

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?

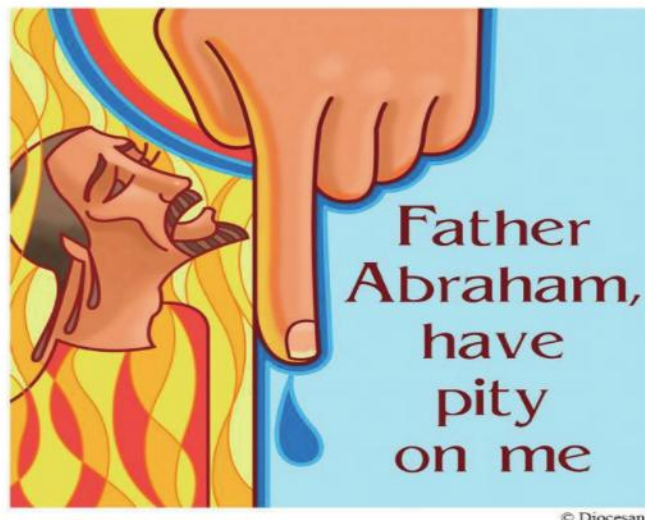
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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.

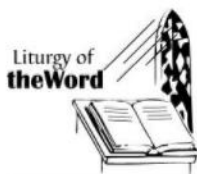
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 29 – October 4, 2025

29 September	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Novena and Communion Service
30 September	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Novena and Communion Service
01 October	Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Ward by Tom and Cathy Johnson
		5:30 p.m.	Solemn Closing of Novena and Benediction
02 October	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Janet Commiskey by The Commiskey Family
04 October	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Atzin Jaimes by Tom & Julie Bullock
05 October	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	For the People
		6:00 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Jane Gilmore



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 4 and 5
Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100525.cfm>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 28 – October 4, 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
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Seccina Sacred Music Concert
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	Bosart Lawn	9:30 a.m.	Pet Blessing
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

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 9/21) 503

September (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	131
9:00 a.m.	212
6:00 p.m.	160

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.

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

NOVENA CONTINUES THIS WEEK!

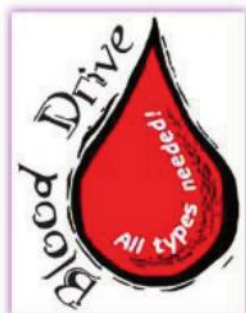


One tradition that has lasted almost from the beginning of the parish is the **Annual Novena to St. Therese**. The novena will continue with Day 7 on Monday, September 29 and conclude on Wednesday, October 1. The service on weekdays will consist of

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

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.



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.

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

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.:

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.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 20 and 21	\$	6,140.00
Electronic Contributions 9/15-9/19	\$	9,248.44
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	161,710.39
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	160,200.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	1,510.39

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,132.00
August Contributions	\$	2,195.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	2,130.00



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.



WELCOME / REGISTRATION October 4 and 5, 2025

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower but have not joined?

If so, consider this your official invitation 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



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, Eileen Walters, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

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 Meth, 1463 N Bosart Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201

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.



COME JOIN US!

Please join us on Tuesday, September 30,
from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Our topic is *The Person of Jesus*.

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

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, October 8th at 11:30 a.m.** in the parish center. This month some of our 8th grade students will be joining us for lunch. Following lunch we will decorate pumpkins. Please call the parish center, 317-357-8352 if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend!



The Rite of Enrollment Mass for the sacrament of confirmation is September 28, 2025 at 6pm. Please join us in welcoming our newest candidates!

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road.

The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, October 5th 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.

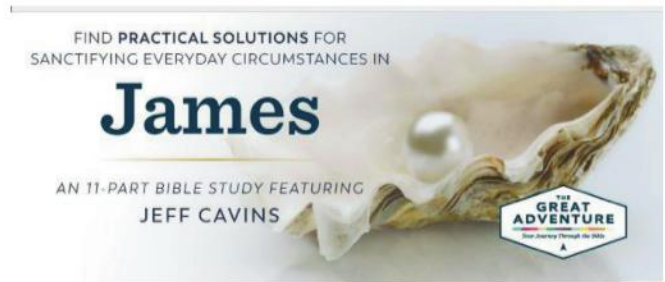


ANNUAL PET BLESSING

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!



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!



11 weeks

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



Fr. Jude helped parishioners Jim and Loretta Miller celebrate 60 years of marriage at the SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Congratulations Jim and Loretta!



SCECINA
MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL

Sacred MUSIC CONCERT

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 29

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH
4720 E. 13TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS

7:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION





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BISHOP BRUTE SEMINARY
OCTOBER 4TH @8AM



Key Details

- **COST: FREE**
- **AGES: 12-18**
- **TEAM SIZE: MINIMUM OF 6 PEOPLE**
- **DOUBLE ELIMINATION!**
- **ROLLING TROPHY FOR THE PARISH!**

Registration

- **EACH PARTICIPANT NEEDS TO REGISTER IN ORDER TO PLAY!**
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