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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. 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.

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Invite Commission	Mark Misner
Liturgy Commission	Tom Costello (interim)
Parish Life Commission	Carol Wehlage
School Commission	Lauren Lay
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum
At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr
At-Large Member	Amy Torzewski

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM, 6:00 PM
Weekdays: Tue. 8:30 a.m., Thurs. 5:30 p.m.
Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin.

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.



For the Week November 17 -23, 2025

18	November	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
20	November	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
22	November	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
23	November	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Frances Lester by the Ladies Club
	6:00 p.m.	John & Josephine Watson by Jane Gilmore



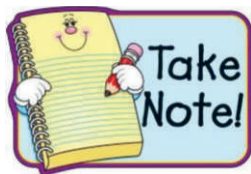
We extend our condolences to *Charlotte Lemieux* on the death of her mother, **Mary Lemieux**, who died on November 5 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated at Holy Spirit Church on November 13. Please keep all of Mary's

family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

November 16 - 23, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:00 a.m.	OCIA Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Men's Club Crew Car Wash Sale after all Masses. Thanksgiving Bags Due this weekend.		
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Association
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	PPS Meeting & Art Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	5:30 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	Church	1:30 p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children



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.



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, Steve Grohovsky, Anna Marie Gutierrez, 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:

Carol Murphy
4723 E 12th St., 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.

Alex Oskins, 3rd Class Midshipman at the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland, son of Jill Oskins.

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.

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
October 2025	467

October (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	97
9:00 a.m.	201
6:00 p.m.	169

November 2025 thru (11/9)	545
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October (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	190
9:00 a.m.	187
6:00 p.m.	168

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of November 8 and 9	\$	10,885.35
Electronic Contribution 11/3-11/7	\$	8,996.29
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	250,289.67
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	253,650.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 3,360.33

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,216.00
October Contributions	\$	2,085.00
November Contributions (to date)	\$	1,831.00

PLEASE NOTE

Last weekend was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal (UCA). The UCA provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in or did not fill one out at church last weekend, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.

JOIN US!



Please join us on **Tuesday, November 18** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center. Our topic is: The Liturgical Year/Advent If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



On the weekend of November 22 and 23, as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, all liturgical ministers (lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, eucharistic ministers, and arts and environment ministers) will be commissioned at all Masses. Please plan to come forward for a special blessing at whatever Mass you attend.



The Parish Life Commission will host "Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun" on Monday, November 24, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on November 30. Families will be able to make an Advent Calendar to help count down the days until Jesus' birthday! The evening will begin with dinner (pizza). Following dinner each family will be given the opportunity to make an Advent Calendar. The evening is free, but reservations are needed. Please contact Jeannie in the parish office, 317-357-8352, by Friday, November 21, if you plan on attending.



Our parish **Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 14, after 9:00 a.m. Mass.** This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends and hopefully get everyone into the Christmas spirit! The menu will include eggs, ham, potatoes, muffins, fruit, sausage gravy and biscuits, milk, and orange juice. Santa will be present for those Kodak moments, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. There will be a craft activity for grade school students to make if they wish. There will also be door prizes for both adults and children. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Preparations for Little Flower Christmas Choir are right around the corner. Every year, our adult choir welcomes in adults from

inside and outside the parish who may not want to commit to the choir on a year-round basis. We also welcome parish youth in grades 6 and above who wish to join.

The Christmas Choir rehearses on the 5 Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7:00 p.m., beginning this year on Tuesday, November 18. Please note, the starting date is very early this year in order to get five practices in and **avoid** the need for a practice on December 23. The choir will then sing at the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 28 and Sunday, January 4.

Members are asked to commit to four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.

Please consider being a part of this special tradition! Questions should be directed to Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org. If you plan to join, please e-mail Tom as soon as possible. We want to make sure we can accommodate everyone safely and that we have enough music ready for everyone! **It is very important that we know in advance if you plan to come!**

PROPAEDEUTIC STAGE



Dean Cheever '33
Bishop Simon
Bruté Seminary
St. Therese of the Infant Jesus
(Little Flower), Indianapolis

Please keep parishioner Dean Cheever in your thoughts and prayers as he begins his journey to Priesthood.

Fatima Event Center and Council #3228 will host a Euchre Tournament on **Friday, November 21, 2025**. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with play beginning at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. A full list of game rules will be presented before the start of play. In addition to all this fun, we will have a full bar libation 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!



Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

Thank you to everyone who took a Thanksgiving Blessing Bag to fill for a neighborhood family in need. If you forgot to return your bag to church this weekend, please return it to the parish office on Monday, November 17.

If you did not get a bag, but still want to help, it's not too late. Please consider purchasing a \$25.00 gift card from Aldi or Kroger. These cards will be distributed with our bags to allow families to purchase the perishable food portion of their meal. Please drop your gift card(s) at the parish office sometime this week.

Thank you once again for your generosity!



The Little Flower Men's Club is conducting their annual Crew Carwash Sale during the month of November. These individual Carwash tickets make great

Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers! Basic Crew Carwash tickets will cost \$12 each and can be redeemed or upgraded at any Indiana Crew location. 50% of the proceeds go directly back to the Men's Club to help support their mission and activities around Little Flower parish. Crew Carwash coupons will be available for purchase after all Masses this weekend and November 29-30. You can also buy directly from your favorite LF Men's Club member!

Contact mensclub@littleflowerparish.com with any questions.



RITE FOR
ENTRANCE INTO
THE CATECHUMENATE

On Sunday, November 16, at the 9 a.m. Mass, we will welcome eleven adults and four children into the next phase of OCIA. These men, women, and children have been meeting week after week to learn more about the faith that we as Catholics profess. Today they publicly unite their journey of faith with ours. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers during the weeks and months ahead.

IMPORTANT!

Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline

Our bulletin company has been alerted by UPS and FedEx that both companies expect to be pushed to capacity this holiday season, if not beyond. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the change for the Thanksgiving schedule:

- **November 29/30 bulletin submissions are due by Wednesday, November 19, by noon.**

Please watch the bulletin for further information on the Christmas deadline schedule.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, LORD OF
THE UNIVERSE (CHRIST THE KING)

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Colossians 1:12-20

Luke 23:35-43

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112325.cfm>

Happy
Thanksgiving



*Mass for Thanksgiving this year will be at
Little Flower at 9:00 am, Thursday, November 27.
Please join us, so that we might together give
thanks to God for all the blessings
we have been given.*

Bring some food that you plan to use as part of your Thanksgiving Meal. Keep your food with you during mass, and you will be asked to bring it forward for a blessing during Mass.

The Thanksgiving Day collection will be donated to Little Flower's St. Vincent de Paul Conference to assist in their work during this busy season.



Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 23

10 am - noon
LITTLE FLOWER CAFETERIA

Your purchase helps pay for school field trips, teacher appreciation, student scholarships, and more!

- Adults \$10
- Seniors \$9
- Kids 10 and under \$7
- Additional side items \$2 each

Each meal includes:

- Unlimited Pancakes
- Eggs
- Choice of Bacon or Sausage
- Choice of Milk, Juice, or Coffee



St. Philip Neri 2025
PHILIPFEST & HALL OF FAME
Monsignor Busald Hall(the gym), 545 Eastern Avenue

Saturday, November 22, 2025
7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Mass



\$30.00 per person

Includes: Dinner, dessert, snacks, soda, wine, beer and 5 Bingo Games with 2 sets of cards (6 cards) per game.

Silent Auction, Live Auction, Basket Bingo, Pull Tabs, 50/5, Wine & liquor pull

For online tickets, donations, and bidding go to:
<https://qtego.us/l/philipneri/tickets/event-tickets>

We are also selling raffle tickets \$5.00 ea or 5/\$20 Grand prize \$1,000.00 Cash,
2nd \$200.00 (do not need to be present to win)

For tickets or further information, click the link above. If you prefer you can call Maria @the
Parish Office (631-8746)

This is the 2nd year we are offering online purchases for Philipfest Tickets, Raffle Tickets, and
donations, just scan the QR code or use the link above.

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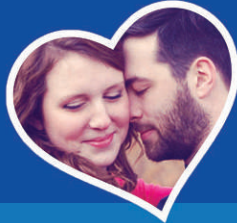
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