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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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352

SCHOOL 317-353-2282

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?

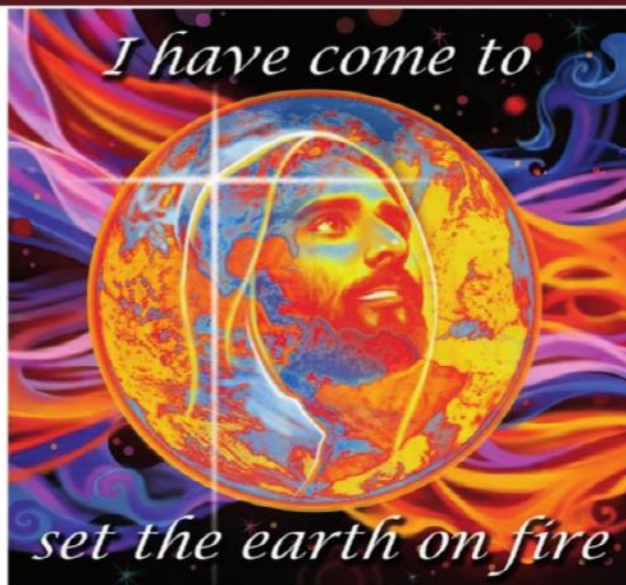
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 August 18 - 24, 2025

19 August	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	Mary Skinner by Glenda & Mike Graber
21 August	Thursday
5:30 p.m.	Jean Bultman by Scott Gary
23 August	Saturday
5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Paul Commiskey by the Commiskey Family
24 August	Sunday
9:00 a.m.	For the People
6:00 p.m.	Charley Murphy by the Murphy Family



Confirmation classes will be starting on **September 14, 2025**. If you are between the ages 14-18, have been Baptized and made your First Communion, you are invited to join our classes this year.

Our information session will be on **Saturday, August 23 at 5 p.m. (prior to Mass)** in the parish center. This session is to introduce the class, answer questions and give out forms. Please talk to your teens and prayerfully consider completing the Sacrament of Initiation.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 17 - 24, 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
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Board Meeting
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	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)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking Lot	6:30 p.m.	Parish Picnic
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME August 23rd and 24th

Isaiah 66:18-21

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Luke 13:22-30

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082425.cfm>

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of August 9 and 10	\$	5,745.25
Electronic Contributions 8/4-8/8	\$	5,978.79
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	80,516.97
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	80,100.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	416.97

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,222.00
July Contributions	\$	2,132.00
August Contributions (to date)	\$	1,635.00

Little Flower Euchre Nights

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men's Club



Who: Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age
Where: Little Flower Cafeteria
When: The following Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m.:

August 20
 September 3 and 17
 October 8, 15, and 29

We will play a round robin within groups of 8, so you will play 7 rounds and partner with everyone in your group of 8. Rounds will last 15 minutes with each player dealing twice if time allows – we will strictly limit each round to 15 minutes. We will play 4 rounds then take a 15-minute break before playing the final three rounds.

Snacks will be provided, and soft drinks/water will be available for \$1 each.

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you register.

Questions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or johnsojc@iu.edu.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025	506
July 2025	446

July Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	116
9:00 a.m.	178
6:00 p.m.	152

August 2025 (thru 8/3)	580
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August (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	135
9:00 a.m.	259
6:00 p.m.	186

100th Anniversary Gala

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 100th.cbo.io for details on this unforgettable event! This is a 21+ event.



Religious Education

We are currently enrolling for our Religious Education Program for children attending public schools. We offer classes for grades kindergarten through 8th. **Classes will begin September 28.** We will meet most Sundays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, if you have any questions, or would like to register.

JUST A REMINDER!



First practice of the season

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 p.m. in Church

Questions? tcostello@littleflowerparish.org



First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering 2nd grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school. Watch for more information from school.

If you have a child that is in 2nd grade who attends public schools and needs to be enrolled in our Sacramental Program, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register.

If you have a child in 3rd grade or above who has not made their First Eucharist, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org as soon as possible.

A requirement for First Eucharist is to be a baptized Catholic and a member of our parish. If your son or daughter has not been baptized in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish center for more information. Generally speaking, at least one parent of a child being presented for Baptism must be Catholic.

The next **Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.** This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until November.



Ladies Club Mum Sale

The Ladies Club Mum sale began on **August 2** and will conclude on August 25. Order forms are available at each Church door. **All orders must be**

returned to the Parish Center by Monday, August 25.



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, Paul Commiskey, 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 Zetzi.

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:

Agnes Nedeff

**729 E. 57th St, Indianapolis, IN 46220
(will be 105 on August 18)**

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.



Little Flower Catholic Church

4720 E 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Are you:

- Searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Curious what Catholics believe and how we worship?

**Our OCIA (formerly RCIA) class
is forming NOW!**

Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Beginning September 2, 2025
in the Parish Center.**

During these sessions, we will cover the four
cornerstones of our Catholic Faith:

- ❖ What We Believe (Creed)
- ❖ How We Worship (Sacraments)
- ❖ How We Live (Morality)
- ❖ How We Pray (Spirituality)

For more information or to register please contact

Lisa Gibbons by email

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org

or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

PLEASE READ MYKA BLACKWELL'S JOURNEY OF FAITH:

Hello, Little Flower!

In Spring of last year, I became interested in the Christian faith and eventually Catholicism in particular. When I saw that the local Catholic Church was only five minutes away and was offering OCIA classes within the next couple of months, I got in contact as soon as I could. Learning more about Catholicism brought the Christian faith to life for me. It made me realize that being a Christian is not just something you practice in addition to all the other aspects of your life. It's an entire identity that transforms and sanctifies every part of your life. It changes how you go about your duties, your happy moments, your sad and angry moments, your frustrations, and more. Becoming Catholic was the single most important decision I've ever made.

Since I had not known any Catholics, I initially didn't have a sponsor to help me go through the process. However, the people at Little Flower worked hard to help find me one, and I'm eternally grateful because without my sponsor, I wouldn't be writing this letter today. I received all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) on April 22, 2025, at the Easter Vigil. I chose St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower, as my Confirmation saint. She emphasized the fact that you don't have to be a great leader or brilliant thinker or change-maker to be holy. She said, "Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude."

Throughout OCIA, I was impatient because I thought I knew everything there was to know and just wanted to get initiated into the Church as soon as possible. Every Mass where I would have to cross my arms instead of taking the Eucharist, knowing that it was Jesus Christ in flesh and blood, pained me. After months of being instructed by the OCIA team, I'm so glad I went through the process and didn't rush it. It taught me a great deal of patience along with everything else. We were taught about what Catholics believe, Sacred Scripture and Tradition, Church history, how we ought to live our lives, and more. You will meet so many great people who will be there for you even after you finish OCIA. Whether you are just inquiring about Catholicism or are already committed to joining the Church, OCIA will be a great experience for you.

Sincerely,

Myka Blackwell



Thanks to Carol Wehlage for agreeing to be our new coordinator for Blood Pressure Checks. We are now in need of people willing to help with them on the second full weekend of every month. We currently have three people, but it would be great if we could have a few more to assist us in this endeavor. If you are able to check blood pressures and would like to help in this ministry, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.



Please join the Little Flower Ladies Club for their annual Fall Fashion Show on Sunday, September 21 at 2 p.m. at Cynthia's Hallmark Boutique (Greenfield).

Order forms for tickets are available at each of the Church doors. \$20 per ticket includes a FREE gift, appetizers, door prizes, and valuable in-store coupons.

Please drop off your order form and payment in the collection basket or at the parish center by September 15. Extra tickets will also be available at the door of Cynthia's on the day of the event. Let's make our 100th Anniversary the biggest year for this special event.

Seccina Cafeteria Substitute Needed

The kitchen manager seeks anyone interested in working as a substitute when her regular staff is out. The hours would be approximately 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. or as needed. Anyone interested can contact Casady Williamson at cawilliamson@scecina.org or Marty Dugan at mdugan@scecina.org.

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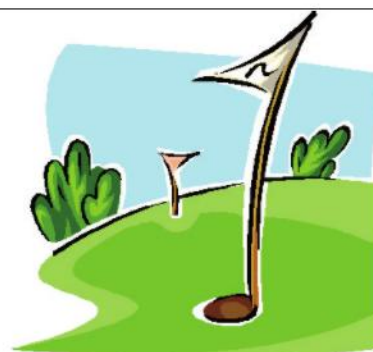
DID YOU KNOW?

Being and Belonging...A Retreat for Separated and Divorced Catholics will take place November 7-9, 2025 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 E. 56th Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. You are invited to relax as you journey with

others listening to their stories and exploring a common loss. The program will help deepen your understanding of the healing process, increase your sense of belonging, and help you affirm that God is with you in your struggles and hope. You can register either by contacting Lisa Koons at Fatima Retreat House (317) 545-7681, Ext 104, or registering online by going to: <https://www.archindy.org/fatima> and click on "Register." Click on the link to "Being and Belonging." Cost is \$210. Scholarships are available for those in need.

The retreat begins on Fri. Nov 7 with Registration /Check-in from 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Program begins at 7 p.m. (Dinner is not provided Friday, so please be sure to eat before you arrive).

For more information contact Amy Frederick at 317-696-5590 or email frederick303@gmail.com.



The Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer golf outing is just around the corner. The outing will be on Friday, September 5, at 8:00 a.m. at Pleasant Run Golf Course. See the link below to register.

<https://borchertmeyerouting.com/>





Little Flower Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 23rd, following 5:30 p.m. Mass
on the Parish Grounds

Join us for outside games including
Connect Four, Jenga, corn hole, Kan Jam,

**Please join us for
an exciting evening.**

Water Slide: There will be a water slide for children weighing less than 100 pounds. Children younger than 3 may slide with a parent present. **Swimsuits must be worn.** Don't forget to bring a towel! The water slide will not be available for use unless a parent is there to supervise.



Don't miss out on all the fun!!

All cars in the parking lot will have to be moved during the picnic. If you are coming to the 5:30 p.m. Mass and staying for the picnic, please park on the side streets. Thank you!

All are welcome!

***Fried Chicken, Drinks, & All
Paper Products Provided***

**Please bring a dish to share
that will feed at least 10-12 people.
In the past we have run out of food.
We don't want anyone to go hungry!**

If your Last Name Begins With:

- A—F** Desserts—cake, brownies, cupcakes, cookies, etc
- G—M** Cut fruit/cut veggies—relish tray, fruit tray, cut watermelon
- N—S** Hot Dish—mac and cheese, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, etc.
- T—Z** Cold Dish—pasta salad, macaroni salad, bean salad, etc.

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