

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org



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: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 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.

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At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
At-Large Member	Katie Leszcynski
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum
At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM
 Weekdays and Holy Days:
 Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

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,

Monday is Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who gave their lives for our country. Our Memorial Day Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Also, the parish office and the school office will be closed on Monday.

SUMMERFEST 2025 is next weekend, **Friday, May 30-Sunday, June 1**. Please check out all the bulletin announcements concerning **SUMMERFEST 2025**, which is our largest fund raiser each year. Specific information regarding hours and schedules can be found at LFSummerfest.com. Its success depends upon your support. In the last several years, we have made quite a few improvements to the church building, the school, and the parish center, thanks to proceeds from the festival. This year, we plan to use the proceeds to fund needed mortar work on several of our aging buildings.

Here are some ways you can help make **SUMMERFEST 2025** successful:

1. Please sell as many raffle tickets as possible. Memorial Day gatherings are a good time to sell raffle tickets.
2. Please pick up your wristbands and wristbands for your family and friends whom you really believe will attend the festival before the festival.
3. Please attend the festival with your family and participate in the activities of the festival.
4. Please invite and encourage everyone you know to attend and participate in the festival. This includes your children, grandchildren, parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, neighbors, friends, co-workers. Again, Memorial Day gatherings are a good time to encourage attendance and participation in **SUMMERFEST 2025**.
5. Please pray for good weather for **SUMMERFEST 2025**.
6. Finally, thank you for all your support for **SUMMERFEST 2025**. This includes Angie Mackell, the Festival Committee, all the volunteers, all who sell or purchase raffle tickets, and all who attend the festival or encourage others to attend.

Monday is also the feast of St. Philip Neri, the patron saint of our neighboring parish. Please pray for the St. Philip Neri parish on Monday.

Thursday is the Optional Memorial of St. Pope Paul VI. He became Pope in 1963 and died in 1978. He ordained Fr. Jim Farrell, me, and 357 others on June 29, 1975.

Saturday is the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The official fund-raising portion of our pew refinishing project is complete! I am deeply grateful for those who participated in the project. Your support has been phenomenal, and we have exceeded our goal. I am sure the finished product will make a big difference and make our already beautiful church even more beautiful! A complete update appears elsewhere in *The Theresean*.

Please pray for good weather for **SUMMERFEST 2025**, and have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

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
May 2025 (thru May 18)	550



READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION May 31 AND June 1

Acts 1:1-11
Ephesians 1:17-23
Luke 24:46-53

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060125-Ascension.cfm>

Masses For The Week

For the Week of May 26 – June 1, 2025

26 May	Monday
9:30 a.m.	Mary Helen Eckrich by Cindy Eakle
27 May	Tuesday
6:00 p.m.	8th Grade Graduation Mass – For the Little Flower Class of 2025
28 May	Wednesday
5:30 p.m.	Stephen Bussell by Mary Jo Bussell
29 May	Thursday
5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob Gilday
30 May	Friday
	No Mass
31 May	Saturday
5:00 p.m.	Anna Cuoi Pham by Sam T. Chu
01 June	Sunday
9:30 a.m.	Elaine Jerrell by Bob & Nancy Dowd
6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 25 – June 1, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	Memorial Day! Parish Office Closed.		
Tuesday	Church	6:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Graduation
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Holy Spirit Chapel	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Grounds	5:00 p.m.	Summerfest
Saturday	Parking Lot	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish Grounds	3:00 p.m.	Summerfest
Sunday	Parish Grounds	11:00 a.m.	Summerfest

MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of May 17 and 18	\$ 5,840.25
Electronic Contributions 5/12-5/16	\$ 6,692.64
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 620,691.46
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 611,800.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 8,891.46

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 2,308.00
April Contributions	\$ 2,085.00
May Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,843.00


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SUMMER
CAMPS**

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*Share
Your
Faith!*



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, 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:

Dennis DeBruhl

Greenwood Village Healthcare

377 Westridge Blvd, Room 127, Greenwood, IN 46142

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.

100th 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 TWO WAYS:

1. Go to www.littleflowerparish.org and follow the link to schedule your photograph session.
2. Call the parish office at 317-357-8352 during office hours.

Garden Bench Raffle

Little Flower Summerfest 2025

The Little Flower Men's Club and the Little Flower Middle School students recently handcrafted and custom built six full size garden benches during the 2024-2025 school year.

Three one-of-a-kind benches will be raffled off at Summerfest, while three benches will remain on the LF campus. All proceeds will go directly to Little Flower parish.



**Drawing 3pm
SUNDAY 6/1**

1st Prize: your choice of the 3 benches

2nd Prize: pick from remaining 2 benches

3rd Prize: last bench

**BENCHES WILL BE ON DISPLAY
AND TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR
PURCHASE AFTER ALL MASSES
MAY 10-11, MAY 17-18, MAY 24-25,
OR ALL 3 DAYS AT SUMMERFEST**

TICKETS:

1 for \$5

5 for \$20

30 for \$100

Pointing the way to fun!



SIGN UP NOW!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 23 – 27, 2025

6:00 p.m. Registration on Monday – 8:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

- Open to children entering pre-4 to 4th grade this fall.
- Sign up now so we know how many to plan for!!!
- Check-In will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, June 23 in the school cafeteria/Duffy Hall.
- Cost \$15 per child, or \$40 for a family of three or more. Payment will be collected on the first night.
- Family Ice Cream Social on **Friday, June 27 at 8:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.
- New this year! Please welcome our friends from Our Lady of Lourdes who will be joining us!!
- Adult & Youth Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa for more information.
- Financial aid is available. Please contact Lisa if you need help. We want all children to be able to participate.

- **New friends** • **Crafty crafts**
- **Super-fun games** • **Yummy snacks**
- **Surprising adventures** • **Incredible music**
- **God Sightings** • **Meeting Saints**
- **Bible Memory Buddies**

Call the Parish Office at 317-357-8352 or
email Lisa Gibbons at

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to sign up or if you
have questions.

PEW REFINISHING PROJECT

WE DID IT!

The fund-raising portion of the pew refinishing project is past. In yet another example of working together to get things done, we met our goal and then some! Thanks to everyone who was able to participate for your outstanding generosity.

Amount raised as of 5/15/2025

\$127,003.65

This amount will enable us to complete this project while using less from parish reserves than we anticipated.

Because the pews will be removed and refinished in sections, we will want to wait until Fr. Bob and Fr. Jim's 50th jubilee celebrations, on June 29 and July 13 respectively, are concluded. We anticipate the earliest this project will begin will be late July. Ultimately it will depend on the vendors' ability to fit us in. While the sections of pews are removed, we plan to do a thorough and professional re-finishing of our terrazzo floors.

THANK YOU!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our recent **Blood Drive**. There were 21 registered donors with 2 being first-time donors and 2 being deferred (unable to donate). Our goal was to collect 14 units of whole blood. We surpassed our goal and collected 17 units of whole blood; in addition to the whole units of blood collected, 2 people donated double red cell which resulted in 4 products (1 donor for 2 products). **Impact: Because 1 donation can impact up to 3 lives, those 21 products will impact up to 63 local lives. THANK YOU!** Our next Blood Drive will be in October.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2025 – “Cheers to 100 Years” May 30 – June 1

Permit #002626

RAFFLE! Please do your best to turn in as many tickets as possible. Extras are available at all the church doors. The raffle has the potential to bring money in from outside the parish and that is always very helpful. We hope you will help us meet our goal!

2024 raffle sales totaled almost 16,000.00. Our goal this year is to sell at least as many tickets as we did last year. This includes all tickets sold prior to and during the festival.

Total tickets sold as of 5/19/25	\$ 4,715.00
Same time last year	\$ 7,642.00
Goal	\$ 16,000.00

PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or for friends after Masses this weekend, or at the parish office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Tuesday thru Friday. **Also, for your convenience the parish office will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28, and Thursday May 29.** Please plan ahead and get your wristband...and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

PRESALE RIDE TICKETS

Presale tickets for festival rides will be available in church after Masses this weekend. Please plan to purchase tickets in advance, as they are less expensive for you and the percentage of profit for the parish is greater on advance sale tickets! You may also purchase advance sale tickets in the parish office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday. OR online at lfsummerfest.com.

T-SHIRTS

Festival T-shirts ordered in advance will be available for pick up after Masses this weekend. A limited selection of shirts will be available for sale at \$15.00 (YXS-AXL) or \$18 (2XL-3XL) each.

SILENT AUCTION

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) if you can donate!

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 BOARDS

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 zimmfan67@gmail.com

“LITTLE FLOWERS” PLANT BOOTH

Donations are being accepted for the “Little Flowers” Plant Booth. They are looking for potted plants and would appreciate them being marked with what they are and any care notes. You may drop your donations outside the parish center on May 29 or 30, or call Katie Baecher at 317-504-7937 for pick up. Pick up will take place shortly before the festival.

IN NEED OF PLASTIC ICE CREAM TUBS

Do you have spare plastic ice cream tubs with handles and lids? We could use them for the strawberries at the festival. If you can spare them, please bring them to the parish center during office hours or call Peggy at 317-357-8352 ext 106, and we will arrange to have them picked up.

STRAWBERRY HULLING

We need help hulling fresh strawberries for the festival. Please come to the school cafeteria on Friday morning, May 30, at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of strawberries and need your help. Bring a paring knife!

SET UP

Please mark your calendars for this Thursday, May 29 at 6 p.m. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.

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).





*You are cordially invited
to the*

*Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration
of the Ordination to the Priesthood of
Father Robert J. Gilday*

*Sunday, June 29, 2025
at the 12.00 noon Mass*

*Little Flower Catholic Church
4720 East 13th Street
Indianapolis, Indiana 46201*

Reception following Mass

*Please RSVP no later than June 6 to 317-357-8352 x103 or
jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org*

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me.

~ Isaiah 61:1

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