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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.

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.

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?

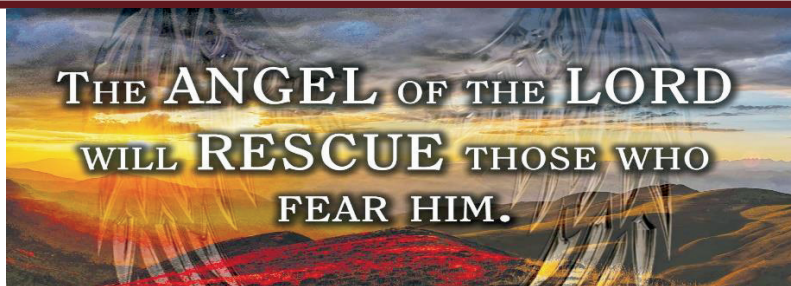
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This Sunday, June 29, is the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. On June 29, 1975, 50 years ago, Fr. Jim Farrell and I were ordained in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI, who is now a canonized saint. Sunday is also the 14th anniversary of Archbishop Thompson's ordination as a bishop.

Please welcome Fr. Nick Dant who will be the celebrant and homilist at the 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses this Sunday.

It has been suggested that I include some of last Sunday's homily in this week's Theresean letter.

It is the Eucharist that defines us as Catholic Christians. Celebrating Sunday Eucharist is the most important thing we do as Catholics....As I have said many times, it is our Liturgy, especially our music, and our welcoming spirit that draw people to Little Flower.

In my first homily, I said, "I want you to know that I believe this parish is your parish." Therefore, today I want to say that as a parish we have accomplished wonderful things these last 22 years, you and the staff far more than me. Little Flower is blessed with so many wonderful parishioners who give so generously of their time, talent, and treasure. Little Flower is blessed with a staff that is so committed to and engaged in the life of the parish. Thank you!

The first weekend of a priest in a new parish is always difficult. He looks out and sees a sea of strange faces. The last weekend of a priest in a parish is also always difficult. He looks out and sees a sea of familiar faces that he will not see again in the same way. After 22 years, you are my family. I know most of you at least by face, by Mass, or by pew.

Twenty-two years in a parish is a long time. I have witnessed so many changes. I am sure that some of the children I baptized my first years are now married and have children. I know for sure that at least two have died. All of us are 22 years older. Many of the leaders of the parish when I first arrived have left their leadership roles, and some have passed to the Lord. Many parishioners have moved in, and many have moved out. There have been many highlights and a few low lights during these twenty-two years.

I am very grateful to all of you. The staff and really all of you have been very kind, supportive, and generous to me. I hope you will be as kind, supportive, and generous to Fr. Jude and Deacon Gary. I believe Fr. Jude will be a wonderful pastor and Deacon Gary will be a wonderful deacon. Even though I will still live at Little Flower for the time being, I will miss serving as your pastor. When I prepare couples for marriage, I tell them that there are no perfect people and no perfect relationships. Likewise, there are no perfect priests. Therefore, I want to apologize to anyone whose feelings I may have hurt or whom I did not serve well.

Finally, my brothers and sisters, I want to make the words of Paul to the Philippians my final words to you:

I thank God for you every time I think of you, and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy. I am sure that God who began this good work in you, will carry it on...You are always in my heart!...my deep feeling for you all comes from the heart of Christ Jesus. I pray that your love will keep on growing more and more and your lives will be filled with the truly good qualities which only Jesus Christ can produce, for the glory and praise of God.

Have a wonderful week,

fr. Bob



For the Week of June 30 – July 6, 2025

01	July	Tuesday	No Mass
03	July	Thursday	Lucy Idel Commiskey by the Commiskey Family
	5:30 p.m.		
05	July	Saturday	For the People
	5:30 p.m.		
06	July	Sunday	Bobbie Lawless by Anita Moody
	9:00 a.m.		
	6:00 p.m.		Carlos Pedrazza by Deysi, Debbie, & Alvaro Pedrazza

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

June 29 – July 6, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	12:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob's Jubilee Mass
Monday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	100 th Anniversary Planning Committee
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Happy 4 th of July Parish Office Closed		
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception for Fr. Jude & Deacon Gary
	Parish Registration after all Masses.		
Sunday	Welcome Fr. Jude & Deacon Gary!		

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of June 21 and 22	\$	5,709.25
Electronic Contributions 6/16-6/20	\$	9,147.04
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	681,745.44
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	678,300.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	3,445.44

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$	2,085.00
May Contributions	\$	2,073.00
June Contributions (to date)	\$	2,078.00

New Mass Times

Beginning July 3, our Mass Schedule will be as follows:

Tuesdays:	8:30 a.m. at Little Flower
Wednesdays:	8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
Thursdays:	5:30 p.m. at Little Flower
Fridays:	5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturdays:	4:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
	5:30 p.m. at Little Flower
Sundays:	9:00 a.m. at Little Flower
	11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes
	6:00 p.m. Little Flower

Confessions:

Our Lady of Lourdes – Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

Little Flower – Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

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 – May 2025	505
June 2025 (thru June 22)	445

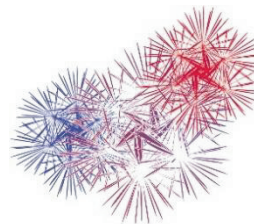


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Marek Torzewski – Irvington Preparatory Academy en route to University of Wyoming

Paul Arthur – Cathedral High School

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 Seccina or Little Flower. They are published separately).



In observance of Independence Day, the Parish Office will be closed on Friday, July 4.



If you're cleaning out your closets, cupboards and garages, St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is ready to take your stuff! And to make it easy, we're hosting Stuff-A-Truck events almost every month! The neighbors we serve are in need of items—everything from clothing and linens to household goods and furniture.

We will have trucks at parishes on the following 2025 Saturdays, 9-11 a.m.:

- July 12: St. Christopher
- Aug 16: St. Gabriel
- Sept 13: St. Michael ****new date****
- Oct 11: St. Christopher
- Nov 8: St. Gabriel
- Dec: no Stuff A Truck

Donors should simply drive up and place their donations by the truck. SVdP volunteers will load the donations into the truck.

****Acceptable Items****

All donations are appreciated, however the following items are usually in short supply:

- Washers, dryers, refrigerators, stoves (no gas appliances)
- Dressers, chests of drawers, night stands
- Bicycles (adult sizes preferred)
- Dining room or kitchenette tables and chairs
- Small appliances: toasters, irons, can openers, coffee makers, slow cookers
- Pots and pans and cooking/eating utensils
- Dishes, glassware
- Fans, area rugs, vacuum cleaners
- Couches, loveseats, upholstered chairs, sectional sofas (no more than 2 pieces), recliners, coffee and end tables
- Soft goods: clothing, shoes, purses, bed linens, towels, blankets, curtains

Please put your clothing and other soft good donations into plastic trash bags, and household items in boxes. Keep in mind we are seeking basic household items that are in good enough condition to give to people without resources to purchase them. Torn, broken or dirty items, although offered to SVdP in good faith, and good intent, will be declined. Questions? Contact Bobbi Sisk at bsisk@svdpindy.org

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



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, Mike Payne, Mary Alice Pogue, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Gary Walters, Eileen Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzel.

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:

Margie Greene

1945 N Wallace Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, July 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the

Parish Center for lunch and some special activities. There will be no Mass at 11:00 a.m. Please call Jeannie, 317-357-8352 103, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a guest.



On **Saturday, July 5** following the 5:30 p.m. **Mass**, there will be a **Welcome Reception** for both Fr. Jude and Deacon Gary Blackwell in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria). Please don't miss this opportunity to introduce yourself to them. There will be light finger food for your enjoyment.



Fr. Bob,
Congratulations on 50 years of dedicated service to God and the Church! May God continue to bless you as you celebrate your

Golden Jubilee of ordination. This is a truly remarkable achievement, and we are so proud to celebrate this special anniversary with you!
- Your parish family.

Saint Meinrad Summer Chant Workshop

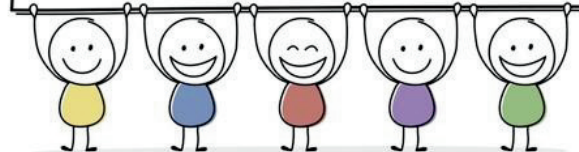
Anyone interested in learning to sing chant in a monastic setting is invited to register for the summer workshop at Saint Meinrad Archabbey from **July 21-25, 2025**.

The week will focus on how to read and interpret the earliest sources of chant notation and how it might apply to liturgy in the vernacular today. Come immerse yourself in the ancient spiritual and artistic richness of our Catholic faith.

Visit <https://www.saintmeinrad.edu/sacred-music/> or use the QR code below to register.



THANK YOU



Thanks to all the participants and volunteers in Vacation Bible School the week of June 23-27, 2025. Forty students from Pre K to 4th grade participated in the Bible School from Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes. Also, special thanks to all of our volunteers. Workers included adults, teens, and students in grades 5 through high school. Our theme was "Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." The program reminded the children to trust in Jesus always!

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