# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

## **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: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 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?

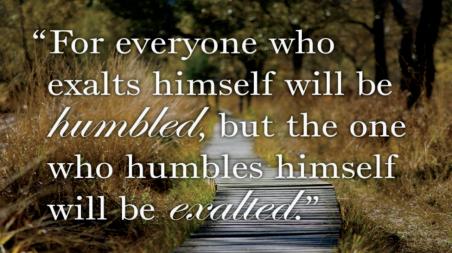
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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 September 1 - 7, 2025

02	September 8:30 a.m. September	Tuesday Alberta Peters by Family and Friends Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Timothy Hall by Jerry & Eileen Mader
06	September	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for Kidney Transplant by Linda & Michael Jerrell
07	September	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Kenny Hill by Kathy Gries
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

Stewardship Corner							
Your Gifts of Treasure							
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00					
Collection of August 23 and 24	\$	8,258.14					
Electronic Contributions 8/18-8/22	\$	4,430.39					
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	106,689.54					
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	106,800.00					
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 110.46					
Home Improvement Fund							
June Contributions	\$	2,222.00					
July Contributions	\$	2,132.00					
August Contributions (to date)	\$	2,100.00					

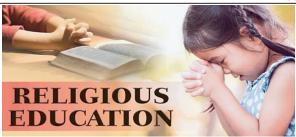


Don't delay getting your tickets to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala on September 13, 2025! Tickets to this elegant evening are \$70 for individuals or \$600 for a reserved table of 8. Visit If100th.cbo.io for details on this unforgettable event! This is a **21**+ event.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 31 – September 7, 2025						
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
Monday	Labor Day					
-	Parish & School Closed					
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	OCIA			
·	(Parish Center)	_				
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
Wednesday	St. Therese	5:00 p.m.	SVDP			
	(Parish Center)					
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	School Commission			
	(Parish Center)					
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Euchre			
	(school café)					
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club			
	(school café)					
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA			
	(Parish Center)	_				
Friday	Pleasant Run	8:00 a.m.	Golf Outing			
	Golf Course					
	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
	(Parish Center)	_				
Saturday	St. Patrick	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group			
	(Parish Center)					
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	(school café)					

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)							
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemi	ic) 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 8/24)	552						
August (to date) Averages per Mass							
5:30 p.m. 152							
9:00 a.m. 224							
6:00 p.m. 176							



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

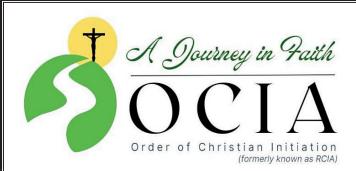
Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering  $2^{\rm nd}$  grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school. Watch for more information from school.

If you have a child that is in 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 <a href="mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org">lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</a> to register.

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





# 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 this Tuesday, 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, or show up at our first class!



The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 1, for Labor Day.



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, 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:

#### Gary Walters 4849 Franklin Villas Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46237

#### 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.



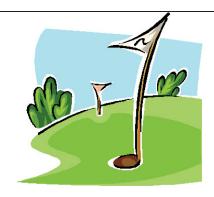
CHOIR STARTS THIS WEEK! It's really important to get some new members if the choir is to maintain its rich tradition and vital role in our liturgy.

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.



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/

#### **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.



#### WELCOME / REGISTRATION September 6 and 7, 2025

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower?
Are you considering joining us? If so, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish!
Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the WELCOME TABLE in the gathering area for a registration form. There are also forms available if your address or contact information has changed.

You may also register at www.littleflowerparish.org



#### Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat

Breakfast on Sunday, September 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.



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.



There will be a Ladies Club meeting on Thursday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria). Please plan on joining us for our first meeting of the year! Our new officers will be installed, and we will discuss ideas for speakers and field trips, as well as ways to improve attendance at meetings. Let's make our 100<sup>th</sup> year the best year yet!

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.



#### 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





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: <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> or 317-357-8352 x106. Thank you!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7th

Wisdom 9:13-18b Philemon 9-10, 12-17 Luke 14:25-33

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090725.cfm



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#### Day of Silence/Self-Directed

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

<u>Description</u>: 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

<u>Description:</u> 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.

<u>Description:</u> 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 <a href="www.archindy.org/fatima">www.archindy.org/fatima</a> - 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



# CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING WORKSHOP

Presented by: Catholic Charities - Social Concerns Cost: \$15.00 - Lunch Provided

September 20, 2025 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Nativity Catholic Church 7225 Southeastern Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46239

Scan QR Code to Register
For more Information contact:
Lsheehan@archindy.org



The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of today's modern world. But today's modern world can be messy, confusing, and at times demoralizing.

In light of today's world, what does it mean to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves?

Join Theresa Chamblee, Director of Catholic Charities-Social Concerns, as we explore together the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and the richness of living a life based on the Theology of Charity.

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- Overview of Catholic Social Teaching including the history, four principles & 7 themes.
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- Tools & resources to live & evangelize Catholic Social Teaching



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