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

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass 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 Fax Fax SCHOOL 317-353-2282 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 the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the Sunday of the Word of God.

Our school open house is this Sunday, January 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We invite ALL parishioners, but especially the parents of young children, to come and see the great work that is taking place in your school. If you have school-age children, please consider what a Little Flower Catholic education can provide your children. If you have friends or family, please invite them to visit. Come and meet our teachers, tour the building, and share in the successes of your parish school.

Likewise, I would encourage all of you to be ambassadors for Little Flower School throughout the year. Please invite friends or neighbors with preschool-age children and/or grade-school-age children who are searching for a school for their children to contact Little Flower School to make an appointment to visit.

Appropriately, this week the Church celebrates three saints who were educators of young people. These three saints demonstrate how important Catholic schools and education have been in the life and mission of the Church.

Monday is the feast of St. Angela Merici. St. Angela Merici founded the Ursulines, the first teaching Order especially for poor young girls. She sought the re-evangelization of families through the education of future wives and mothers.

Tuesday is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church. St. Thomas Aquinas, theologian and philosopher, is the patron saint of Catholic schools. He is the author of the *Summa Theologiae* and the author of the hymns *Adoro te devote*, *O Salutaris*, *Tantum ergo*, and *Pange Lingua*.

Friday is the feast of St. John Bosco, an educator. St. John Bosco is known as the Apostle of Youth. He founded the Salesian Order which is dedicated to educating youth. He was also a pioneer in vocational education. CYO's highest award for youth volunteers is the St. John Bosco medal.

Monday, February 3, is the feast of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr. Because St. Blaise saved a choking child, he is the patron saint for healing diseases of the throat, and, therefore, the blessing of throats is associated with the feast of St. Blaise. The blessing of throats will be incorporated into the final blessing at Mass next weekend, February 1 and 2. Throats will be individually blessed during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Monday, February 3, and at 9:30 a.m. All-School Mass on Friday, February 7.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 3, 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 you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.



#### Arts and Environment Ministry Chair Needed

We all enjoyed seeing the church decorated for the Christmas season, but did you ever wonder who decorates Little Flower

throughout the entire liturgical year? The Arts and Environment ministry is part of the liturgy commission and contributes to our spirit of worship in a unique way. Holly Hodges has been serving as chair of this ministry since 2021 but is leaving the parish and is looking for an immediate replacement. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish and make our home beautiful for the Lord! If you have any interest or questions about the time commitment, responsibilities, or training timeline please contact Holly at happyholly97@gmail.com or text her at (317) 513-2129.



For the Week of January 27 – February 2, 2025

27	January	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Beatrice Mendoza by Justin Mendoza
28	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller
		Family by Friends
29	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m	Nancy Mohr by Ron Sharp
30	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey
		Family by Paul Commiskey
31	January	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Alberta Peters by Family & Friends
01	February	Saturday – The Vigil of the Presentation
	v	of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Helena Rikke by Jim & Tricia Simon
02	February	The Presentation of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	Rebeccah Lowe by Your Scecina
		Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

#### 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 - May 2024	497
June 2024 - December 2024	485
January 2025 (thru 1/12)	428
	100



Readings for February 1 and 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 To read the readings on-line, go to

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https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020225.cfm



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 12 following 11:30 a.m. Mass (NOTE TIME CHANGE). This month our kindergarten students will be with us. They will be "helping" us put puzzles together. Please

plan on joining us. You may call Jeannie, 317-357-8352, in the parish office, if you plan on attending.

## */* THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 26 – February 2, 2025							
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP				
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical Choir				
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy				
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower Open				
	(school café)		House				
	St. Therese	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep				
	(Parish Center)		-				
Monday							
Tuesday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Board				
	(Parish Center)		Meeting				
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study				
	(school café)						
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir				
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	OCIA				
	(Parish Center)						
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting				
	(school café)						
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Meeting				
	(Parish Center)	1.00	<b>DUL 0 1</b>				
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study				
	(Parish Center) St. Therese	6:00 n m	Women's AA				
	(Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.					
	· · · · ·	9.00	Workshop				
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA				
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary				
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Saturday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Reverse Raffle/Bingo				
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	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.						
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy				
Sullay	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts				
	(school café)	10.50 u.i.i.	Conce and Donais				
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed				
	School	10:30 a.m.	First Communion				
		10.50 u.m.	Prep for Older				
			Students				
	St. Therese	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep				
	(Parish Center)	5.00 p.m.					
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group				
	(Parish Center)	r	r				

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Ladies Club Meeting and Canvas Painting Class Please bring yourself, your daughters and granddaughters, and friends to the Ladies Club meeting and Canvas Painting class on Thursday, February 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m. (NOTE: earlier start time.) Following the meeting, the painting class will begin at 6:30 p.m., for those unable to be at the meeting but want to attend the painting class. Appetizers, desserts, and water will be provided. If you want something please drink besides water, bring your to own. The cost is \$20.00 per person and reservations are needed, so that our instructor can bring enough supplies. Please RSVP to Mary Conway by email, Sistermm118@aol.com or by phone, 317-938-1195. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 3.

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

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

#### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00					
Collection of January 18 and 19	\$	6,335.36					
Electronic Contributions 1/13-1/17	\$	8,710.67					
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	394,538.84					
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	385,700.00					
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	8,838.84					
Home Improvement Fund							
November Contributions	\$	2,332.00					
December Contributions	\$	2,520.00					
January Contributions (to date)	\$	2,068.00					
Untied Catholic Appeal							
(gifts processed as of 1/7)							
Parish Goal		\$ 60,757.00					
# of gifts received or pledged		94					
Amount of gifts received or pledged		\$ 23,210.00					



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to <u>Ifparishnews@yahoo.com</u> by Wednesday, January 29. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.



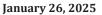
Once again, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is planning a **Senior Prom** for our young at heart parishioners. There will be a spaghetti dinner, bingo, and maybe even some dancing. The date is **Saturday, February 15 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the school cafeteria**. The 8<sup>th</sup> graders work hard

on this event, so let's show them our support by trying to attend, if possible. Reservations are needed to know how much food to prepare. Please call Jeannie, 317-357-8352, in the parish office or email Peggy, <u>pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</u> if you plan to attend.



Summerfest 2025 May 30 – June 1

Kick off meeting for the leadership team is Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.





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, Charlotte Allstatt, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther

Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, 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, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzl

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:

#### Louise Lloyd 1521 Park Ridge Way, Indianapolis, IN 46229

#### 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 AAMDS Poland. 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, 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.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Reverse Raffle - Bingo Night hosted by LF Athletics and LF PPS. **Saturday, February 1, 2025,** LF cafeteria, Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner provided by Steer-In. Ticket price \$50 per person includes raffle entry, five games of bingo, dinner and drinks. Tickets can be purchased from the Little Flower school, the parish office, or after all Mass on January 25/26. Cash prizes, auction items, cash games. Must be age 21+ Contact <u>drewtorz@gmail.com</u> with questions. IGC# 002626

#### Scecina International Student Seeking Host Family

A Junior girl from Vietnam is in need of a host family for the remainder of the school year. She also plans to return next year to graduate from Scecina. She is active in several clubs, is a cheerleader, and is hoping to play softball this spring. Ideally, she would have a bedroom of her own. ABC Education Group will pay a stipend of \$700 per month to help offset increased household expenses. Interested parties should contact Tammy Becker at tammy.becker@abceducationgroup.com or text 484-221-3348.



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



#### Volunteers Needed Work from Home

Serving Central and Southern Indiana Loving Our Neighbors for 75 Years

We have two volunteer opportunities available that can be performed from the comfort of your

own home. Both opportunities involve responding to requests from neighbors requesting assistance with food, clothing, household furnishings, and rent/utility assistance. Computer/internet access is required, and training is provided.

#### **Telephone Ministry:**

- English Helpline: Volunteers needed to take calls from Englishspeaking neighbors requesting assistance. Minimum commitment is a 2-hour shift, 2 days a month. Daily shifts are 8:30-10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 12:30-2:30 p.m. If interested, contact Heather Snyder, <u>hsnyder@svdpindy.org</u>, 309-533-2678.
- Spanish Helpline: Volunteers needed to take calls from Spanishspeaking neighbors requesting assistance. Commitment TBD. If interested, contact Maria Gonzalez, marilena1940@aol.com, 317-294-0607.

#### **On-line Volunteers:**

Volunteers needed to field on-line requests made through our website from neighbors requesting assistance. Shifts are 7 days a week every 6 weeks. If interested, contact Paula Light, <u>paula.light@att.net</u>, 317-403-1385.

If you have limited time available, you may want to consider being a substitute on the telephone ministry to replace a regular volunteer on vacation, out sick, etc. These are great opportunities for anyone looking to volunteer from home and make a difference in the lives of others.

#### URGENT NEED FOR WINTER APPAREL

With the continuation of the extreme cold weather, we need cold weather gear for our neighbors. We need men's, women's, and children's gently used coats, hats, and gloves. All sizes are welcome, and we would greatly appreciate your donations.

You can drop them off at the Distribution Center dock 1201 E. Maryland St. Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. -4 p.m. or at one of our blue donation boxes around the city -

https://www.svdpindy.org/give/blue-bin-locator/.

Thank you for helping us keep our neighbors warm this winter.

Annual financial statements have been prepared and mailed. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the School Annual memorial and general Fund. gifts, fund contributions from non-parishioners will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations. Please contact Angle at 317-357-8352 ext. 102 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org with any questions.

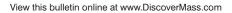
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- Little Way
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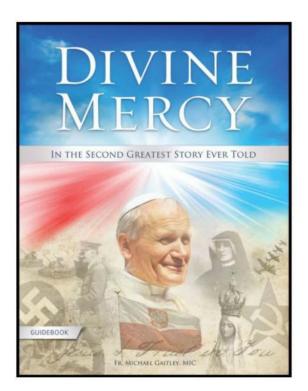
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#### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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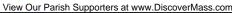
Afternoons

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Evenings

Starts: Thursday, January 30, 2025 When: 1:00 p.m. Where: Little Flower Parish Center St. Therese Room Meets: Weekly Leader: Dianne Deputy Register: At back of Church Starts: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 When: 6:30 p.m. Where: Little Flower Cafeteria Meets: Weekly Leaders: Bernie Sponsel, Kurt Schnell Register: At back of Church

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