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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?

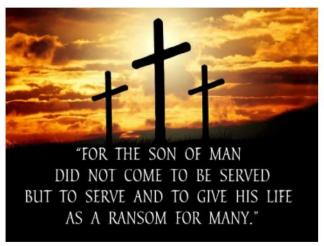
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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,

Today is World Mission Sunday. The theme this year is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet (cf. Mt 22:9)."

Tuesday I will be attending the semi-annual Priest/PLC meeting at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Four Corners.

I understand that some of you did not see the email I sent out last Thursday to inform you that Gavin Craig is no longer working at Little Flower. Tom Costello has agreed to fill in as Music Director for the foreseeable future. Once again, I am very grateful to Tom for his generosity. If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach out to me, but please keep in mind there are certain details that need to remain confidential. The parish staff and I wish Gavin the best in his future endeavors.

Tuesday is the feast of St. Pope John Paul II. As Archbishop of Krakow in Poland, he took part in the Second Vatican Council. On October 16, 1978, he

was elected Pope and took the name John Paul to honor the two previous popes, Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI, both of whom are also canonized saints. In his more than 30 years as Pope, he made many pastoral visits throughout the world He promulgated the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the revised Code of Canon Law for both the Eastern and Western churches, and the third typical edition of the Roman Missal. He died on April 2, 2005 and was canonized by Pope Francis on April 27, 2014.

Thursday is the 80th Anniversary of the death of Fr. Thomas Scecina for whom Scecina Memorial High School is named. Fr. Scecina served as a military chaplain in World War II. Captured by the Japanese, he was part of the Bataan Death March. In the Fall of 1944, the Japanese planned to transfer all the POWs to Japan to serve as slave laborers. He was on the ship Arisan Maru when it was torpedoed by an American submarine that did not know that the ship was a prisoner ship. Scecina Memorial High School opened in 1953.

We are looking forward to our All-Class Reunion on Saturday, November 2. Please note the full-page announcement of this year's All-Class Reunion elsewhere in *The Theresean*. Besides the presentation of Outstanding Alumni awards and the Bob Kiley Scholarship, we will recognize the 2024 anniversary classes. The All-Class Reunion will give us an opportunity to say thanks to you for your support, for you to reconnect with classmates and friends, and for us to honor outstanding alumni. If you are an alumnus or alumna, please sign up to come. Also, if your children are alumni, please encourage them to attend.

When I was in Cincinnati last weekend, a young couple stopped to see me. We got into a discussion concerning the formative influences in their lives. The young man stated that he is the person he is today because of his family, the parish to which they belonged, and the Catholic grade school and high school he attended, especially the grade school. Although we probably do not think about it a lot, Little Flower School probably did more to shape who we are today than we realize. If you are able, please sign up for the reunion.

The reason I was in Cincinnati was to witness the wedding of a cousin. When I returned home Sunday, Fr. Ron Rolheiser's column for the week was in my inbox. He wrote something I wish I could have incorporated into my wedding homily: "As a Lutheran priest, Dietrich Bonhoeffer would frequently offer this advice to a couple when he presided at their wedding: Today you are in love and believe your love will sustain your marriage, but it can't. Let your marriage sustain your love." The column is titled "Mature Love or Just Going through the Motions?" and can be found at https://ronrolheiser.com/en/.



We remember our former parishioner and teacher at Scecina High School, Rebeccah Lowe, who passed away. Please keep all of Rebeccah's family and friends

in your thoughts and prayers, especially her husband, Joshua, and her young sons, Malcolm and Maxwell. May God grant Rebeccah eternal life.

Liturgy of Jeremiah 31: 7-9 theWord

Readings for October 26/27, 2024 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 5: 1-6 Mark 10: 46-52

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102724.cfm

LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings November 30/December 1. Please pick your copy in the sacristy beginning October 19/20.

#### Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly average) December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic) 608 June 2020 - May 2021 249 June 2021 - May 2022 434 June 2022 - May 2023 483 June 2023 - May 2024 497 June 2024 - August 2024 469 September 2024 485 October 2024 (thru 10/13) 496



#### For the Week of October 21 - 27, 2024

5:30 p.m. The Martyne Family

22 October Tuesday

No Mass

23 October Wednesday

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

24 October Thursday

5:30 p.m. Shirley Church by Bridge Club

25 October Friday

9:30 a.m. Eileen Watson by Jane Gilmore

26 October Saturday – The Vigil the 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday

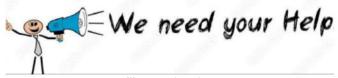
in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. For the People

27 October The 30th Sunday in Ordinary time

9:30 a.m. Martie Tamer by Ladies Club

6:00 p.m. Edward Galluzzi by Diane Pusnik



#### Travel-Sized Toiletries Needed

Every November the Ladies Club prepares care packages for the un-housed. They are in need of travel sized containers of the following:

Toothpaste, toothbrush (with a cover), dental floss or dental picks, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, liquid hand soap, razors, hand sanitizer, lip balm, lotion, cotton swabs, tissues or handkerchiefs, sandwich sized zip close bag, snack sized zip close bag.

They also like to include individually wrapped hard candy and would welcome those donations as well. All donations should be placed in the collection totes located at each of the church doors, or taken to the Parish Center, by 3 p.m. on November 7. Ladies of the Parish, feel free to join us at the November 7 meeting to help assemble the packages!



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 4, 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 if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until February.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

October 20 - 27, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
·	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Youth Room (parish center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Stem Lab (school)	5:30 p.m.	Chess Practice
	St. Patrick (parish center)	6:00 p.m.	SVDP Training
	Church	6:00 p.m.	OCIA Church Tour
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Cantor Practice
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese (parish center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (parish center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (parish center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed

The **Parish Life Commission** will once again host our annual **Halloween** 

Bash on Thursday, October 31 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., in the school. There will be games in the gym, hot dogs, chips, and drinks in the cafeteria, trick or treating in the hallways, and the

night will end with a costume contest beginning at 7:30 p.m. Your help is needed to make the Halloween Bash a success. **Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers that will be available at the church doors beginning next weekend.** Also, if you are willing to help with the Halloween Party, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. We need people to help with setting up, tearing down, passing out candy, and assisting with games.



We will soon be running the schedule for November, December, and January. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- <u>Lectors:</u> please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>: please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- <u>Servers:</u> please email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here. If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you not be scheduled, please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Wednesday, October 23, 2024.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of October 12 and 13	\$ 6,161.47
Electronic Contributions 10/7-10/11	\$ 3,599.29
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 193,681.52
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 199,500.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 5,818.48

#### Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 2,650.75
September Contributions	\$ 2,456.00
October Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,868.75

## 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. If you have children who graduated from Little Flower, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend. More details can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden," will be distributed in mid-November. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to <a href="mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com">lfparishnews@yahoo.com</a> by Friday, October 25. You may also bring items to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.



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, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszcynski, Karen Lientz, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Richard Mattingly, 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:

Ellen Corriden 166 Albany Way, Beech Grove, IN 46107

#### **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.

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

**Lexi Robertson**, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT., 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.

### The Invite Commission is hosting the:

# Little Flower, Little Stories Series

## October 24th Little Stories about the Eucharist

Join your fellow parishioners, staff, teachers, and students for stories of sharing about their personal relationships with God and Mary accompanied by musical selections. Programs will be begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church and will last one hour.

#### More to come:

November 21<sup>st</sup> Little Stories about Gratitude

December 12<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About A Special Christmas

January 16<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About Sharing My Joy

February 13<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About Recognizing God's Love

March 13<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About Forgiveness

April 10<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About How I Came to Know Jesus

May 15<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About Mary and Me

June 12<sup>th</sup> Little Stories About My Prayer Life



## HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING!



## IT'AS EASY AS 1 - 2 - 3!

- 1. On the weekend of October 26/27 pick up a reusable grocery bag (or two!) in the front of church. If you are not able to pick up a bag in church, they will be available in the parish office beginning October 28, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. while supplies last. Inside the bag you will find a list of 10 grocery items.
- 2. Go to the store and purchase the 10 items. This is something families can do together as a good work to help the poor!
- 3. Return your filled bag to church on the weekend of November 16/17 or to the parish office no later than November 18.

Little Flower's St. Vincent de Paul volunteers will add a bread item and a grocery gift card to make the bag complete.

Thank you for your help as we serve the poor in our neighborhood!



#### Our annual all-class reunion is right around the corner!!

We are inviting all of our alumni to attend. We are also asking that you assist us in encouraging your children, siblings, cousins, friends, and acquaintances who are alumni to attend this special evening.

Details are provided below. Please lend us a hand in spreading the word. **Reservations required by OCTOBER 28.** 

#### All Alumni and their guest are invited to our annual ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 2, 2024

4:15 pm School Tours - Meet in School Cafeteria (enter Door #6)

5:00 pm Mass at Little Flower Church

6:15 pm Social Hour (cash bar) at the Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 E. 21st Street

7:00 pm Complimentary Dinner and Program at the Marriott

#### This year we will honor the following outstanding alumni:

Joe Shikany, Class of 1963
Deacon Gary Blackwell, Class of 1974
Jessica Wallpe Freudenstein, Class of 2001

and

The Little Flower Classes of 1954, 1964, 1974, 1984, and 1999

#### Please R.S.V.P. by October 28, 2024

Call the Little Flower Parish office at 317-357-8352, or send an e-mail to lfalumni@yahoo.com.

Please send your name, year of graduation, and your guest's name.

Kindly help us spread the word by inviting and encouraging other Little Flower alumni to attend.

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening. To help accommodate guests who would like to be seated together, the dining room will open for seating at 6:35 p.m.

Arrive early for early seating.



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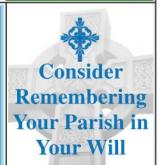
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