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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.

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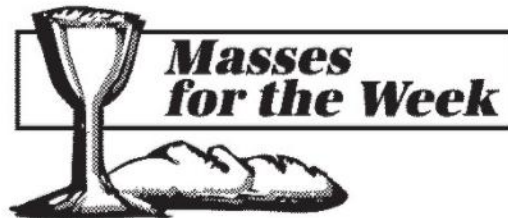
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 15-21, 2025

16 September	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	Intentions of Sydney Deiwert by Amy Garner
18 September	Thursday
5:30 p.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James O'Hara
20 September	Saturday
5:30 p.m.	Gertrude McAtee by Ladies Club
21 September	Sunday
9:00 a.m.	For the People
6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey Family by Paul Commiskey



Did you know that about 38% of the population is eligible to give blood, but fewer than 5% do. You have an opportunity to change that % by donating blood at our upcoming **Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 8 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** The Bloodmobile will be in front of church. Our goal is to have 20 donors! Please consider being

one of our 20 donors.

You may sign up to donate at: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11614957.

If you have any questions please contact Peggy Clegg, email pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or call 317-357-8352 x106.

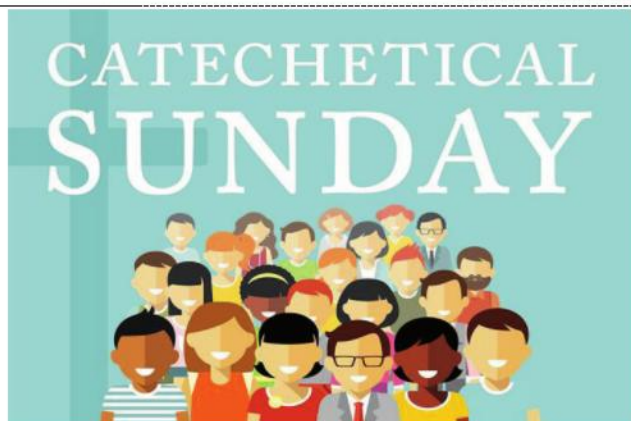
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 14 - 21, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Blood Pressure check after all Masses.		
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Association
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:30 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Novena Flower Collection after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Off-Site	2:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Fashion Show
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Trivia Night

EMERGENCY COLLECTION – GAZA

On the weekend of September 20/21 there will be a 2nd collection for the situation in Gaza and across the Middle East. In a letter to the U.S. bishops, Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, president of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) asked them to consider taking up a voluntary special collection in their dioceses. You may participate in our 2nd collection or donate online to Catholic Relief Services: Jerusalem, W Bank and Gaza | CRS at www.crs.org.

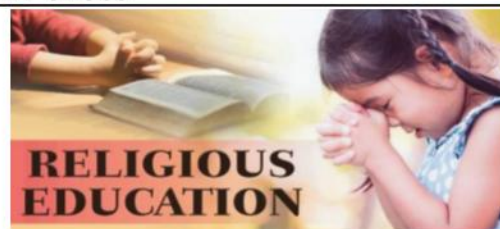


On September 20-21, 2025, Little Flower will join with parishes throughout our diocese and the country to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is **“Always be ready to give an explanation for a reason for your hope”** (1Peter 3:15)

During all weekend Masses we will recognize and commission all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish. This includes Religious Ed Catechists, OCIA, Vacation Bible School, Children’s Liturgy, Catholic school teachers, and CYO coaches.

We also recognize the role parents and guardians play in handing on the faith to the children and youth in our parish.

Take a minute and thank our catechists, teachers, and coaches for all they do to share the light of faith with our children, youth, and adults.



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.

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 27 - Annual Parish Feast Day and Parish Appreciation

Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation dinner in Duffey Hall following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are invited!

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

On Saturday, November 1 we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025	506
July 2025	446
August 2025	539

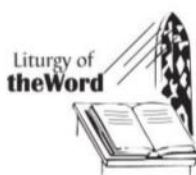
August (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	143
9:00 a.m.	226
6:00 p.m.	170

September 2025 (thru 9/7)	520
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September (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	88
9:00 a.m.	251
6:00 p.m.	181



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 20th and 21

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092125.cfm>

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 17 and 24
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.

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>

**LFMC****Little Flower Men's Club**

The Little Flower Men's Club annual baseball trip has a few tickets remaining for anyone interested!

This year's game features the Reds and Cubs playing on Saturday, September 20 at 6:40 pm in Cincinnati.

We still have tickets left which are \$33 apiece. If you would like to reserve tickets, please contact Jordan Myers via email at myersjc14@gmail.com.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

This is a family-friendly LF Men's Club Event.

We typically meet in the LF parking lot to carpool/caravan to the game. More information will be provided as game day approaches.

Tickets can be electronically transferred to anyone wanting to go to the stadium on their own or meet up there.

First come first served



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 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:

Eileen Walters

849 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.



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!



COME JOIN US!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 16, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center. Our topic is The Bible.

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

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

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, September 22** at 6:30 p.m. featuring **Beef Stroganoff, mashed potatoes, veggies** 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.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 6 and 7	\$	12,082.80
Electronic Contributions 9/1-9/5	\$	9,416.48
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	136,510.13
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	133,500.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	3,010.13

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,132.00
August Contributions	\$	2,195.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,417.00

NOVENA BEGINS NEXT WEEK!



One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the **Annual Novena to St. Therese**. The novena will begin on Tuesday, September 23 and will continue until Wednesday, October 1. The service on weekdays will consist of Novena prayers, a

reflection, and a Communion Service. The Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place on October 1st. This is the schedule of services:

Days 1 thru 4- September 23 thru 26 – service in church at 5:30 p.m.
Day 5 – Saturday, September 27 – prayers at 5:30 p.m. Mass
Day 6 – Sunday, September 28 – prayers at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Days 7 thru 8 – September 29 and 30 – service in church at 5:30 p.m.
Day 9 – October 1 – Solemn Closing and Benediction at 5:30 p.m. with First Communion Candidates in procession.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of September 27 and 28.



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.

*Everything is a
reminder of the Cross.
We ourselves are made
in the shape of a cross.*

St. John Vianney



THANK YOU!



Thank you to all those who supported the annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing! We are grateful for all of the donations, sponsorships, and of course, all of the golfers that joined us! Your continued support of Little Flower Catholic School is greatly appreciated! See you next year on the links!

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DOOR 4 OFF SCHOOL PARKING LOT
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ROOM B05

Cost – Registration

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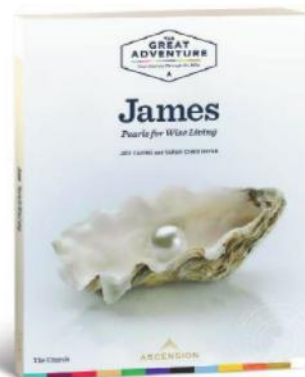
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