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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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?

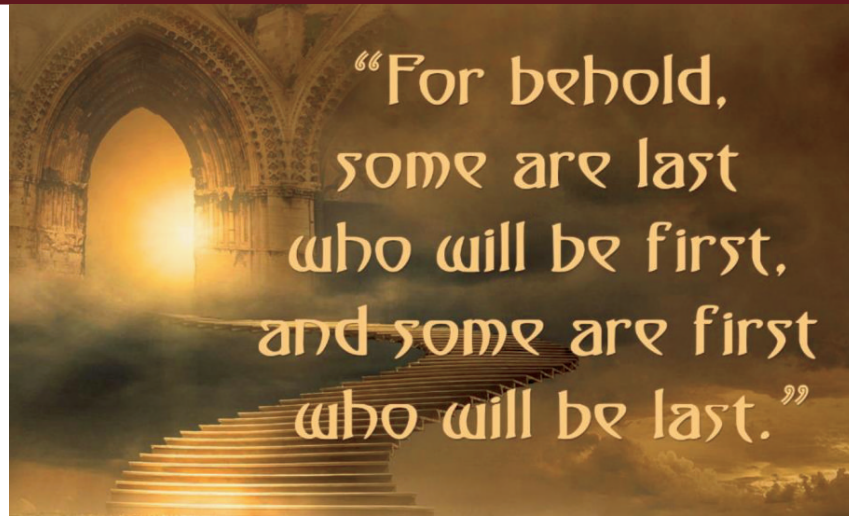
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 25 - 31, 2025

26 August	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	Sydney Deiwert by Amy Garner
28 August	Thursday
5:30 p.m.	Brian McGinley by the Biddle Family
30 August	Saturday
5:30 p.m.	Kathleen Marie Beltrame by David & Bev Dinn
31 August	Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Bobbie Lawless by Marie Martin & Theresa Madden
6:00 p.m.	For the People

Stewardship CornerYour Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of August 16 and 17	\$	6,591.50
Electronic Contributions 8/11-8/15	\$	6,892.54
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	94,001.01
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	93,450.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	551.01

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,222.00
July Contributions	\$	2,132.00
August Contributions (to date)	\$	1,870.00

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 24-31, 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
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	10:00 a.m.	Directory Photos
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	100 th Anniversary Committee
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Committee
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	Church	1:30 p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy



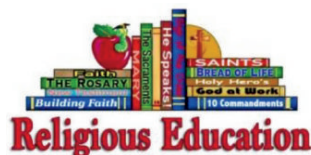
To Fr. Jude and the parishioners of Little Flower Parish,

Greetings and God's blessings to you all from the entire family of the Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Nyeri and God's people whom we serve.

We are deeply grateful for the welcome and support which We received last weekend when We visited the Parish for the mission appeal. We assure you that the donation so kindly given and received will help us make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need, and in turn witness to the great love God has for them. Please rest assured of the support of our prayers for you, your friends and the entire Parish. May you continue to experience God's love more deeply.

You can also visit our web site for more information at www.msomi.org

Yours, in the Mission of Christ,
Sr. Helen Murage S.M.I
Mission director



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.



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.

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 8/17)	547
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August (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	128
9:00 a.m.	243
6:00 p.m.	176



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.



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 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:

Bob Lawless
Independence Village
975 Olympia Drive, Fishers, IN 46037

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 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.:

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.

Scecina 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.



Please join the Little Flower Ladies Club for their annual Fall Fashion Show on **Sunday, September 21** at 2 p.m., 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.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 30th and 31st

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Luke 14:1, 7-14

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083125.cfm>



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://borchertmeyergolfouting.com/>

100th Anniversary Merchandise is Available!

It's finally here! We know many have been waiting to purchase 100th Anniversary gear, and now is the time! We are having an online sale beginning now, and going through September 14. Use the link below for the merchandise site.

<https://www.itsazshirt.com/lf100years/shop/home>



All things are
possible with God



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

There have been several reminders about our new choir season in the past week's Theresean, and I have not had a single request for information! **It's really important to get some new members if the choir is to maintain its rich tradition and vital role in our liturgy.**

The adult choir sings at the 9:00 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M., and our first practice for the new year will be Tuesday, September 2, at 7:00 P.M.

We have lost several voices over the past couple of years. We could use some new voices in ALL voice sections.

There is no audition needed, and no minimum skill level required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability. Please give some serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this important ministry. It's a significant commitment, but one that can be satisfying and fun!

E-mail tcostello@littleflowerparish.org with questions.



Annual Trash Bag Sale

Order forms are in the back of the church for PPS's annual trash bag sale. Orders and payment are due Friday, August 29! The money raised by PPS helps pay for field trips, student scholarships, teacher appreciation and community building events. Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road
Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, August 25** at 6:30 p.m. featuring a **Fried Fish Dinner** that includes mac & cheese, green beans, coleslaw and a dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.



Explore Graduate Theology at Saint Meinrad

Laity and deacons are invited to an Open House for the Graduate Theology Program of Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology. In-person Saturday, October 11 or online Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. CT.

Discover how our Master of Arts and certificate programs in theology can deepen your understand of the faith and support your call to ministry or discipleship. Visit saintmeinrad.edu/openhouse



Many Hands Make **LIGHT** Work

It may seem early, but Thanksgiving and Christmas will be here before you know it. Planning meetings for our Thanksgiving Blessing Bags and Christmas Giving Tree will begin soon. If you are interested in helping with these ministries, please contact Peggy Clegg: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x106. Thank you!



Day of Silence/Self-Directed

Thursday, September 18, 2025/ 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Description: This day is unscheduled and offers retreatants the opportunity to “unplug” from the outside world in a relaxed, calm and quiet setting.

Registration: \$45 per person; includes lunch, Mass, private room for the day and access to areas of peace within the retreat house and grounds. An overnight stay, if available, can be added for an additional \$35 per night.

You Are Not Alone Retreat – A weekend of Hope and Healing for Survivors of Suicide Loss

Presenters: Christine Turo—Shields, LCSW, EMDR Certified Therapist, Fr. Jim Farrell, Lisa Thibault and Shelly & Shea Wynn

Friday, September 19 - Sunday, September 21, 2025

Description: this retreat provides a safe and comfortable opportunity for believers, and Catholics in particular, to come together and grieve, share experiences and learn how God can help them in their journey of survival after a suicide tragedy. The retreat offers tools to aid in grief work and survival through various resources, prayer and activities. NOTE: the presentations are geared towards adults, however teens 15 years and older may attend with a parent or guardian.

Registration: commuter rate of \$40 per person; includes meals, private guest room to use during day session, Mass Saturday evening, program and materials. Overnight accommodations are NOT included but available and may be added to registration at \$35 per night.

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrimage to Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics

A “Fatima on the Road” Bus Trip

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 / 7:30am – 5:30pm.

Description: We will travel to/from Maria Stein, Ohio in a premium Motorcoach, to the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, home to one of the largest documented Holy Relic Collections with over 1200 relics of the Saints and five relics of the True Cross. While there, we will enjoy guided tours of the Relic Chapel and the Heritage Museum, Mass celebrated by Fr. Jim Farrell and time to walk the grounds and visit the Pilgrim Gift Shop. Bus space is limited so be sure to register early!

Registration: \$100 per person; includes bus transportation, tours, lunch and on-board snacks;

To register online for any of these retreats, please visit www.archindy.org/fatima - click on “Program Calendar & Registration” in upper RH corner of home page and scroll through Calendar of Events to find the program. You may also contact our Registrar, Lisa Coons at (317) 545-7681; lcoons@archindy.org



HIGH SCHOOL MEN... YOU'RE INVITED TO

HOLY CROSS VOCATIONS NIGHT



SCAN TO
SIGN UP



 **MONDAY**

September 1

4:30 – 8:00 pm

Bishop Chatard High School
Mass, Dinner, and Discussion
with Holy Cross Religious

QUESTIONS? Contact frgeoff@gocathedral.com

   **@cscvocations**

All high school men in the Indianapolis area are invited to a young men's vocations night sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross. Join priests from the University of Notre Dame on Monday, September 1, to learn more about discernment, prayer, and religious life in Holy Cross. Check-in begins at 4:30 p.m. at Bishop Chatard High School, with Mass to follow across the street at Christ the King Catholic Church. Dinner will be served, followed by a panel discussion, Q&A, and lucernarium (candlelit night prayer), ending around 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! Please contact Fr. Geoff Mooney, C.S.C., at frgeoff@gocathedral.com if you have questions, and be sure to fill out the Google Form to sign up: <https://forms.gle/qod1na3FwyPnrhHi7>.

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