# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

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

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

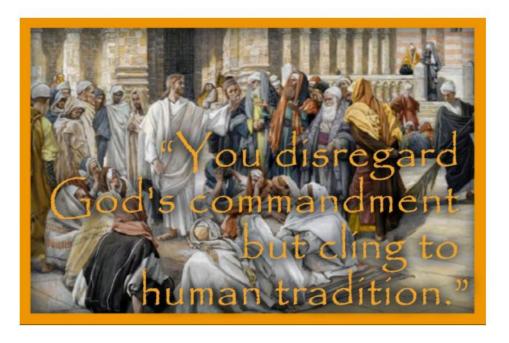
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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,

This Monday, September 2, is Labor Day. Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Both the parish office and the school and school office will be closed.

Thanks to the Men's Club and members of the Parish Life Commission who helped set up and tear down for the Parish Picnic. It was a hot one, but everyone seemed to have a good time despite the heat. Special thanks goes to all those who braved the heat to attend the picnic and brought food to share. This year there was plenty of food.

Thanks to all the members of the Little Flower School Liturgical Choir who sang at the 9:30 a.m. Mass preceding the picnic. Before Sunday, they had only sung at two school Masses this year, yet they did an outstanding job. Congratulations to the Liturgical Choir, and welcome to our new school music teacher, Brandi Caruthers!

Have a wonderful week.





The Ladies Club will be meeting on **Thursday, September 5.** Fr. Bob will be our guest speaker along with the Installation of Officers. Note the change in time to 6:30 p.m. We'd love to have you join us.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, September 11, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month Barb Miller will be our guest speaker, and she will be talking about how to avoid scams. Please bring a friend and join us for lunch! You may call the parish office, 317-357-8352 to let us know you are coming.



#### For the Week of September 2 - 8, 2024

02 September Monday – Labor Day

9:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly

03 September Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Fr. Ken Taylor by Jane Gilmore

04 September Wednesday

9:30 a.m. Patricia Nelis by Ladies Club

05 September Thursday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your

Parish Family

06 September Friday

No Mass

07 September Saturday – The Vigil the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joe Shaler by Bob & Beth Ann Smith

September The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time

**September** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time 9:30 a.m. Diane Sharp by Ron Sharp

6:00 p.m. For the Parish

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 1 - 8, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Happy Sunday				
Monday	Labor Day! Parish Office and School Closed.				
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir		
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission		
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study		
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre		
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club		
12	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Off Site	8:00 a.m.	Golf Outing		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary		
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group		
	Church	10:00 a.m.	Private Event		
	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday		
			Devotion		
(* (*)	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses				
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	(school café)				



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

#### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of August 24 and 25	\$ 5,647.10
Electronic Contributions 8/19-8/23	\$ 5,274.64
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 104,720.79
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 106,400.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 1.679.21

#### Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$ 2,543.00	
July Contributions	\$ 2,378.00	
August Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,650,75	

Thank you for your continued donations to the Home Improvement Fund! Below are some recent projects we have been able to accomplish with our Home Improvement Fund without impacting our operating budget:

\*Purchased a new full-sized refrigerator for the Sacristy.

\*The terrazzo on the main floor of the school was refinished and polished.

\*Installed a new user-friendly control system for the HVAC in the school building.



We have focused on building weekend Mass attendance back to prepandemic levels and now is a good time to think about building the adult choir back to those levels.

It's not too soon to think

about joining the adult choir this fall. The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M, and our first practice for the new year will be **Tuesday**, **September 3 at 7:00 P.M**.

We could use some new voices in ALL voice sections.

There is no audition needed and no minimum skill level required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability. Please start to give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. It's a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every weekend.

If you have questions, or if you plan to join us as a new member at the first rehearsal, please e-mail gcraig@littleflowerparish.org.

Please note there will be no Coffee and Donuts or Children's Liturgy on Sunday, September 1 due to the Labor Day holiday.



Please join us for 40 Days for Life, a peaceful prayerful presence in front of Planned Parenthood from September 25 through November 3. For more information check out the web site 40daysindy.org or email <a href="moodyak1@yahoo.com">moodyak1@yahoo.com</a> for help signing up. Little Flower commits to fill every Saturday from 7-11 a.m. If Saturdays don't work for you there are always open spots since we try to always have two people.



The Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer golf outing is just around the corner. The outing will be on Friday, September 6, at 8:00 a.m. at Pleasant Run Golf Course See this link below to register.

#### https://lfgolftournament.com/

We will be teeing off at 8:00 a.m. again this year.

#### 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	1,027
January- April 2024	500
Easter Vigil/Easter Masses	806
May 2024-June 2024	469
August 2024	501



Readings for September 8, 2024 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7a James 2:1-5 Mark 7:31-37 To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090824.cfm





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, Marylyn Blackwell, 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, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszcynski, Karen Lientz, Beccah Lowe, 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:

#### Jerry Watts 1214 N Riley Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201

#### 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 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.

**Ian Carter**, serving on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Aircraft Carrier in the Persian Gulf, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

**Lexi Robertson**, basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base, 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.



We are currently enrolling for our Religious Education Program for children attending public schools. We offer classes for grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin September 22. 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.



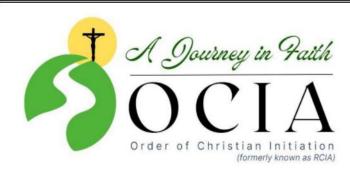
#### First Eucharist and Reconciliation

Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering  $2^{nd}$  grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school. Watch for more information through school.

If you have a child that is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who attends public schools and needs to be enrolled in our Sacramental Program, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or email <a href="mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org">lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</a> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above who has not made their First Eucharist, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> 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.



# Little Flower Catholic Church

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#### Are you:

- Searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Curious what Catholics believe and how we worship?

Our OCIA (formerly RCIA) class is forming NOW!

Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Beginning September 10, 2024 in the Parish Center.

During these sessions, we will cover the four cornerstones of our Catholic Faith:

- What We Believe (Creed)
- How We Worship (Sacraments)
- How We Live (Morality)
- How We Pray (Spirituality)

For more information or to register please contact Lisa Gibbons by email

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

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#### **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.

**September 5, 19 October 3, 17, 31** 

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you

register.

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



#### WELCOME / REGISTRATION September 7 and 8

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower?
Are you considering joining us? If so, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish!
Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the WELCOME TABLE in the gathering area for registration forms. Forms are also available if your address or contact information has changed.

You may also register at www.littleflowerparish.org

"Being and Belonging...A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics" will take place Friday, November 22 thru Sunday, November 24 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. You are invited to relax as you journey with others listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen your understanding of the healing process, increase your sense of belonging, and help you affirm that God is with you in your struggles and hope.

You can register by contacting Lisa Koons at Fatima Retreat House (317) 545 - 7681. Or you can register online by going to: <a href="https://www.archindy.org/fatima">https://www.archindy.org/fatima</a>. Click on "Register", find "Being and Belonging." Cost is \$210 per person. Scholarships are available for those in need.

For more information contact Amy Frederick at 317-696-5590 or email frederick303@gmail.com

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The firstfruits of hope (Rom 8:19-25)

# Celebrate the Season of Creation from September 1 – October 4!

It is a time to renew our relationship with God, with one another, and with the earth. This year's theme is "To Hope and Act with Creation." Mark your calendar to celebrate the Mass for the Season of Creation with Archbishop Charles Thompson at St. Bartholomew, 1306 27th Street, Columbus, IN. Music begins at 5 p.m., Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24. Refreshments follow.



# REFLECTIONS ON THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

I would like to take time to share some of the spiritual blessings my wife Janet and I experienced at the National Eucharistic Congress. We signed up for the full event immediately when we first heard of it, a year in advance. We felt a lot of anticipation and excitement for what was coming to Indianapolis. I first believed we would see and hear a lot of wonderful speakers with a focus and reflection on the Bread of Life while emphasizing the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. And that's exactly what happened, but it was so much MORE! As the conference came to LIFE so did the message of the Body of Christ alive in the Eucharist and the focus becoming a celebrated Eucharist revival.

The speakers' enthusiasm lit-up each audience in all the sessions with powerful messages that strengthen our faith, supported by Biblical scriptures with Jesus own words along with Old and New Testaments references. From the opening moments, throughout the 5 days it was obvious a miracle came to LIFE, the presence of Jesus was in this conference as the blessings poured out to us all, giving an overwhelming sense of joy and peace as 50,000 people attended Mass together. One by one, receiving the Body of Christ throughout the football stadium.

We were in awe to be in the presence of so many faithful individuals who have dedicated their lives to service and to the glory of God. We had the opportunity to meet devoted Catholics with wonderful stories and testimonies at lunch, in breakout sessions and in the streets of downtown Indianapolis for the impactful procession of thousands. It was also refreshing to run into so many Little Flower parishioners enjoying the conference. There were thousands of individuals coming from all four corners of the United States in a pilgrim procession to meet in Lucas Oil Stadium, to worship and partake in the Bread of Life.

God's irresistible Grace was present and pouring out through the whole Eucharistic Congress, filling our hearts with His loving Grace along with many, many more, leaving us in tears of joy and a heart full of peace. As we heard life changing testimonies, motivating presentations, speeches and homilies from Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops, Monsignors, Priest, Nuns, professional speakers, and TV and radio celebrities, all glorifying GOD, living by faith in their joyful personal testimonies and messages. It was tremendously moving while glorifying GOD touching and creating in us a thankful heart.

The feeling of Holiness and Reverence cannot be described as 50,000 people gathered in a total dark and silent football stadium with spotlights only on the elevated Gold Monstrance. Everyone kneeled in total silence, devoted in prayer and adoration as the procession of the Holy Monstrance with the Eucharistic presence of Jesus arrived in the stadium. It was overwhelmingly breathtaking as if you were in the stadium alone with Jesus.

For me the congress also brought to LIFE a realization of my faith. Not only did Jesus pour out his love when He was here on Earth and was obedient to the cross, His love is still pouring out today, calling every one of us individually to Him. He is drawing closer to us, and He desires us to draw closer to Him. His love is never failing and never ending, never leaving us alone no matter how painful the situation, heartache or tribulation we may experience. We are reminded of the magnitude of His love every time we receive the Bread of Life. Also, for me it was in the "power of faith" knowing that we serve the God who created Heaven and Earth, the Creator of mankind, the Creator of peace and love, the Creator of forgiveness, compassion and mercy. The God who created miracles, the miracle of the Eucharist, the Bread of Life. The God who created for us eternal life in the presence of the Holy Trinity along with all the Angels and Saints.

When I prayerfully receive Jesus in the Eucharist I'm reminded, I just received the GRACE OF GOD'S LOVE and the EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE from the GOD who created **RESURRECTION**.

- Rick Markins

We would like to invite any parishioners who attended any part of the National Eucharistic Congress to share their impressions of their experience. If you would like to share your thoughts in writing for inclusion in a future issue of the Theresean, please send your thoughts to <a href="mailto:tcostello@littleflowerparish.org">tcostello@littleflowerparish.org</a>.



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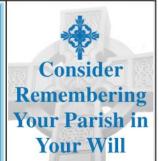
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