

# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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

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

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. 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?

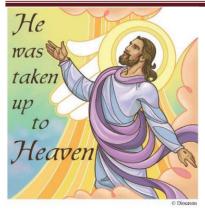
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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 we welcome our visitors who are attending Summerfest 2025.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate Jesus' return to His Father and his glorification at the right hand of his Father. At the Last Supper, Jesus said, "But I tell you the truth, it is better for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you'" [John 16:7]. During the week between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church asks us to pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church and upon the world.

Congratulations to the Little Flower Class of 2025 who graduated on Tuesday, May 27.

Dayna Barrett
Matthew Barron
Dorothy Cheever
Angelina Melody Chicas
Genevieve Cline
Dalilah Contreras-Marin
Isabel Crawford
Bryan Diaz Martinez
Lyra Eskew
Jeremiah Gascon
Broderick Glawatz
Gael Gonzalez

Duane Hall
Jacob Henson
Anthony Hollada
Chandler Holsapple
Gage Johnson
Isaac Lathrop
Landon Laurenzana
Merryn Leffler
Micah Miller
Jerrmiah Moore
Maya Nicholson

Emily Ocampo
Isabela Orozco Montgomery
Cecilia Pertile
Tania Ramos Diaz
Gerardo Reyes
Jaime Sanchez
Edgar Santiago
Lilah Schmaltz
Paisley Torzewski
Elijah Vickrey
Jermaine Wallace

Congratulations to the Scecina Memorial High School Class of 2025. Several Little Flower parishioners and/or graduates of Little Flower School graduated on Friday, May 23. Special congratulations to them.

Nehemiah Cavanaugh William (Dean) Cheever Riley Long Daniel Martin-O'Neill Ivan Aquiles Martinez Kameryanna Miller Sheadon O'Day Leilanni Rodriguez Journee Thomas Dominic White

Dean Cheever and Ivan Aquiles Martinez graduated with High Honors and an Academic Honors Diploma and were members of the National Honor Society. Riley Long graduated with Honors and was a member of the National Honor Society. Journee Thomas graduated with Honors and an Academic Honors Diploma and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Last weekend several people asked when Fr. Jude would be here and/or when my last Mass would be. I retire and Fr. Jude becomes administrator on July 2, 2025. On the weekend of June 21-22, I will give my farewell homily as administrator of the parish. I will celebrate my 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday, June 29. As of right now, I will also celebrate the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, June 28. Fr. Nick Dant will celebrate the 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday, June 29.

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	525			



READINGS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 7 and 8

Acts 2:1-11

I Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 John 14:15-16, 23b-26

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/060825.cfm



#### For the Week of June 2 - 8, 2025

02 June Monday

5:30 p.m. Emil & Bonnie Weimer by Ron Sharp

03 June Tuesday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob Gilday by

Your Parish Family

04 June Wednesday

No Mass

05 June Thursday

5:30 p.m. Kathleen Goodin by Cathy Kramer

06 June Friday

5:30 p.m. Tom Griffin by Anita Moody

07 June Saturday

5:00 p.m. Mary Helen Eckrich by Sheryl Meuchel

08 June Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bobby Leszcynski by Don & Susy Fischer

6:00 p.m. For the People

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

#### June 1 - 8, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish	11:00 a.m.	SummerFest
	Grounds		
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	(Parish Center)		Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	(Parish Center)		
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	(Parish Center)		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
Saturday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the school parking lot. NOTE: There will not be Mass at 11:00 a.m. due to Fr. Bob's schedule. This month we will be heading to the Knights of Columbus in Shelbyville, IN for an all you can eat Salad Bar Luncheon, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. The cost of the luncheon will be \$15.00. Every type of salad you can imagine will be available for your eating pleasure, along with some fabulous desserts! We will carpool from Little Flower. Please call Jeannie in the Parish Center, 317-357-8352 if you plan on attending.

#### **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

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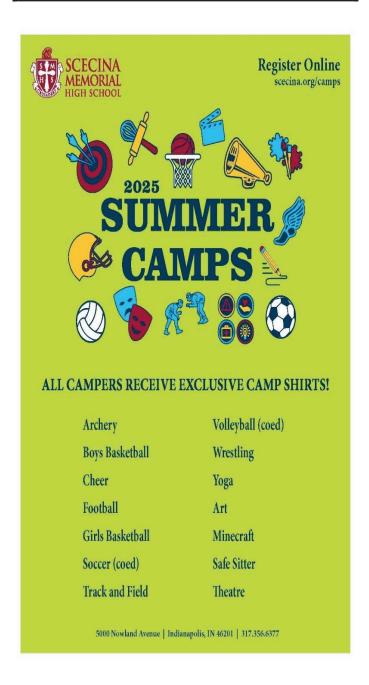
Weekly Budget Goal 13,300.00 Collection of May 24 and 25 5,345.66 \$ Electronic Contributions 5/19-5/23 \$ 4,901.42 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual 630,938.54 \$ Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget \$ 625,100.00 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD 5,838.54

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions \$ 2,308.00

April Contributions \$ 2,085.00

May Contributions (to date) \$ 2,073.00





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:

#### Ellen Corriden Cedar Creek of Franklin 143 Christian Blvd Apt 143, Franklin, IN 46131

#### 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.



# Knights of Columbus Indiana State Council Charity Golf Tournament

Indiana State Council will be holding a Charity Golf Tournament on Monday, July

28, at Hillcrest Country Club located at 6098 Fall Creek Road in Indianapolis. Proceeds to the Women's Care Center located at 4901 W. 86th Street in Indianapolis.

Registration on July 28 at 10:00 a.m.; Mass at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 11:30 a.m.; Golf at 12:30 p.m. and awards /Social at 5:00 p.m. Please contact Larry at (317) 234-4892, or register at indianakofc.org, if you have any questions.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

# AUDREY WILLIAMSON PURDUE UNIVERSITY WITH DISTINCTION

We would like to continue to recognize our parishioners who are graduating from elementary school, high school, college, or graduate programs in upcoming issues of the Theresean. Please send their name and the name of the school, college, or university from which they are graduating to tom@littleflowerparish.org or call the parish center and leave the information. (You do not need to submit graduates from Scecina, Cathedral, or Little Flower. They will be published separately).

#### PEW REFINISHING PROJECT

Just to keep everyone updated, it appears that Weberding Carving Shop, who will be refinishing our pews, will not be able to begin until late August or early September, due to their work schedule.

Weberding also crafted our altar furnishings that were designed and installed in 2007.

We look forward to seeing what their fine craftsmanship will bring to this project.



If you are reading this and it is not yet 5 p.m. on Sunday, come on over! The fun is going on now! See next week's Theresean for this year's raffle winners!

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!

There is a special collection on the weekend of June 7/8 for the Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests. Your generous support helps cover the expenses for their necessary education and formation. Please be as generous as possible and pray for vocations! You may use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet.



The Little Flower Gabriel Project is seeking a new coordinator! This small but committed team is looking for a new coordinator to take the lead on volunteer management, communications, and development. Please reach out to Joanna Slisz at <a href="mailto:slisz.joanna@gmail.com">slisz.joanna@gmail.com</a> if you are interested.

The Gabriel Project is an active and vibrant parish ministry serving the local community. We provide practical and material help to new and expectant mothers and their children. We also activate our parish community to help in many ways such as donating baby supplies, staffing shopping days, and helping organize our storage unit.

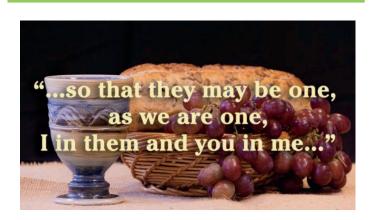


Pilgrims of Hope is the theme for The SPREAD Summer Retreat July 26-27, 2025, at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Tipton, IN. Please prayerfully consider helping to make this weekend possible for our friends that have Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities? They look forward all year to coming together to celebrate their faith. The retreats are costly for some of our friends. Would you consider sponsoring a friend's retreat or the cost of their T-shirt? See the list below and please help in any way.

- Sponsor a Friend to attend the Summer Retreat 2025 for \$95
- Sponsor 4 meals for a Friend to attend during the weekend \$60
- Sponsor a Friend's T-shirt for the weekend \$15
- Sponsor a Friend's bus ride to and from the retreat \$10 Please make your check out to the Disabilities Ministry and please include a note letting me know what you are sponsoring, Please Send to:

Jenny Bryans
Disabilities Ministry, Office of Catechesis
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

We also need VOLUNTEERS No experience is necessary, just be ready to get back so much more then what you give! Email Jenny Bryans: JBryans@archindy.org for more information.







You are cordially invited

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

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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