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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 27 – November 2, 2025

28	October	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Alberta Peters by Family & Friends
30	October	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Emma & Emil Weimer by Ron Sharp
01	November	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
02	November	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Stephen Bussell by Mary Jo Bussell
	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Commiskey, Jr. by the Commiskey Family



We remember our parishioner, **Pauline Shikany**, who passed away on October 11 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on October 22.

Pauline was 96 years old and

lived most recently at Enville Health Care. She was very active in the parish in her younger years and was a very faith-filled woman. We extend our condolences to *Becky and Steve Arvin* on the death of Becky's brother, **Eddy's Deposit**, who passed away Oct 14. Please keep all of Pauline and Eddy's families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Eddy and Pauline into his eternal glory.

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.

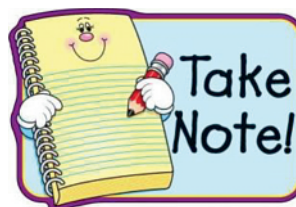


Daylight Savings Time Ends the First Sunday in November. Move your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 1!

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

October 26 – November 2, 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
	At Our Lady of Lourdes	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group Movie Night
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
	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
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Halloween Bash
	At Our Lady of Lourdes	5:30 p.m.	Anticipation Mass for All Saints Day
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:45 p.m.	All Class Reunion School Tours
	Off site	6:30 p.m.	All Class Reunion
	New Parishioner Registration at all Masses.		
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 Prep



LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 29/30 Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.

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

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	\$	7,368.03
Electronic Contributions 10/6-10/10	\$	3,475.59
Collection of October 18 and 19	\$	4,371.32
Electronic Contribution 10/13-10/17	\$	8,628.44
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	211,011.18
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	213,600.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,588.82

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,195.00
September Contributions	\$	2,216.00
October Contributions	\$	2,010.00



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 28, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center.

Our topic is: The Mass

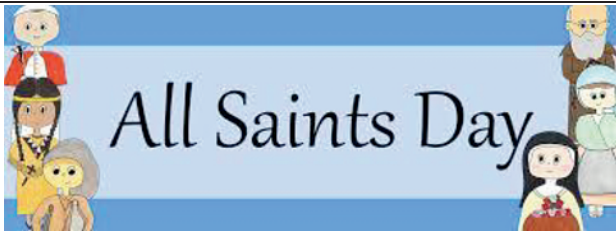
If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



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 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.



Saturday, November 1

Because All Saints 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 Souls Day.



Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be on **Thursday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.** Please note that this is a change from when it was celebrated at the beginning of November on the Feast of All Saints.

During this special liturgy, we remember by name those members of the Little Flower community who have died in the past year. There will also be an opportunity to remember other loved ones who have died recently. If you would like to have a candle lit in remembrance of someone not buried from here in the past year, please arrive by 5:20 p.m. and write their names on the list that will be available at each door.



Happy Birthday Fr. Jude!

10/28/2025

May God Bless you today and always!



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, Sister 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:

Ann McCarty

445 N Bleamar Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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.

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.**



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!



Knights of Columbus®

Fatima Council Dinner with the Knights will be on **Monday, October 27 at 6:30 p.m.** hosting our **4th Annual Chili**

Cookoff Contest and more. Those interested in entering the contest are asked to bring their chili by 6 p.m. and have enough for 15-20 servings. No charges for the meal; however, drinks will be an extra charge. Donations for “Coats for Kids” fundraiser will be greatly appreciated. Please join us for a great evening. **Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road.**



Help wanted!

The LF Men’s Club is hosting a campus workday on Saturday November 1 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Come for the whole day or just a few hours.

The project will include painting the metal fence along Bosart & Nowland parking lot perimeter, as well as multiple handrails around the LF campus.

LF Men’s Club Campus Workday

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Meet LF parking lot, LF cafe door 6.
- All materials and supplies will be onsite.
- Lunch and drinks will be provided.
- Come all day or just a few hours.



Readings for November 1, 2025

Solemnity of All Saints

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12a

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110125.cfm>

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL

DEPARTED(ALL SOULS DAY) November 1 and 2

There are several options for the readings so they may vary from these.

Wisdom 3:1-9

Romans 5:5-11

John 6:37-40

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110225.cfm>



OCIA for Children, formerly known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) is the process for children grades 3

and older enter the Catholic Church. The program is adapted from the traditional OCIA for adults and prepares them to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion, usually at the Easter Vigil. The process involves religious instruction, participation in a community of faith, and preparation for the sacraments. **Classes will begin on Sunday, November 2, from 10 – 11 a.m. in the school.** Please contact Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105 to register.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center

at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until February.



The OLL & LF Youth Groups will be holding a movie night this Sunday, October 26, at Our Lady of Lourdes starting at 6:30 p.m.! All high school students are welcome and encouraged to attend. Popcorn and light refreshments will be provided. Bring a

friend!



Kroger Community Rewards

Our third-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser are \$560.74, with 233 households participating between 07-01-25 to 9-30-2025. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months! How?

By shopping at Kroger and using your registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, **please enter our organization number CP031.** The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!



Scecina Open House

Oct. 30 from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Scecina Memorial High School can be your pathway to college, career, and life success. We build a foundation of faith and values through a caring faculty, rigorous curriculum, small class sizes, spiritual growth opportunities, and a healthy and safe environment. Visit Scecina during our Annual Open House and learn about all the opportunities we have to offer!

Register:

https://scecina.fsenrollment.com/.../public.../calendar_1

Bring the whole family! Elementary-aged students are welcome to dress up in their favorite costume and enjoy trick-or-treating fun!

Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

As previously announced, Thanksgiving Blessing Bags are available for pickup in the church this weekend and will be available until all 100 bags have been distributed.



Simply purchase each of the items on the list included with the bag and return your filled bag to church on the weekend of

November 15/16 or to the parish office by Monday, November 17.

Little Flower Halloween Bash!



Games in the gym from
6:00—7:30 p.m.

Trick-or-Treating in the
basement and on the first floor
from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Costume Parade begins at
7:30 p.m. starting in the gym

Hotdogs, drinks, & chips will
be served in the cafeteria

Friday
October 31
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Little Flower
School



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St. Therese
**LITTLE FLOWER
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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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