

Peace Advent

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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.



For the Week December 8 - 14, 2025

08	December	Monday
	1:30 p.m.	Bud & Dorothy Moody by Anita Moody
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
09	December	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Denis Moriarty, Sr. by Jim & Loretta Miller
11	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
12	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Dick Kramer by Consuelo Quiroz
13	December	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	Frances Lester by the Beikes Family
14	December	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey Family by Paul Commiskey

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!



Please welcome into our Christian community **Ellie Rose**, daughter of Sean and Zuzanna (Miakinin) Hernandez, and **John William**, son of Jim and Melissa (Hollowell) Maslar who were baptized on Sunday, November 23, 2025.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 7 - 14, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after all Masses		
	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
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffy Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	PPS Meeting
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffy Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Gym	6:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
	Duffy Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	LFAA
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses. Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses. Return Giving Tree gifts with tags at weekend Masses.		
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of November 22 and 23	\$	10,691.00
Electronic Contribution 11/17-11/21	\$	9,129.39
Collection of November 29 and 30	\$	5,467.20
Electronic Contribution 11/24-11/28	\$	3,436.97
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	287,646.42
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	293,700.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 6,053.58

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,216.00
October Contributions	\$	2,085.00
November Contributions	\$	2,133.00

PLEASE NOTE

If you would like a donation to be credited in 2025, it must be received in the parish office by December 31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2026.

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 CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

Next weekend, December 13 and 14 is the annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious**. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend, or give online at www.retiredreligious.org



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, Tom Gedig, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, 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:

Natalie Isom

Grand Valley Health and Rehab

621 Grand Valley Road, Martinsville, IN 46151

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.



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!**

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 (11/30)	528
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November (to date) Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	141
9:00 a.m.	221
6:00 p.m.	166



READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DECEMBER 8, 2025

Genesis 3:9-15, 20
Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12
Luke 1:26-38

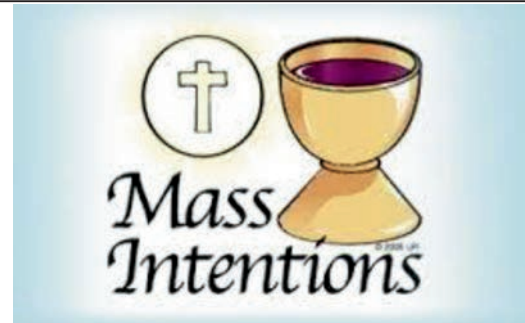
READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 13 AND 14, 2025

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121425.cfm>



FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

The custom by which the Christian faithful, seeking to have their special intentions applied to the celebration of the Holy Mass, make an offering to the Church.

The Archbishop has allowed specific days that we are allowed to accept multiple Mass Intentions for the same Mass, so long as all of those offering the intentions are informed that the Mass will have more than one intention.

One of those days for which an exception is granted is Christmas. We can accept multiple intentions for Christmas Masses. If you are interested in offering a specific intention for either the 5:30 p.m. or the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact Jeannie at the parish office, 317-357-8352.

The bishops of the Province of Indiana have set the ordinary amount of a financial offering at **\$10.**



PEW REFINISHING UPDATE

AS ANNOUNCED PREVIOUSLY, THE SHOP DOING OUR PEW REFINISHING TOOK TWO PEWS FROM CHURCH, WITH THE INTENT TO STAIN ONE WITH A LIGHTER SHADE AND ONE WITH A MEDIUM (DARKER) STAIN. THEY WILL RETURN THOSE PEWS TO US SOMETIME THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15. WE WILL DEVISE A WAY TO COLLECT YOUR INPUT AS TO PREFERENCE.

ONCE A DECISION IS MADE ON THE STAIN TO BE USED, THEY WILL BEGIN TO REMOVE THE PEWS, IN SECTIONS, IN EARLY TO MID-JANUARY.

AS SECTIONS OF PEWS ARE MISSING, OUR CHURCH FLOOR WILL BE PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED AND POLISHED.



The Gabriel Project is requesting gifts for baby Jesus be brought to all Christmas Eve and Christmas day Masses. Please bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Mass. There will be an announcement letting us know when to bring them

forward to the crib. Much needed items are:

- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)
- Wipes
- Baby towels
- 8 oz baby bottles
- Diaper bags
- Bibs
- Coats
- 0 months-2T socks
- No scratch mittens
- Baby hygiene products
- Tummy time play mats
- Swings



**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
DECEMBER 8, 2025**

LITTLE FLOWER MASS SCHEDULE

1:30 P.M.

5:30 P.M.



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!

Reminder to return Gifts

Thank you to everyone who took tags off the Giving Tree. **Please be sure to return your wrapped gifts, with the original tag attached to the outside of the gift, on the weekend of December 13 and 14 or to the parish office no later than Monday, December 15.**

Euchre Tournament

Fatima Event Center and Council #3228 will host a Euchre Tournament on Friday evening, **December 19, 2025. Registration will begin at 6:00 PM 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 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!

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.)





Little Flower Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 14
After 9:00 a.m. Mass In
the School Cafeteria**



Menu: eggs, potatoes,
sausage gravy and biscuits,
ham, muffins, fruit, and drinks

FEATURING

**Visit with Santa (bring a camera for pictures)
Craft project for the kids
Door prizes for adults and children
Lots of Holiday Cheer!**



Come celebrate with your parish family!

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