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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:30 PM Saturday: Mass

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.

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Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 OFFICE HOURS:

PARISH CENTER

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 October 13 - 19, 2025

14	October	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Harry & Rosemary Maginn by Family
16	October	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Larry Neidlinger by the Neidlinger Family
18	October	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
19	October	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Michelle Fischer by the Ladies Club
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 1 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. If you have children who graduated from Little Flower, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend. More details can be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Blood pressure check after all Masses.				
V.:	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study		
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		
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre		
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Church	6:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal		
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group		
	Church	1:00 p.m.	Wedding		
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		
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation		

Next weekend is World Mission Sunday. Please take this opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two-thirds of the world's people who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. Please be as generous as possible.



We will soon be running the Novemberschedule for December-January. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- please Tom Lectors: email Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- Eucharistic Ministers: please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- please email Gibbons Servers: Lisa lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are If there are no dates that you unable to be here. anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you do not want to be scheduled, please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Tuesday, October 21.

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Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)							
December 2019 - February 2020	(pre-pandemic)	608					
June 2024 - May 2025							
June 2025 - August 2025		501					
September 2025		518					
September Averages per Mass							
5:30 p.m.	140						
9:00 a.m.	216						
6:00 p.m.	162						
October 2025 (thru 10/5)							
October (to date) Averages per Mass							
5:30 p.m.	102						
9:00 a.m.	207						
6:00 p.m.	162						



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18 and 19

Exodus 17:8-13

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Luke 18:1-8

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101925.cfm

Stewardship Corner Your Gifts of Treasure Weekly Budget Goal 13,350.00 Collection of October 4 and 5 8,023.00 \$ Electronic Contributions 9/29-10/3 9,260.69 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual 187,167.80 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget 186,900.00 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD 267.80 Home Improvement Fund August Contributions 2,195.00 September Contributions 2,216.00 1,450.00



October Contributions

Halloween is right around the corner! Your help is needed to make the parish Halloween Bash on Friday, October 31 from 6 - 8 p.m., a success. Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the

collection containers that will be available at the church doors beginning next weekend. Also, if you are willing to help with the Halloween Party, please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x 106. We need people to help with setting up, tearing down, passing out candy, assisting with games, and working in the kitchen.



COME JOIN US!

Please join us on Tuesday, October 14, from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the parish center. Our topic is:

Mary-the Church's First & Most Perfect Mother If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Greenbriar Village has a series of speakers, on various topics, that anyone is welcome to attend. The dates and topics are listed below. Seating is limited, so please call Deanna Reid at 317-899-6777 if you wish to attend

October 16 at 2:00 p.m.

More Help and Comfort: The Truth About Hospice

Presented by Accent Care Hospice

When and why to start hospice sooner. Who qualifies?

November 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Memory and Mobility

Presented by Aegis Therapies

How memory and movement naturally change as we age.

What can you do now to stay sharp and steady?

December 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Peace of Mind: The Benefits of Preplanning Presented by Shirley Brothers Mortuaries

Learn about the benefits of preplanning your funeral.



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:

Theresa Lotz Harmony at Avon 2141 Dan Jones Rd. Apt. 308, Avon, IN 46213

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.

October 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.

Euchre Tournament

Fatima Event Center and Council #3228 will host a Euchre Tournament on **Friday evening, October 24, 2025.** Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with play beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. First place prize will be determined by the number of players. The person with the most loners will receive \$20. Ties will be split evenly. A full list of game rules will be presented before the start of play. We will also be hosting a 50/50 drawing for the evening. In addition to all this fun, we will have the full bar libations open along with seasonal food items for sale. To register and obtain more information, please contact GK Tony Pappas at 317-281-5023. Bringing outside food and drink will not be permitted. We are looking forward to a fun, competitive evening of card playing This event is open to members and non-members alike. Hope to see you there!



The Ladies Club will be collecting hygiene products for the Unhoused until November 3. We will stuff individual bags with your donations to be delivered to the Soup Kitchen at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral. There will be containers at each door of the Church for you to drop your donations into. We are so grateful for your continued support in all we ask of you.

Travel or Sample Sizes of:

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Wet wipes
- deodorant
- Small brush
- Body wash
- Shaving cream
- Lip balm
- Band-Aids

- Skin lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Hand sanitizer
- Comb
- Hair ties
- Razors
- Feminine hygiene
- Sunscreen
- Antibacterial wipes



Our annual all-class reunion is right around the corner!!

We are inviting all of our alumni to attend. We are also asking that you assist us in encouraging your children, siblings, cousins, friends, and acquaintances who are alumni to attend this special evening.

Details are provided below. Please lend us a hand in spreading the word.

Reservations required by OCTOBER 27.

All Alumni and their guest are invited to our annual ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 1, 2025

4:45 pm School Tours - Meet in School Cafeteria (enter Door #6)

5:30 pm Mass at Little Flower Church

6:30 pm Social Hour (cash bar) at the Indianapolis Marriott East

7202 E. 21st Street

7:15 pm Complimentary Dinner and Program at the Marriott

This year we will honor the following outstanding alumni:

Thomas Griffin II (posthumously), Class of 1958 Pattiann Gavaghan, Class of 1970 Gerard Striby, Class of 1976

and

The Little Flower Classes of 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, and 2000

Please R.S.V.P. by October 27, 2025

Call the Little Flower Parish office at 317-357-8352, or send an e-mail to Ifalumni@yahoo.com.

Please send your name, year of graduation, and your guest's name.

Kindly help us spread the word by inviting and encouraging other Little Flower alumni to attend.

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening. To help accommodate guests who would like to be seated together, the dining room will open for seating at 6:50 p.m.

Arrive early for early seating.



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