

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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 October 20 - 26, 2025

21	October	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of the Martyne Family
23	October	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Brian McGinley by Debbie & Mark O'Neal
25	October	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	Eileen Watson by Jane Gilmore
26	October	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	For the People
			6:00 p.m.	Ed & Roberta Galluzzi by the Galluzzi & Pusnik Families

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.



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden," will be distributed in mid-November. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Tuesday, October 28. You may also bring items to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket.

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

October 19 - 26, 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
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Board Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	Giving Tree Committee
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
Friday	School	4:00 p.m.	Cultural Festival
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
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
	At Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Movie Night



We will soon be running the schedule for November-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).

- **Lectors:** please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa Gibbons at 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 unable to be here.** If there are no dates that you 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.**



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Jayme Kramer & her family* on the death of her mother, **Mae Angermeyer**, who passed away recently and to *Gerri Burgin* on the death of her sister, **Frances Lester**, whose

funeral liturgy was celebrated here on October 16. Please keep all of Mae's and Frances' family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mae and Frances into his eternal glory.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
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 10/12)	483
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October (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	108
9:00 a.m.	195
6:00 p.m.	180

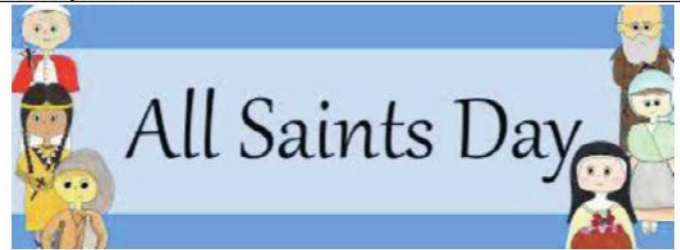
Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,350.00
Collection of October 11 and 12	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 10/6-10/10	Check back next week
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
October Contributions	\$ 1,450.00



Saturday, November 1

Because All Saint's Day falls on a Saturday this year, there is not an obligation to attend Mass. It is, however, still a Holy Day. Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes on Friday, October 31, and all are welcome to attend. There will not be a Holy Day Mass at Little Flower. Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday that weekend will be the Mass for All Soul's day.



Halloween is right around the corner! Your help is needed to make the parish **Halloween Bash** on Friday, **October 31 from 7-8:30 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 21, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Our topic is:

The Saints

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

• **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.



We need your Help

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:

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| • Shampoo | • Skin lotion |
| • Toothpaste | • Toothbrushes |
| • Wet wipes | • Hand sanitizer |
| • deodorant | • Comb |
| • Small brush | • Hair ties |
| • Body wash | • Razors |
| • Shaving cream | • Feminine hygiene |
| • Lip balm | • Sunscreen |
| • Band-Aids | • Antibacterial wipes |

Being & Belonging



Being and Belonging - A retreat for Separated and/or Divorced Catholics will be held **Nov. 7-9 at Fatima Retreat House**. Registration fee is \$210. Scholarship funds are available. To register online please go to www.archindy.org/fatima and click on "Program Calendar and Registration" in the upper right hand corner, then scroll down to find this retreat. Please contact Lisa Coons, Registrar for further questions about registration at 317-545-7681. Lcoons@archindy.org. For other questions you can contact Amy Frederick at frederick303@icloud.com or 317-696-5590.



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:

Louise Loyd

1521 Park Ridge Way, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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.

THANK YOU for donating

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Blood Drive. Below are the results.

1. Total Registered Donors: 15 (Goal: 14)
2. Whole Blood Collected: 11
3. Double Red Cells Collected: 2 (1 donor = 2 products)
4. Red Cells Collected: 1

Impact: Because 1 donation can impact up to 3 lives, those 14 products will impact up to 42 local lives. THANK YOU!!! Our next Blood Drive will be in May.

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: Wednesday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m. (see below)

October 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.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25 and 26

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102625.cfm>



Please welcome into our Christian community **Elanor Francine**, daughter of Matt and Allsion (Delaney) Bedwell, and **Mariece Diane**,

daughter of Lex and Bridget (Delaney) Martin, who were baptized on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Growing Together as a Listening Church

Workshop Empowers Parish Leaders to Embrace Synodality. Parish leaders (laity and clergy) and parishioners are invited to attend a dynamic workshop titled “Growing Together as a Listening Church” on **Wednesday, November 12, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, located at 4600 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, IN.**

Led by Ken Ogorek, Executive Director of the Secretariat for Evangelizing Catechesis for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, this hands-on session will guide participants in applying synodal principles to everyday parish life. Topics include enhancing meetings, fostering inclusive discussions, and strengthening decision-making processes to promote parish vitality and shared responsibility.



This free event is part of the Church's ongoing synodal journey. Registration is required. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ckyk5kmu> or scan the QR code provided.

Let's grow together as a listening Church!



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The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend values in a busy changing world. On the weekend of **October 25 and 26, Our Lady of Fatima Council No. 3228** will be holding a membership drive at the **5:30 p.m., Mass on Saturday and the 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses on Sunday.** Whether you become an individual member of our Order or a new member of one of our councils you will find that the Knights of Columbus brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Also, a new member's fee will be free the first year by going online at kofc.org/join using promo code **blessedmcgivney**. However, new candidates for admission must be approved by their respective Council's prior to participating in an Exemplification ceremony.

HELP FEED FAMILIES IN NEED THIS THANKSGIVING!



IT' AS EASY AS 1 - 2 - 3 !

1. On the weekend of October 25/26 pick up a reusable grocery bag in the front of church. If you are not able to pick up a bag in church, they will be available in the parish office beginning October 27, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. while supplies last. Inside the bag you will find a list of 10 grocery items.
2. Go to the store and purchase the 10 items. This is something families can do together as a good work to help the poor!
3. **Return your filled bag to church on the weekend of November 15/16 or to the parish office no later than November 17.**

Thank you for your help as we serve those in need!





St. Therese LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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
lfalumni@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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