

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org



PASTORAL STAFF

Fr. Jude Meril Sahayam, Administrator
FrJude@littleflowerparish.org
Deacon Gary Blackwell, Deacon
DcnGary@littleflowerparish.org
Angie Mackell, Director of Stewardship and Administration:
AMackell@littleflowerparish.org
Peggy Clegg, Pastoral Associate – Health & Senior Ministries:
PClegg@littleflowerparish.org
Jeannie Zimmerman, Parish Secretary:
JZimmerman@littleflowerparish.org
Lisa Gibbons, Accounting Clerk/Religious Education Coordinator:
LGibbons@littleflowerparish.org
Kevin Gawrys, Principal:
KGawrys@littleflowerparish.org
Tom Costello, Music Director:
TCostello@littleflowerparish.org
Jacob Comley, Maintenance Director:
jcomley@littleflowerparish.org
Sandy Clegg, Office Assistant:
SClegg@littleflowerparish.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson	Elizabeth Mann
Vice Chairperson	Kurt Schnell
Secretary	OPEN POSITION
Finance Council	Greg Slisz
Faith Formation Commission	Lisa Gibbons (interim)
Invite Commission	Mark Misner
Liturgy Commission	Tom Costello (interim)
Parish Life Commission	Carol Wehlage
School Commission	Lauren Lay
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum
At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr
At-Large Member	Amy Torzewski
At-Large Member	Chris Johnson
At-Large Member	Rick Markins

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 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.



**Masses
for the Week**

For the Week July 21-27, 2025

22	July	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James O'Hara
24	July	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Bonnie & Emil Weimer by Ron Sharp
26	July	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Mary Helen Eckrich by Betsy Glowinski
27	July	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Patricia Murphy by Patrick & Beth Murphy
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 20 - 27, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

SAVE THE DATE!

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.

All things are possible with God

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of July 12 and 13	\$	7,162.56
Electronic Contributions 6/30-7/4	\$	3,596.79
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	27,870.30
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	26,700.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	1,170.30

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,073.00
June Contributions	\$	2,222.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$	1,664.00



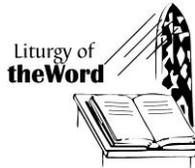
Please join the Men's Club on **Saturday, July 26** at Conner Prairie as we attend **Eaglemania: World's Greatest Tribute Band to the Eagles**. We currently have 20 tickets available priced at \$27 per ticket, which includes entrance to the show and a Jimmy John's sub. Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. This is a BIG discount over the face value of \$54

and these particular tickets are currently being sold by 3rd party brokers for well over \$100. All are welcome for great music and fellowship!

We also suggest bringing whatever drinks & chairs you want. Please bring a side to share, if you want. Hope to see you there!

Contact Jordan Myers (317-450-3076) to pay (Venmo) @jordan-myers-70. Transfer of the tickets will be arranged after purchase."

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



July 26th and 27th
Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072725.cfm>

**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 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:

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 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025	506
July 2025 (thru July 14)	436

July (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	124
9:00 a.m.	165
6:00 p.m.	147



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.:

- August 16: St. Gabriel
- September 13: St. Michael ****new date****
- October 11: St. Christopher
- November 8: St. Gabriel
- December: 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

The Ladies Club's Fashion show will be **Sunday, September 21** at 2:00 p.m. More details and ticket sales will be coming in the next few weeks. Mark your calendars!!

A Word from Deacon Gary

The Role of a Deacon

The Sacrament of Holy Orders in the Catholic Church includes three orders: bishop, priest, and deacon. In the hierarchy of the Catholic Church, the Pope is at the top, then cardinals, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Catholics recognize two types of deacons:

Transitional deacons are single men who are seminarians in the last phase of training for the Catholic priesthood. After being a deacon for a year or less, they're ordained a priest by the bishop.

Permanent deacons are single **or** married men who are ordained with no intention of becoming priests.

If married, it must be before he's ordained a deacon.

If his wife dies before him, he cannot remarry and in rare cases he may be ordained a priest if the bishop permits and approves.

Permanent deacons, especially those who are married, normally have secular jobs to support their families.

Deacons are not paid except in rare circumstances when they would hold a full time administrative position in the Church.

There is no difference in the sacramental sign or the functions between "transitional" and "permanent" deacons.

ALL Deacons are obligated to pray the same Divine Office also known as Breviary, or Liturgy of the Hours that every priest and bishop must pray a few times each day, every day.

The way we dress can sometimes lead to confusion.

Transitional Deacons generally wear a clerical collar, and depending on the Bishop in each diocese, you may see a Permanent Deacon wearing one in certain settings.

Our vestments are very similar at first glance; for example, we both wear stoles, but a deacon's stole rests on the left shoulder and passes across the breast and back to the right side. A priest's stole comes around the back of the neck, across the shoulders and falls straight down.

The outer vestment that a deacon wears is called a dalmatic and has sleeves, whereas the chasuble that a priest wears is open on the sides.

Priest and deacons serve under the bishop of the diocese. They are assigned by the bishop to ministries that the bishop sees has a great need. More commonly it may involve working in hospitals or prisons.

Most often, there is also a parish assignment, and once assigned to the parish, the deacon (and any other clergy assigned to the parish) minister under the immediate supervision of the pastor. This assignment may be changed at any time for various reasons.

When a deacon assists at Mass, he proclaims the Gospel reading and will occasionally give the homily at the discretion of the presiding priest.

As ministers of Liturgy or Sacrament, deacons can baptize, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services. We cannot hear confessions (well, we could listen but you won't get absolution) we cannot give an anointing of the sick because that also involves an absolution of sins.

It's significant that the deacon gets the last word at Mass. "Ite, missa est" does not mean "Go, the Mass has ended." It is a Latin word that a Roman commander would use to address his troops. It means "march." And missa est means "the church is being sent." He's saying, "We've got to link this Eucharist with mission. Let's go do that."

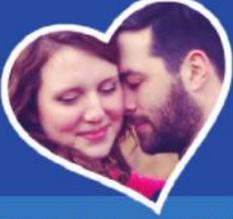
THIELE HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
 "Indy's Oldest Heating & Cooling Co."
 RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL SERVICE & REPLACEMENT
 Continuing 140 Years of Service
 317-639-1111
 John Traub "80"

Shi • Kay lounge
 1514 N. Emerson
 Your friendly neighborhood tavern
 HAVE YOUR PARTY HERE!

John Deering Cleaners
 1160 N. Arlington
 356-2471

ENVIRONMENTAL PEST CONTROL
 WE CARE ABOUT YOUR WELFARE
 James Dangler, Alumni
 545-7378
 www.envpest.com

J.C. VEERKAMP, INC.
 COMPLETE REMODELING & BUILDING
 COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL
 317-374-3285

catholicmatch® Indiana

 CatholicMatch.com/goIN

FOWLER FAMILY PLUMBING CONTRACTORS
 Licensed • Bonded • Insured
 317-356-9191
 • Repair & Replace Water, Sewer & Gas Lines
 • Backflow Certified • Camera Inspections • Drains Cleared
 • Complete Residential & Commercial Services

IRIS VOGEL-ESKEW
 REALTOR® • 317.332.9232
 ivogeleskew@highgarden.com
 HIGHGARDEN REAL ESTATE SERVICES WITH CARE
 Little Flower & Seccina Parent, Parishioner

#ThankYouForYourPriesthood


EM COMPANY INCORPORATED
 ELECTRICAL MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS
 2221 E. SOUTHPORT RD. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46227
 317-783-3291 em-company.com

UNITED TREE SERVICES
 • TREE REMOVAL
 • TREE TOPPING
 • SELECTIVE PRUNING
 • STUMP GRINDING
 • TREE TRIMMING
 317-410-4448 • 317-679-1442

BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION
 MASONRY • PLUMBING • ELECTRICAL
 FENCING • CHIMNEYS CLEANED \$99
 Since 1974
 317-357-4099

JW FENCE
 Done in One Week or FREE
 Since 1976 • Veteran
 317-357-1103

K&R TOOL SHED
 Homeowner/Contractor Rentals
 Kurt Schnell 81'-Parishioner
 3940 S. Arlington, Indy
 317-783-3394
 Rental - Sales
 Email: toolshed@att.net • Web: toolshedindy.com

Brian Nunley, D.D.S.
 "A Friendly Dentist & Staff Who Care."
 6643 E. Washington St.
 Family Dentistry
 352-1444
 www.brianenunleydds.com

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 Avery Murphy

 EWTN.COM/RADIO
 Global Catholic Radio
 TUNE IN

HELDMAN EXTERIORS, INC.
 Nicholas Heldman, President & Owner
 Siding • Roofing • Windows • Gutter • Awnings • Carports
 2603 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
 317-257-1169

ADVERTISE HERE
 Promote your Business AND Support your Parish.
 Laurie Ann Wells ~ 614-718-2994
 lwells@diocesan.com

Cathedral
 Greatness is Calling

 Cathedral High School OPEN HOUSE!
 October 2nd
 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 (Mass 5:00)
 CathedralOpenHouse.com

SHIRLEY BROTHERS MORTUARIES & CREMATORY

 "Preserving the Rite of Christian Burial and Respecting the Liturgy of Cremation."
 317.357.1181
 www.shirleybrothers.com

Get this bulletin emailed to you every week.
 Simply go to www.DM.CHURCH/2369 ...or scan 
 DISCOVERMASS

The Businesses listed above make this bulletin possible.
 Please support them when you can.

Sign up to get our bulletin in your email each week. Go to DiscoverMass.com/subscribe