



# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

## **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Weekdays and Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

### Communion Services

At-Large Member

At-Large Member

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

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

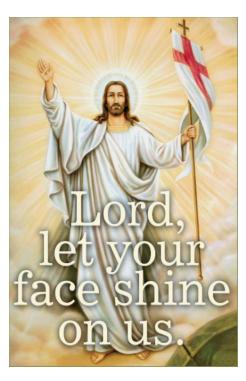
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

### 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 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders who made their First Communion last Sunday to celebrate the Rite of Going Forth with us. This special rite helps reinforce their commitment to the Eucharist and to going forth to make a better world. It helps the children discover that First Communion is a starting point in living a Eucharistic life.

Every year the Serra Club of Indianapolis partners with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Office of Vocations and Office of Catholic Education to sponsor the a Vocations Essay Contest. The contest is open to all Catholic students in Grades 7 through 12 who live in or attend school within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

The theme and question for this year's contest were:

#### Theme

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 is a Jubilee Year, a special occasion which happens every 25 years. The celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2024, and concludes on January 6, 2026, on the Feast of the Epiphany. The theme for this Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope."

#### **Question**

How has a priest or consecrated person encouraged you to seek God? How does pursuing a vocation bring hope into your life? And how are you preparing to know where God is calling you to build up his kingdom with your God-given talents?

A certificate and \$100 prize is awarded to one student at each grade level for the essay judged to be the best as determined by the judges. Winning essayists were invited to read their essays at a special Serra recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at Fatima Retreat House in Indianapolis. Winning essays will also be published in *The Criterion*.

I am happy to announce that two students from Little Flower School were the winners in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade respectively. Lyra Eskew was the 8<sup>th</sup> grade winner, and Camila Briceno was the 7<sup>th</sup> grade winner. Their parents were at the luncheon as well as Lyra's grandparents. Ben Wilson, their theology teacher, and I represented Little Flower at the luncheon. Both essays were excellent.

If you forgot to bring your blessed palms from 2024 with you last weekend, you may bring them next Sunday, and we will burn them for you.

Finally, please continue to pray for Pope Francis and for the Church and especially for the Cardinal Electors. The conclave to elect our new Pope will begin on Wednesday, May 7.

Have a wonderful week.

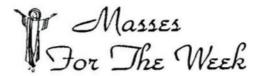
fr. Bob

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, May 14, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center. This month we will be playing games! Please call Jeannie in the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier!!



We extend our sympathy to *Steve* & *Mary Kennedy and their* family on the death of Steve's father, **Jimmie Kennedy**, who passed away on April 22 and

whose funeral services will be held on May 10 in Anaheim, CA. Please keep all of Jimmie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jimmie into his eternal glory.



## For the Week of May 5 - 11, 2025

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|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------------|
|           | 5:30 p.m. | Souls in Purgatory by Justin Mendoza |
| 06        | May       | Tuesday                              |
|           |           | No Mass                              |
| 07        | May       | Wednesday                            |
|           |           | No Mass                              |
| 08        | May       | Thursday                             |
|           | 5:30 p.m. | For the Intentions of the Commiskey  |
|           | •         | Family by Paul Commiskey             |
| <b>09</b> | May       | Friday                               |
|           | 9:30 a.m. | Holly Mescall by David & Bev Dinn    |
| 10        | May       | Saturday                             |
|           | 5:00 p.m. | For the People                       |
| 11        | May       | Sunday                               |
|           | 9:30 a.m. | Renee Gordon by The Gordon Family    |
|           |           |                                      |

### **PEW REFINISHING PROJECT**

Jim Clifford by The Clifford Family

As Father Bob prepares to end his 22 years as pastor/administrator of Little Flower, and as the parish begins the celebration of its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are in the midst a project to refinish the pews in our church.

Countless people have been in and out of these pews during the 62 years since they were last professionally refinished. In addition, the constant cleaning after every Mass when we reopened church during Covid had a negative effect. Today there is no way to match the quality of the pews, so it seems refinishing is the answer.

There is also a recognition component with this project. All details are available at the link on littleflowerparish.org <a href="http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/pew-refinishing-project/">http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/pew-refinishing-project/</a>

All donations, regardless of amount, will be appreciated. If you have misplaced your forms, everything is available at the link above. If you misplaced your original envelope, please place donation in an envelope marked "pew refinishing project" and mail it to 4720 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 46201 or place it in the weekend collection.

## Amount raised as of 4/28/2025 \$68,539.63

We are hoping to raise \$80,000 to \$100,000 from donations.

We hope to close out the fund-raising portion of this project by May 15.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 4 - 11, 2025

| Wlay 4 - 11, 2025                               |  |            |                                 |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| DAY   | ROOM                                   | TIME       | GROUP                           |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday New Parishioner Sign Up after all Masses |  |            | er all Masses                   |  |  |  |  |
|   | Church                                 | 9:30 a.m.  | Children's Liturgy              |  |  |  |  |
|   | Church                                 | 9:30 a.m.  | Rite of Going Forth-            |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |            | First Communion                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | Duffey Hall                            | 10:30 a.m. | PPS Pancake                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | (school café)                          |            | Breakfast                       |  |  |  |  |
|   | St. Therese                            | 10:30 a.m. | First Communion                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | (Parish Center)                        |            | Class for older                 |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |            | students                        |  |  |  |  |
|   | Holy Family                            | 7:00 p.m.  | Youth Group – 8 <sup>th</sup>   |  |  |  |  |
|   | (Parish Center)                        |            | Grade Call Out                  |  |  |  |  |
| Monday  |  |            | ,                               |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday   | Church                                 | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir                           |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday                                       | St. Patrick                            | 6:00 p.m.  | 100 <sup>th</sup> Year Planning |  |  |  |  |
|   | (Parish Center)                        |            | Committee                       |  |  |  |  |
| Thursday  | St. Therese<br>(Parish Center)         | 1:00 p.m.  | Bible Study                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | St. Patrick<br>(Parish Center)         | 6:30 p.m.  | Euchre Club                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | Duffey Hall                            | 6:30 p.m.  | Ladies Club                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | (school café)                          | 7.00       | LEAA Maatina                    |  |  |  |  |
|   | St. Therese                            | 7:00 p.m.  | LFAA Meeting AA                 |  |  |  |  |
|   | (Parish Center)                        | 8:00 p.m.  |                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Friday  | St. Therese<br>(Parish Center)         | 4:00 p.m.  | Legion of Mary                  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Duffey Hall                            | 7:00 p.m.  | Middle School Dance             |  |  |  |  |
|   | (school café)                          |            |                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday  | Blood Pressure Check after all Masses. |            |                                 |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday  | Church                                 | 9:00 a.m.  | Liturgical Choir                |  |  |  |  |
|   | Church                                 | 9:30 a.m.  | Children's Liturgy              |  |  |  |  |



The upcoming Ladies Club meeting has been changed to May 8 instead of May 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Fr. Bob will be joining us for dinner. All ladies of the parish

are welcome to attend! In honor of our 100th Anniversary, we'd love to have as many past Ladies Club officers as possible to attend. Those attending may bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main entree will be provided by the Ladies Club. In order to know how much meat to order, please RSVP by calling Jeannie, in the Parish Office, 317-357-8352, or emailing her at <a href="mailto:jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org">jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org</a>, by Monday, May 5.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### **Your Gifts of Treasure**

| Weekly Budget Goal                 | \$<br>13,300.00  |
|------------------------------------|------------------|
| Collection of April 26 and 27      | \$<br>7,635.16   |
| Electronic Contributions 4/21-4/25 | \$<br>2,495.29   |
| Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual       | \$<br>579,921.68 |
| Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget       | \$<br>571,900.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD          | \$<br>8,021.68   |

## Home Improvement Fund

| February Contributions | \$ 2,210.00 |
|------------------------|-------------|
| March Contributions    | \$ 2,308.00 |
| April Contributions    | \$ 2,085.00 |



SAVE THE DATE: Our semi-annual Blood Drive will be on Wednesday, May 14 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. This year the bloodmobile will be in the circular drive in front of the Church. In order for this to be a successful drive we need at least 15 donations. For the past several years, we have not met our goal for the number of people donating blood. It

would be great if we met our goal this year and to do this, your help is needed. As always there is a great need for blood donors. Donors will receive a free tee shirt!! 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: <a href="https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip">https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/zip</a> Please contact Peggy Clegg at <a href="pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> or 317-357-8352 if you have any questions.



# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pictorial Directory!

Please help us develop a complete directory by having your photo taken. There is no cost to you unless you order additional pictures.

All households photographed will receive a complimentary copy of the

completed directory and a free 8x10 portrait.

### SCHEDULE YOUR SITTING ONE OF THREE WAYS:

- 1. Sign up after Masses on May 3-4, or May 10-11.
- 2. Go to www.littleflowerparish.org and follow the link to schedule your photograph session.
- 3. Call the parish office at 317-357-8352 during office hours.



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, Karen Lientz, Maximus Lopez, Larry Lynch, Tom McAndrews. Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Mary Alice Pogue, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Gary Walters, Eileen 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:

## Charlotte Allstatt 706 N Bancroft St 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 at Naval base Kitsap in Bangor, Washington – 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 in the United States Navy in Oak Harbor, WA, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

**Lexi Robertson**, Navel Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA., 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.

### 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 - April 2025                       | 503 |
| Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday               | 934 |
| First Communion Weekend                      | 694 |



Save the Date! 77th Mother's Day Breakfast hosted by Men's Club

All women of the parish <u>21 years old and over</u> are invited to the Mother's Day Breakfast on **Sunday**, **May 11**, **after 9:30 Mass in Duffey Hall.** Doors open at 10:30 a.m. and breakfast is served at 11 a.m. Please start your Mother's Day off with breakfast on us!



## READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10 and 11 Acts 13:14, 43-52 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17 John 10:27-30

To read the readings on-line, go to https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051125.cfm

# Catholic Charities Director to address Catholic Business Exchange

David Bethuram, Executive Director of Catholic Charities for the Indianapolis Archdiocese, will address the May Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be: Catholic Charities: Now More Than Ever!

The event is May 16, 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 \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by noon, Tuesday May 13. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



## Summerfest 2025 – "Cheers to 100 Years" May 30 – June 1

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The next leadership meeting is Monday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

<u>WE NEED YOU!</u> Below are some booth chair positions that need to be filled for this year's festival:

- \* Set up/Tear down we need someone to coordinate the set up and tear down process. Email Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if interested.
- \* Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Pulled Pork we need someone to be in charge of the cooking and scheduling for this booth. Email Peggy Clegg at <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> if interested.

**Used Book Sale** – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

## The Silent Auction team needs your help!

**DONATE** - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items – all these options are a great addition to our auction.

**REGISTER** - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. The auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily.

**Tip Board Donations** – If you are willing and able to donate a higher-end bottle of spirits to be raffled off with our tip boards, please contact Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640 or <a href="mailto:right-size: 20mm/zimmfan67@gmail.com">zimmfan67@gmail.com</a>

### **KEG SPONSORSHIP**

Want to help at Summerfest? Why not be a keg sponsor? For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival. You can find the keg sponsor form on our website at Ifsummerfest.com, or you can send an email to amackell@littleflowerparish.org.



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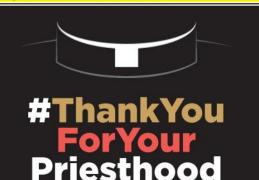
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