

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: 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?

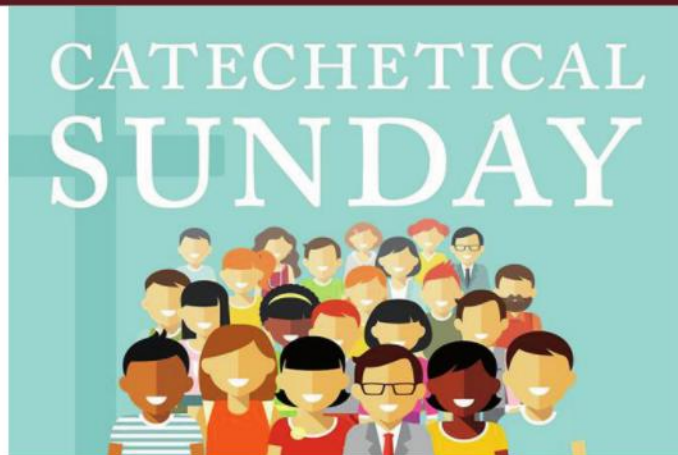
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 September 22 - 28, 2025

23	September	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary & Roland Weimer by Ron Sharp
	5:30 p.m.	Novena and Communion Service
24	September	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Novena and Communion Service
25	September	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Novena prayers & Mass Brian McGinley by Debbie & Mark O'Neal
26	September	Friday
		Novena and Communion Service
27	September	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
28	September	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Patrick & Margaret Moriarty & Family by Michael Moriarty
	6:00 p.m.	Janet Commiskey by The Commiskey Family



We remember our parishioner, Mike Kanney, who passed away on September 12. Mike was our sacristan for many years. Currently services are pending. Please keep all of Mike's family and friends in your thoughts

and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mike into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 21 - 28, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Off-Site	2:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Fashion Show
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group Trivia Night
	Novena Flower Collection after all Masses.		
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Parish Appreciation Dinner
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment

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.

Thank you!

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for all the cards and gifts for the 50th anniversary of my ordination, my retirement, and my 76th birthday.

I think I have finally sent all the thank you's for your generous gifts. There were a few I could not send because I did not recognize a name or did not have an address. If I missed sending you a thank you, please let me know.

You are all so generous.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Did you know that about 75% of Americans reaching the age of 72 will need donated blood within their lifetime; 97% will have a loved one who will need blood. You can help 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: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x106.



Religious Education

Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public schools. We will meet on most Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. beginning September 28, 2025. **The first day of class we will meet in the school cafeteria for a meet and greet.**

PLEASE NOTE if you have a child in 2nd grade that needs to make their First Communion, and they attend public schools, please enroll your child in Religious Ed.

If you have any questions, or to register for Religious Ed, please email Lisa at lqibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.

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 9/14)	535
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September (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	154
9:00 a.m.	218
6:00 p.m.	163

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.



The Ladies Club will be meeting on Thursday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. Please join us for some fellowship and fun. We hope to see you there.

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 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.

SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARS

San Damiano Scholars Program at Marian University

Do you know a high school senior who is strong in faith, leadership, and service? The San Damiano Scholars Program at Marian University in Indianapolis provides generous tuition support (including awards up to full tuition) for students who seek to be transformational leaders in rebuilding the Church through their life's work.

Scholars participate in leadership formation, retreats, 1:1 mentoring, and service immersion, and will major or minor in Ministry Studies – all while being part of a faithful and vibrant Catholic community. Ideal candidates demonstrate excellent academic achievement, leadership and service commitment, and active participation in Church life.

Priority deadline: October 15, 2025

Learn more, apply, or nominate a student at: marian.edu/SanDamiano



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 27th and 28th

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Luke 16:19-31

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092825.cfm>



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, 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:

Sally Meth

Envive Healthcare

501 N 17th Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107

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 Lilianna 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.



COME JOIN US!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 23,
from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center.
Our topic is *God the Father and the Holy Trinity*.

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

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 13 and 14	\$	6,886.78
Electronic Contributions 9/8-9/12	\$	2,925.04
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	146,321.95
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	146,850.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 528.05

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,132.00
August Contributions	\$	2,195.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,790.00



ANNUAL PET BLESSING

On **Saturday, October 4**, we will have our annual **Blessing of Pets** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. We will begin at **9:30 a.m.** in the grassy area between the church and the school (Bosart lawn). Don't miss this opportunity to get your fur babies blessed!

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

NOVENA BEGINS THIS 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 (or Mass). The Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place on October 1. This is the schedule of services:

Days 1 and 2- Tuesday and Wednesday, September 23, 24 – Service in church at 5:30 p.m.

Day 3 – Thursday, September 25 - Novena prayers in church at 5:30 p.m., prior to Mass.

Day 4 – Friday, September 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 – Monday and Tuesday, September 29 and 30 – service in church at 5:30 p.m.

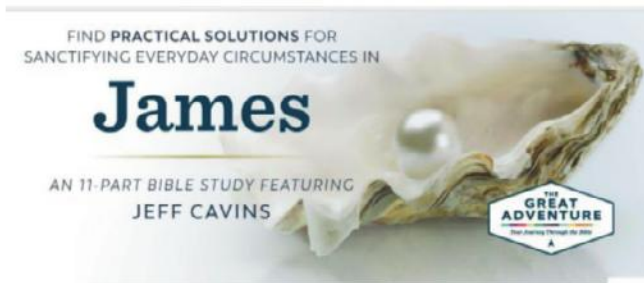
Day 9 – Wednesday, October 1 – Solemn Closing and Benediction at 5:30 p.m. with First Communion Candidates in procession.

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



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!



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Starting Mondays September 29

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Little Flower School

Door 4 off the school parking lot

Room B05 (elevator available)

For more information contact Kurt Schnell, email

zimmfan67@gmail.com, or 317-340-4640

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CATHOLIC PARISH

Join Us For Our

Sept 26-27, 2025



Celebrate Community

With food, Fun and Fellowship!

Friday, September 26 – Opens at 5 p.m.

Saturday, September 27 – 2 p.m. festival resumes

4 p.m. Vigil Mass (front lawn)

Fall Fest Website



I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all who were involved in making our 100th Anniversary Gala such an amazing evening! Special thanks goes to the 100th Anniversary Committee, who worked on the planning for over a year: Donna Clifford, Mary Martha Costello, Pattiann Gavaghan, Lauren Lay, Kurt Schnell, and Drew Torzewski. Each of these individuals played a large role in the success of the gala.

I'd also like to thank all volunteers who helped with setting up and tearing down, the high school students who worked during the event, the teachers who constructed the historical timeline in the cafeteria, and anyone else involved with any part of the gala.

Big thanks goes out to our event sponsors:

- James Babcock, Inc. Electrical Contractors
- Little Flower Class of 1963
- Logan P Harrison on behalf of the LF Class of 1996
- Scecina Memorial High School
- K&R Tool Shed
- Printing Partners
- CSO Architecture and Interior Design

Finally, I want to thank all who attended or supported the gala in any way. As we always say, Little Flower is great because of its people! My heart is full.

~Angie Mackell





Little Flower Parish FEAST DAY and Appreciation Celebration

**PLEASE
JOIN US!**

In a spirit of thankfulness and celebration
for 100 YEARS of time, talent, and treasure,
we request the presence of you and your
family at a special dinner for all parishioners.

The purpose of this meal is to celebrate
everything that is great about Little Flower—
YOU!



~SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27~

~SCHOOL CAFETERIA~

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
5:30 P.M. FEAST DAY MASS**

**Dinner will be provided, so you
don't need to bring anything!**

**R.S.V.P. to the Parish
Center
317-357-8352, ext.103 or
jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org
by September 25.**

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