

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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At-Large Member	Rick Markins

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

Thursday 5:00 p.m. to 5:20 p.m. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. 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.



Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jude and Deacon Gary to our Little Flower family this weekend! As we continue to celebrate 100 years as a parish, we will look to their leadership to take us into the next century. We know that our parishioners will extend the same loving welcome to Fr. Jude and Deacon Gary as you have to so many in the past!



08	July	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mike Underhill by Donna Ross
10	July	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Jo Ann Milligan by Bridge Club
12	July	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
13	July	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Mary Jane Render by Jerry and Joan Bullock
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 6 - 13, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Welcome Fr. Jude & Deacon Gary!		
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Athletic Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	10:00 a.m.	Legion of Mary Curia
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy



We will soon be running the schedule for August-September-October. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- **Lectors:** please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org for this schedule only.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. **However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here.** If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you do not want to be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Friday, July 18.**



We remember our former parishioner, **Mary Lou Ward**, who passed away on June 28 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on July 2. Mary Lou was the school secretary and a kickball coach for several years while her children were students at Little Flower. Please keep all of Mary Lou's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary into his eternal glory.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of June 28 and 29	\$	13,020.74
Electronic Contributions 6/23-6/27	\$	3,450.34
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	698,216.52
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	691,600.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	6,616.52

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$	2,085.00
May Contributions	\$	2,073.00
June Contributions (to date)	\$	2,222.00

New Mass Times

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.



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, ext. 103, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a guest



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 12th and 13th
Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071325.cfm>



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.

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



SAVE THE DATE: There will be a **reception for Fr. Bob on Sunday, August 10, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate his retirement.** Please mark your calendar and plan on attending. Watch the Theresean for more information.

**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.



Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to everyone who in any way participated in my 50th Anniversary celebration. I am especially grateful to everyone who worked to make the day special for me, especially all those who worked behind the scenes to prepare the Liturgy and the luncheon/reception. Also, I am grateful to all those who attended the Mass. It was wonderful having the church almost full. Finally, I am grateful to all those who gave me well wishes, cards, and gifts. I was very touched by the entire celebration. There are no words to capture my feelings. Therefore, let me end with the following words from William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night:

*"I can no other answer make but thanks,
And thanks, and ever thanks...."*

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 - May 2025	505
June 2025	506



LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

100th Anniversary Gala



September

13

following
5:30 Mass

located in

Little Flower Gymnasium

Get ready for an unforgettable evening to celebrate 100 years! The gym will be beautifully transformed into an elegant space, setting the perfect scene for a night of dinner, drinks, live music, and dancing.

Guests are invited to dress in cocktail attire.

This is a 21+ event.



Tickets are limited | \$70 per person or \$600 per reserved table of 8

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