 2024 issue.***

Please e-mail all pictures and info to lparishnews@yahoo.com. Thanks!

Access the LFG online at: Littleflowerparish.org

Have you ever wondered what the Ladies Club does all year? Well, continue reading to find out. Here are just a few of the club's accomplishments from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

In May 2024 the members of the Ladies Club wrapped up another fun year. This small but mighty group raised funds throughout the year by selling a variety of items, including tickets to a fashion show, mums, baked goods, and bedding plants. At their last meeting they were able to give the parish a gift of \$5,000 to be used for normal operating expenses.



They once again provided and served desserts at the Lenten Fish Frys, prepared care packages for the unhoused, provided Christmas gifts to families in need, collected donations for church flowers, and served as an honor guard at the funerals of women buried from the parish.

This long-standing club managed to have a lot of fun, too. Their adventures included traveling to the National Shrine of St. Therese, enjoying a fall fashion show, exchanging white elephant gifts at their Christmas party and painting flowers on canvas.

The club is looking forward to a new year under the leadership of Pattiann Gavaghan, Mary Conway, Peggy Clegg, Peg Kramer, Casady Williamson, Rosie Torzewski, and Susan Spilly-Lee. They are working hard to see the Ladies Club grow in numbers, and invite all women of the parish over 18 to attend the monthly meetings which are held the first Thursday evening of every month (except January) from September through May. We hope to greatly increase our membership this year. Please consider coming and bringing a friend or two with you. The more the merrier.

This year the minutes of our business meeting will be emailed to all the ladies of the parish. If you do not have email and would like a copy of the minutes, please contact Peggy Clegg in the Parish Office (see the bulletin for her contact information). Also be on the lookout for a mailing from the Ladies Club which should arrive sometime in late August or early September with information about some of the plans we have for 2024 – 2025.

See page two for pictures of various Ladies Club's activities in 2023-24.

A LADIES CLUB PICTORIAL



**Ladies Club at work and play:
Visit to National Shrine of St. Therese in Darien, IL
Bedding Plant Sale
Wine and Canvas Painting
Sorting toiletries for the unhoused**

Attention Little Flower Catholic School Alumni

Our annual all-class reunion will take place on Saturday, November 2. Details will be forthcoming, but all alumni should mark their calendars now! This is a great annual event and we would appreciate everyone's help in spreading the word and encouraging attendance.

LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS HONORED BY CYO



Pictured with Fr. Bob on May 14 at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral are Little Flower's recipients of CYO awards for 2024:

- ❄️ High school seniors Reanna Hollada and Alex Lozano received the Spirit of Youth Award
- ❄️ Angie Mackell received the Monsignor Albert Busald Award
- ❄️ Antoinette Maio Burford received CYO's highest honor, the St. John Bosco Medal
- ❄️ Jeff Wellner and Steve Grohovsky were co-recipients of the Edward J. Tinder Official of the Year Award

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION VIBRANT THIS FALL

The Parish Life Commission will be in full swing from now until the end of the year. Our **annual Parish Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 25th, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. It will be on the parish grounds, rain or shine. The Parish Picnic is a great opportunity to relax and enjoy good food with your fellow parishioners. There is something for everyone – games and activities for the younger children, bingo for all ages, and our traditional kickball extravaganza. There will be a water slide for children weighing less than 100 pounds. Swim suits will be needed when using the water slide. It's a pitch-in so bring your favorite side dish or dessert (chicken, paper products and drinks provided) and join us!

On **Saturday, October 5th**, we will have our annual **Pet Blessing at 9:30 a.m.** on the Bosart Avenue lawn. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your favorite fur baby blessed by Fr. Bob in honor of the Feast of St. Francis!

The Bloodmobile will be in the school parking lot on **Wednesday, October 9th from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.** for our semi-annual **Blood Drive**. Please prayerfully consider donating blood. When you give blood, you allow someone else another chance to hug their children, read a book, play a game, go for a walk, and maybe even a chance to live. The need for blood is always great, so please donate if you can and be a hero for someone you don't know.

On **Thursday, October 31st**, we will host our annual **Halloween Bash from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the school. There will be "trick or treating" throughout the school as well as games in the gym and hot dogs, chips, and drinks in the cafeteria. This is a safe and fun way to celebrate Halloween. Start thinking about your costume now and plan on joining us for a "spooktacular" evening.

Friday, **November 1st**, is the day the Parish Life Commission will assist with the annual **Mass of Remembrance at 6:00 p.m.** in Church. This is an opportunity for our parish to honor and remember all those buried from our parish in the last year, as well as an occasion for parishioners to remember other loved ones who have died and were not buried from Little Flower. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this special Liturgy.

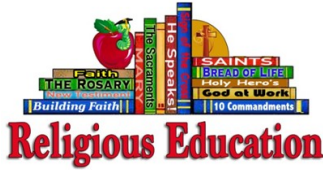
Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun will be held on **November 25th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**. This is a chance for families to make an Advent Calendar before Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st. Dinner will be provided!

Finally, our annual **Christmas Party** will be held on **Sunday, December 8th, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**. More details will be in the bulletin closer to the date. Santa Claus will be there – so plan on bringing your camera!!



2023 Events Coming Soon in 2024
Upper Left: Advent Family Night
Upper Right: Christmas Party
Bottom: Halloween Bash

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, OCIA STARTING SOON



We are currently enrolling for our Religious Education Program for children attending public schools. We offer classes for grades kindergarten through 8th. Classes will begin September 22 and we will meet most Sundays from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Please call Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions or would like to register.

Do you have a relative who always asks you about the Catholic Church at family gatherings, or a friend who always brings up the Church and asks about things like "transubstantiation"? If you know the answers, that's great, but if you don't know the answers, bring your curious friend or relative to the next session of the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults** (formerly known as RCIA.) and join others who are interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church.



OCIA is the process through which interested adults are gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic faith and way of life. Little Flower will begin another OCIA session on **Tuesday, September 10, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** in the Parish Center. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW START DATE.

The OCIA is a communal process which will touch almost everything about the Catholic Church, and answer the questions of potential candidates or catechumens as they ultimately become full members of the Roman Catholic Church, usually at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. The process takes several months, but it goes fast. We learn but we also have fun, listen to music, and have snacks. If you are interested, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org. All are welcome!

FIRST EUCHARIST AND RECONCILIATION



Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering 2nd grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school.

If you have a child who is in 2nd grade, attends public schools and needs to be enrolled in our Sacramental Program, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register. Classes will begin on **Sunday, September 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

If you have a child in 3rd grade or above who has not made First Eucharist, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org as soon as possible.

A requirement for First Eucharist is to be a baptized Catholic and a member of our parish. If your son or daughter has not been baptized in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish center for more information. Generally speaking, at least one parent of a child being presented for Baptism must be Catholic.

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER
PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING**

VBS: BIG SUCCESS IN 2024



Thank you to all the participants in and volunteers for Vacation Bible School the week of June 24-28, 2024. Thirty students from Pre-4 to 4th grade participated in Bible School and learned that God is a friend forever! Special thanks to all our volunteers! Workers included adults, teens, and students in grades 5 through high school. They are:

Hannah Comley	Andrew Hollada	Elizabeth Mann	Hayley Stephens
Jennifer Dye	Keeghan Jones	Mary Mann	Drew & Amy Torzewski
Shannon Estrada	Elizabeth Lee	Addy Maxwell	Paisley Torzewski
Abby Estrada	Susan Spilly-Lee	Cece Pertile	Mandie Wade
Holden Groulik	Caroline Mages	Katie Slisz	Jill & Ellie Wade
Kimberly Hall	Joanne Mages	Joanna Slisz	Olivia Young

ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL MASS

The annual David C. O'Connor (Seccina '66) and All Veterans Memorial Mass was held at Little Flower on Saturday, August 3, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The celebration of those who served our country continued after Mass at The Irish Mutt.

You might remember years ago when David's Brothers in Arms, who knew none of us in Indiana, traveled to the memorials from Wyoming, Louisiana, and other locations to share heroic stories about David in Vietnam. This year, David's first cousins, who again know no one locally but who also still feel the loss of David, came from Florida to be a part of the memorial. To further enhance the weekend, author Gary Gilliam had his highly praised book, *So Help Me God*, available for purchase.

The TV series *American Dreams* is greatly recommended because it accurately portrays the personal lives of those who grew up during the Vietnam era. Set in the 1960s, the show features the Eastside Catholic High School Crusaders; disciplinarian nuns in habits; priests in charge; football; bands; smoking in the bathroom; and, sadly, those injured or killed in action (KIA) in Vietnam. Season three, episode 15, even had a soldier in Nam called out as O'Connor.



For future years, the annual remembrance for all veterans is on the Saturday closest to August 2nd, the day David was KIA in Vietnam in 1969. For any questions or if you have remembrances to share, please contact David M Dinn at davidmdinn@gmail.com.

*Greater love hath no man than this:
That a man would lay down his life for his friends*
-John 15:13



All Gave Some, Some Gave All
Some stood through for the red, white and blue
And some had to fall
And if you ever think of them
Think of all your liberties and recall
Some Gave All

In Sympathy

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,
and for their families...*



- ✠ Paul Georgescu, June 5, 2024
- ✠ Helena Rikke, June 11, 2024
- ✠ Catherine Gregg, June 17, 2024
- ✠ Martie Tamer, June 22, 2024
- ✠ Linda Hedges, June 26, 2024
- ✠ Merrill Blackwell, July 8, 2024
- ✠ Jane Bell, July 11, 2024



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!

Ian Kinsey and Jenny Lutes and daughter Rosa
Tim Hill and Julie Gries and daughter Rose
Tyler and Stevi Cochrane and daughters Jo and Frankie

Thanks for Joining Us!



Please Welcome Those Recently Baptized into Our Christian Community

- * Odin James, son of Patrick and Ashley Kippert
- * Rosa-Marie Phillipa, daughter of Ian Kinsey and Jenny Lutes
- * Bernadette Kathleen and Alice Ellen, daughters of Patrick and Erin Becker
- * Isla Ellice, daughter of Mat and Samantha Bavender
- * Roberto Antonio, son of Robert Harrell and Jasmine Rodriguez-Harrell
- * Posie Ann, daughter of Jesse and Mackenzie Purvis
- * Bristol Marie, daughter of Riley and Chelsea Bennett

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If there is anything that you would like to see featured in future issues, please contact us at lfparishnews@yahoo.com

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Dates to Remember

Aug 25: Parish Picnic after 9:30 Mass
Sep 6: Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing
Oct 5: Pet Blessing, Bosart Avenue lawn at 9:30 a.m.
Oct 9: Blood Drive, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Oct 31: Halloween Bash, LF School, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Nov 1: Mass of Remembrance, 6:00 p.m.
Nov 2: LF School All-Class Reunion
Nov 11: Veteran's Day
Nov 25: Journey into Advent, LF School, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Dec 8: Christmas Party after 9:30 Mass

May Fall 2024 be healthy, happy and safe for you and your loved ones! See you in November.

Little Flower Parish
1925-2025

Celebrating 100 years

