

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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.

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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.



For the Week July 21-27, 2025

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| 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: 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

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| 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

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

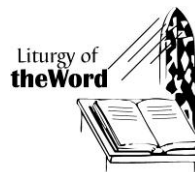


Please join the Men's Club on **Saturday, July 26** at Conner Prairie as we attend **Eaglemania: World's Greatest Tribute Band to the Eagles**. We currently have 20 tickets available priced at \$27 per ticket, which includes entrance to the show and a Jimmy John's sub. Tickets will be sold on a first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

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)

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| 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

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| 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!!



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-August. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to

lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Tuesday, July 29. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

NOTE: If anyone has photos from Fr. Bob's jubilee Mass and/or reception, or the welcome reception for Fr. Jude and Deacon Gary, please send those to the email listed above. Thank you!




Please welcome into our Christian Community Maisie Michele, daughter of Quinn and Shelby (Adamczyk-

Garcia) Cloghessy, who was baptized on Sunday, June 22, 2025.

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228

Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Sunday, July 27 from 6:00 -8:00 p.m., featuring a fried chicken and Polish sausage dinner that includes: polish noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, a vegetable, and dessert. The dinner is \$12.00 for adults, \$6.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. This will be a nice kickoff for the festival week at Holy Spirit Church.

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2 NORTE DAME 2025 FOOTBALL
SEASON TICKETS PLUS PARKING

\$50.00 PER RAFFLE TICKET
ONLY 200 TICKETS
WILL BE SOLD

THE WINNER WILL BE DRAWN ON SUNDAY, AUGUST
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UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI GAME AT THE GOLDEN ACE INN

QUESTIONS? .. CONTACT [KILCAR57@GMAIL](mailto:kilcar57@gmail.com) OR DAVIDRUHMKORFF@GMAIL.COM

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We need someone to coordinate Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses the 2nd full weekend of the month. The coordinator would be responsible for finding people

willing to check blood pressures, making sure all Masses are covered for the weekend, and sending an announcement to Tom Costello about Blood Pressure Checks the week of the event. There are currently 3 people willing to check blood pressures after the Masses, but they are unable to be the coordinator. If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile ministry, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER



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WHAT IS ST. VINCENT DE PAUL?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) is a worldwide Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values to grow in holiness. SVdP is dedicated to serving those in need through various programs and personal, hands-on assistance. SVdP's mission includes growing in holiness, working in friendship to build a more just world and providing service to people in need.

SVdP began in Paris in 1833 and is active now in over 155 countries with over 800,000 members. It started in the US in 1845 and in Indianapolis in 1946. Members of the Society are called Vincentians and serve in parishes through SVdP Conferences across the globe.

svdpindy.org



Don't delay getting your tickets to the 100th Anniversary Gala on September 13, 2025! Tickets to this elegant evening are \$70 for individuals or \$600 for a reserved table of 8. Visit lf100th.cbo.io for details on this unforgettable event! This is a 21+ event.

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."

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