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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.

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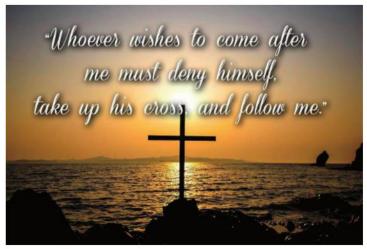
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 year's Little Flower Novena will begin this Thursday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m.

Each evening the novena will consist of the novena prayers, a reading, and a Communion Service. The novena will be held Thursday and Friday, September 19 and 20, Monday through Friday, September 23-27, and Monday and Tuesday, September 30 and October 1. The Solemn Closing of the novena will take place on Tuesday, October 1. At the closing, Benediction will take the place of the Communion Service.

Little Flower School will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 1.

Little Flower Parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses the weekend of October 5-6.

The 1945 Jubilee Brochure described the first Little Flower Novena:

The first public novena in honor of the Little Flower came to a close on her feast, September 30, 1927. Crowds from all over the city participated in this novena, the average nightly attendance being about 700. Closing night, an estimated 1500 persons were present.

I invite and encourage you to attend and pray in thanksgiving for all God's blessings upon us, our families, and our parish

Thanks to the golf committee who organized the Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing on Friday, September 6, at Pleasant Run Golf Course. Thanks to all of our sponsors, those who donated prizes for our golfers, and Casey Kehrer and the Steer-In for providing lunch. Thanks to all the volunteers who worked the golf outing. Finally, and most importantly, thanks to all the golfers who supported the Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing. We had a wonderful day, and the weather was outstanding.

Tuesday, September 17, is the optional memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. With OCIA, Sunday Religious Education, and Confirmation preparation starting, it is good to note that St. Robert Bellarmine is the patron saint of catechists and catechumens.

Finally, many of you continue to ask about my health. On September 5, I had my three-month follow-up visit with my cancer doctor/urologist. My numbers are still good. Thanks for your continued prayers and the many Masses said for my intention.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We remember our parishioner, Mark Payton, who passed away on September 3 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on September 14. Mark graduated from Little Flower and Scecina. We extend our condolences to Jayme

Kramer and her family on the death of her father, **David Jones**. Please keep all of Mark's and David's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mark and David into his eternal glory.

Save the Date!

Saturday, October 5
Annual Parish Feast Day and Parish Appreciation
Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation
dinner in Duffey Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass.
All are invited!



Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. beginning September 22, 2024. The first day of class we will meet in the school cafeteria for a meet and greet.

PLEASE NOTE if you have a child in 2nd grade that needs to make their First Communion, and they attend public schools, please enroll your child in Religious Ed.

If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105. Registration is also available on our website by clicking on this link http://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/about-us/sunday-religious-education.



For the Week of September 16 - 22, 2024

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

17 September Tuesday

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

Parish Family

18 September Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Marijane Strouder by Eric & Rebecca

Mouser

19 September Thursday

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion

Service

20 September Friday

9:30 a.m. Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by

James T. O'Hara

5:30 p.m. Little Flower Novena & Communion

Service

21 September Saturday – The Vigil the 25th Sunday

in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Scecina Class of 1974

22 September The 25th Sunday in Ordinary time

9:30 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m. John Watson by Jane Gilmore



ATTENTION ALUMNI!

On Saturday, November 2 we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

All things are possible with God

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 15 - 22, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
-	Duffy Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	(school café)		
	St. Therese	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	(Parish Center)		•
Monday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
	(School Café)	_	
Tuesday	School	5:30 p.m.	Chess Practice
	(Stem Lab)		
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	(school café)	_	
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	(Parish Center)	1	(formerly RCIA)
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood
	(Parish Center)		Association
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	(Parish Center)		
Thursday	Off Site	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	(school café)	-	
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	(Parish Center)	_	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	(Parish Center)		
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	(Parish Center)		
Saturday	St. Patrick	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
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	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	(school café)		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Opening Day of
	(school café)		Religious Ed

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



COME JOIN US!

If you missed our first session please join us on Tuesday, September 17, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.
Our topic we be Images of the Church.

If you have any questions please, call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of September 7 and 8	\$ 5,755.25
Electronic Contributions 9/3-9/6	\$ 10,041.24
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 132,523.33
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 133,000.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 476.67

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,378.00
August Contributions	\$ 2,650.75
September Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,815.00

September Has Five Sundays!

The St. Vincent DePaul (SVDP) conference helps neighbors seeking assistance in our area with rent, utilities, household goods, food and clothing.

We perform these deeds solely with donations. The fifth Sunday of a month has a special envelope for donations dedicated to SVDP. Online donations are also possible (anytime) with this QR code.



Please prayerfully consider your ability to assist.





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:

Esther Capps Creekside Health and Rehab 3114 E 46th St, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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.

Little Flower CYO Athletic News

The Eastside Crusaders dominated on the gridiron weekend of September 7/8 at every level!

- 34 Red- beat Lutheran on Saturday 20-14!
- 34 White beat South Central on Saturday 27-13!
- 56 beat St. Barnabas on Sunday 19-18! Their next game is September 15, 4:00 p.m. at Scecina High School.
- Cadet beat Cardinal Ritter Junior High on Sunday 20-0! Their next game is September 15, 2:30 p.m. at Scecina.

Please come out and support these hard-working teams and coaches! Check their schedules at www.cyoarchindy.org

Callout for Co-Ed Cheerleading will be Monday, September 16 at 6:00 p.m., in the gym. Please consider attending and learning more about the season!

Boys Basketball registration is open for boys in $4^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade. Registration can be done at <u>www.orgsonline.com</u>. School code 165LF-IN.

CYO sports are open to all children who attend Little Flower School or are parishioners and attend public schools. If you have any questions, please email athletics@littleflowerparish.org.

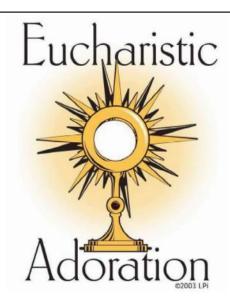


NOVENA BEGINS THIS WEEK!

One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the Annual Novena to St. Therese. The novena will

begin this week on Thursday, September 19 and will be held each weekday in church at 5:30 p.m. The service will consist of novena prayers, a reflection, and a Communion Service. The Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place on Tuesday, October 1 at 5:30 p.m, and will include Benediction instead of a Communion Service.

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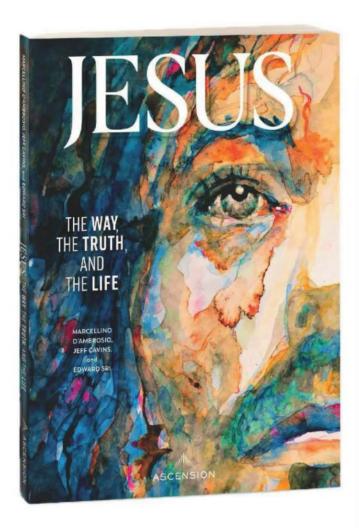
Little Flower Adoration Chapel

Would you like to spend a quiet hour with Jesus? What a great way to start your day! We have expanded the hours for the Exposition of the Eucharist on Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in addition to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Parishioners from Little Flower and other East Deanery Parishes are welcome to spend time in the chapel daily. Park your car on 13th Street in front of the rectory. Follow "Daily Mass Entrance" sign to enter the church. To gain entry into the church you must visit our Parish Office to receive a code to open the door. The chapel is on the left side as you enter the Church. You can sign up for a specific hour every week by contacting the Little Flower parish office at 317-357-8352, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. If you need the code to access the church please come in person to the parish office.

Perfection consists in doing his will, in being that which he wants us to be



LF Fall Bible Study



Evenings: Cafeteria, 6:30 pm starting
Tuesday, September 17th (Kurt Schnell)
Afternoons: Parish Center, 1:00 pm,
starting Thursday, September 19th. (Diana
Deputy)

Filmed entirely on location in the Holy Land this 10 week study takes us where Jesus walked, taught, and died for us. Through vividly sharing in his life you will draw closer to his presence in yours. Workbooks available for purchase (\$29.95) and online (\$6.95) if desired. Call Cac at 317-501-0060 for more information.

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Mission Co-Op Weekend, Sept 28-29 (Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur - India)

Please welcome Fr. Joby Abraham representing the Archdiocese of Imphal. He will speak at all Masses on the above weekend as part of the Missionary Co-op. plan.



The Diocese of Imphal, located in Manipur, Northeast India, is home to 34 indigenous Mongolian tribes. Since the first Catholic baptism in 1952, the Catholic population has grown to 101,283. The diocese now includes 45 parishes, 8 mission centers, and 174 priests, with 114 being indigenous tribal priests. Despite facing significant challenges and persecutions, including the martyrdom of six missionaries between 1990 and 2001, the Church in Manipur has thrived and is blessed with many vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sixteen priests from the Diocese of Imphal are currently serving in the United States.

Since May 3, 2023, Manipur has experienced severe ethnic and religious persecution against Christian minorities. This tragic period has seen unprecedented violence, including the burning of tribal villages, unprovoked shootings, and the deaths of over 500 innocent Christians. Nearly 70,000 people have been displaced, with their homes destroyed. Additionally, 248 churches, including 5 Catholic churches, along with rectories, schools, hostels, and convents, have been vandalized and set on fire, resulting in millions of dollars in damage. Rebuilding these churches and institutions will take several years.

In the immediate term, our focus is on alleviating the suffering of those affected. We seek to provide relief through aid programs and to construct 500 low-cost homes for the most impacted families, at a cost of \$6,500 per unit.

Any financial support you can give to the Mission Co-op would be greatly appreciated. More information on the Archdiocese of Imphal can be found at: www.dioceseimphal.org/en

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Archbishop Linus Neli praying for peace inside a demolished church.



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