Priesthood Sunday

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

5:00 PM Saturday: 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 (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

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

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.

Jesus told the Apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15



Dear Parish Family,

Please welcome Fr. Joby Puthussery who will deliver the homily at all the Masses this weekend. He will be asking for your prayers and financial support for the mission Archdiocese of Imphal, Manipur, his home Archdiocese. He is currently the pastor at Sacred Heart Clinton, & St. Joseph's Rockville, IN. Please be as generous as possible.

The Little Flower Novena will continue Monday evening at 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, October 1, is the Feast of St. Therese. There will be an All-School Mass on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. All are invited.

The Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena will be Tuesday, October

1, at 5:30 p.m. The Solemn Closing will consist of the traditional procession with the relic of St. Therese with those preparing for First Communion dropping rose petals, the novena prayers, a reading, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. I hope that many of you will make a special effort to attend. An estimated 1500 persons attended the closing of the first novena on September 30, 1927. However, please note that incense will be used.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses next weekend.

Likewise, I hope many of you will be able to attend the **Parish Appreciation Dinner next Saturday, October 5, in Duffey Hall after the 5:00 p.m. Mass**. This dinner is our "thank you" for your generous gifts of time, talent, and treasure that help make our parish the wonderful faith community that we all enjoy. Please come and allow us to show our gratitude in this small way. Everything will be provided, so just bring yourselves. Please RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352 x 103 or jzimmerman @littleflowerparish.org as soon as possible.

Please read the information regarding our critical need for additional Eucharistic Ministers that appears elsewhere in the bulletin.

Wednesday, October 2, is the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. When I was in school, the prayer to the Guardian Angels was the first prayer we learned.

Thursday, October 3, is the Feast of St. Mother Theodore Guérin, the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, our only Indiana saint. St. Mother Theodore founded the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary-of-the-Woods. On Tuesday, please pray for our Archdiocese and especially for the Sisters of Providence who continue her work.

Friday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On Friday, please pray for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, staffed Little Flower School from its beginning until approximately 1993. When I was in school, October 4 was always a free day.

Our annual pet blessing will be Saturday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m. on the Bosart lawn between the church and the school.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our sympathy to Jill Steffey, Jenni Steffey, Mandy Shelton, and Michelle Reese on the death of Jill's, Jenni's, and Mandy's mother and Michelle's sister, **Judy Steffey**, who passed away on September 9. There will be a Celebration of Life for Judy

on Monday, October 14 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Brickyard Crossing Event Center. Please keep all of Judy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Judy eternal life.



There will be a Ladies Club meeting on Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for a short meeting and pumpkin decorating.





ANNUAL PET BLESSING

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, there will be a **Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 5, at 10:00 a.m., on the Bosart Lawn.** Don't miss this opportunity to have your fur babies blessed by Fr. Bob.

> Please welcome into our Christian community Jonah Hunter and Samson Maverick, sons of Samuel Rudicel and Kyntessa Alford, baptized on Sunday, September 15, 2024.



For the Week of September 30 – October 6, 2024

30	September	ber Monday		
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena & Communion		
	•	Service		
01	October	Tuesday		
	9:30 a.m.	Carol Walker by Gloria Quiroz Pavlik		
	5:30 p.m.	Solemn Closing of the Little Flower		
	I	Novena & Benediction		
02	October	Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly		
03	October	Thursday		
	5:30 p.m.	Brother Edward Dailey by the Tuttle		
	•	Family		
04	October	Friday		
		No Mass		
05	October	r Saturday – The Vigil the 27 th Sunday		
		in Ordinary Time		
	5:00 p.m.	Charlie & Harriet Fisher by William		
	•	Fisher		
06	October	The 27 th Sunday in Ordinary time		
	9:30 a.m.	For the People		
	6:00 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Joe & Martha		
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Readings for October 5/6, 2024 Feast of St. Therese Micah 6:6-8 Colossians 3:12-17 Matthew 18:1-4



NOVENA CLOSING THIS WEEK!

One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the Annual Novena to St. Therese. The novena will continue this week on Monday September

30 (Day 8) 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. Our First Communion candidates will take part in the procession at the closing.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of October 5 and 6.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 29 – October 6, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
•	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	(school café)					
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed			
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep			
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Enrollment			
			for Confirmation			
Monday						
Tuesday	Church	5:30 p.m.	Closing of the Novena & Benediction			
	School	5:30 p.m.	Chess Practice			
	(Stem Lab)					
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study			
	(school café)					
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission			
	(Parish Center)	-				
Thursday	Off Site	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study			
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre			
	Duffy Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club			
	(school café)	_				
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA			
	(Parish Center)					
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
	(Parish Center)					
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Invite Outreach			
~	(school café)		MOVIE NIGHT			
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group			
	Bosart Lawn	10:00 a.m.	Pet Blessing			
	Church	3:30 p.m.	First Saturday Devotion			
	Church	4:30 p.m.	Liturgical Choir			
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Parish Appreciation			
	(school café)	_	Dinner			
	New Parishion	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)					
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed			
	(school café)					
	St. Therese	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep			
	(parish center)		1			

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
September 1 - 22	488



from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Our topic will be *The Holy Trinity & Who is Jesus Christ*.

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

Parish Appreciation Dinner

Little Flower Parish Feast Day and Appreciation Celebration will be **Saturday, October 5** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dinner will be provided so you don't need to bring anything! Please RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352, ext. 103 or by email to jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by Monday, September 30.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of September 21 and 22	\$	6,417.82
Electronic Contributions 9/16-9/20	\$	9,315.14
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	157,811.64
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	159,600.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 1,788.36
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July Contributions	\$ 3	2,378.00
August Contributions	\$ 3	2,650.75
September Contributions (to date)	\$	2,456.00

ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 2 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. The reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria, followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. School alumni, plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 by October 28 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to <u>lfalumni@yahoo.com</u>.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, October 9, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month we will be having lunch and

decorating pumpkins. Please bring a friend and join us. Please call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending.



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:

Marylyn Blackwell 11050 Presbyterian Drive #1020 Indianapolis, IN 46236

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.



Former Secretary of State to address Catholic Business Exchange

Ed Simcox, author and former Indiana Secretary of State, will speak at the October Catholic Business Exchange. The title of his talk is: He Leadeth Me.

The event is October 18, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. and the program will be finished by 9 a.m. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$18 in advance for members and \$24 for non-members. Registration is required by 4 p.m., Tuesday October 15. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, October 9, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This year the bloodmobile will be in the parking lot of the school. In order for this to be a successful drive we need at least 15

donations. As always there is a great need for blood donors. 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: <u>pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 317- 357-8352 x106 if you have any questions.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist Program

Sacraments for children in 3rd through 8th grade Any Catholic child, who has not made their First Eucharist or Reconciliation, and are in grades 3rd through 8th, please contact Lisa in the parish office by October 2 so that

If you need a translator, contact Mary at the school office, at 317-353-2282.

we can set up classes to prepare for the sacraments.

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.



Thank you, Fr. Bob, for all that you do for our Parish!



Little Flower students are collecting pledges for this year's PPS Walk-athon. Pledges and money

can be turned in at any point leading up to the event on October 4. Additional copies of the pledge sheet, online donation link. and general information can be found in the "Support Us" section of our website. <u>https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/walkathon</u>



The parish needs your help with a couple of issues regarding Eucharistic Ministers.

• Since we resumed distributing the cup for Holy Communion, we have been using only four cup ministers. Prior to the pandemic we always used six ministers. Only using four cup ministers is causing some congestion as more people decide to resume reception from the cup. We really need to return to six ministers to make the distribution of communion more efficient.

• We are still experiencing a shortage of Head Eucharistic Ministers. This is especially critical at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. We need your help with both of these issues.

An Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion is a person who is baptized and confirmed and living a life in conformity with the Gospel and the laws and teachings of the Catholic Church and

who shows reverence and love for the Eucharist.

1. Please consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister if you are not currently serving. We will be having a special training session on Saturday, October 12, at 1:00 p.m. in church, but individual sessions can be arranged if you can't make that time work. We have a need at all Masses, with the most need at the 6:00 p.m. Mass

2. If you are currently a minister, please consider becoming a Head Minister. Training will be provided.

3. Most importantly, if you are currently a Minister at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, please consider serving as a Head Minister. The current shortage is causing an undue burden on just a few people.

If you can help, please contact Ron Sharp at 317-531-6877, or by E-Mail at <u>duvkote@aol.com</u>.

If you have questions, someone will be available after Masses on October 5 and 6 to help.



A Workshop on Parish Men's Ministry BROTHERHOOD IN CHRIST Building, a Community of Disciples

Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

Mass celebrant

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Denis Robinson, OSB

President-Rector of St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology

Connect and grow in Christian brotherhood. Learn about men's spirituality and ministry at the parish level. Leave emboldened to sustain it, revive it, or launch it at your parish.



Sponsored by Department of Pastoral Ministries Archdiocese of Indianapolis Saturday, November 16, 2024 健

9 am to 3:30 pm ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH IN NASHVILLE, INDIANA

Doors open at 8 am, \$12 per person, Lunch included.

Questions or need a scholarship? Contact Deacon Tom Hosty thosty@archindy.org 317-235-5804



Register Here. Registration closes Nov. 11





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