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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.

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.

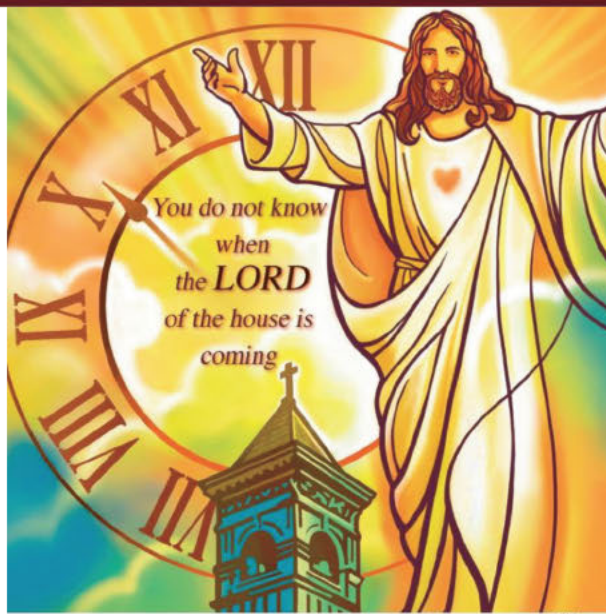
SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS
Priesthood or Vocation as a Religious Sister or Brother. Those considering entering the Priesthood or a religious vocation, please contact our Pastor or the Archdiocesan Vocation Office at 317-236-1490.

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.



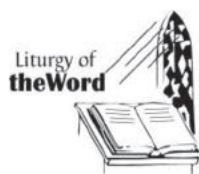
Masses For The Week



For the Week December 1 - 7, 2025

02	December	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Skinner by Celeste & Mark Clark
04	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Judith K. Hittle by William Hittle
06	December	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	Margaret Moriarty by Brian Moriarty
07	December	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Mike Underhill by Donna Ross
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

The January 4 bulletin will feature pictures from Little Flower that took place during 2025. If you have any pictures to share, please send them to Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by **Wednesday, December 10**. Thank you!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 6 AND 7

Isaiah 11:1-10
Romans 15:4-9
Matthew 3:1-12

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120725.cfm>

They will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud
WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

November 30 – December 7, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	First Sunday of Advent		
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	School Commission
	Duffy Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffy Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	Duffy Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep



Ladies Club Bake Sale

The Ladies Club Bake Sale is **December 6/7**. We would love to have your best dessert included in our sale. We will be in the back of Church by 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 accepting whatever you are able to donate.

Also be sure to stop by the sale to purchase a treat after Mass.

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 (11/16) 548

November (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	171
9:00 a.m.	215
6:00 p.m.	162

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,350.00
Collection of November 22 and 23	Check back next week
Electronic Contribution 11/17-11/21	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$ 258,922.76
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$ 267,000.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 8,077.24

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,216.00
October Contributions	\$ 2,085.00
November Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,989.00

PLEASE NOTE

November 9 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, 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.



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 Zetzl.

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:

Bill and Judy Rathz

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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.



Prayer Book of Intentions

Did you know there is a binder in the gathering area of church, just before you enter church from the gathering area, where you can write any prayer intentions you may have? This book is then presented each week with the offertory gifts, and your prayer intentions will be remembered as part of the general intercessions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Holiday

Bulletin Deadlines

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 a strict deadline for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

Christmas & New Years Schedule

- **December 21 and 28 bulletins**, submissions are due by Friday, December 12, by noon.
- **January 4, 2026 bulletin**, submissions are due by Thursday, December 18 by noon.

Please note: The January 4 bulletin will consist only of the parish calendar, Mass schedule, and a celebration of pictures from 2025. **If you have any upcoming information for the bulletin, please submit for the December 21 or 28 bulletins. Please watch submission dates closely. Plan ahead!**



Next weekend, December 6 and 7, the Parish Life Commission will once again have **Advent Cake Bags** for families to take home. Inside the bag will be a cake mix, icing,

balloons, and candles. Each family is asked to make a birthday cake for baby Jesus. If your family makes a cake, please take a picture of the cake and send it to Peggy Clegg via email or text: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-403-7444.

Ladies Club Meeting

The Ladies Club meeting is **on Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be sharing some Christmas joy with a pitch-in dinner and a gift exchange of our favorite prayer and/or scripture. We'd love for any women of the parish to join us.



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 10 at 11:30 a.m.** to celebrate Christmas. The kindergarten students will be joining us for the reading of the book, "The Night Before Christmas." They will also sing a couple of songs for us as well. You may call Jeannie, 317-357-8352, in the Parish Center if you plan on attending. Please bring a friend and join us – the more the merrier!



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!



Giving Tree tags are available this weekend and will remain on the tree to be picked up until they are all chosen. **Please take a tag and return your gift to church the weekend of December 13 and 14.**

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2025 CALENDAR

ALL WEEKEND MASSES NOVEMBER 29 and 30

First Sunday of Advent –

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:30 P.M., Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH

Help those less fortunate – Get your tags from the Christmas Giving Trees

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Second Sunday of Advent - Regular Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 1:30 P.M. & 5:30 P.M. Masses

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 6:00 P.M.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM IN GYM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

Third Sunday of Advent - Regular Mass Schedule

Parish Christmas Party - 10:00 A.M. in the Parish Social Hall (after 9:00 A.M. Mass)

PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIVING TREE GIFTS TO CHURCH THIS WEEKEND OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 3 P.M. ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Regular Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24 AND 25 - CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24

5:30 P.M., & 10:00 P.M.**

(Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes at 4:00 P.M. and Midnight)

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass

(music beginning at 9:25 P.M.)

**** Incense will be used during the 10:00 p.m. Mass on December 24.****

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

(Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 10:00 A.M.)

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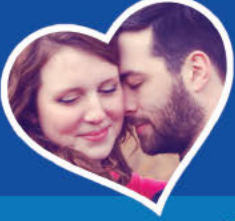
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