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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?

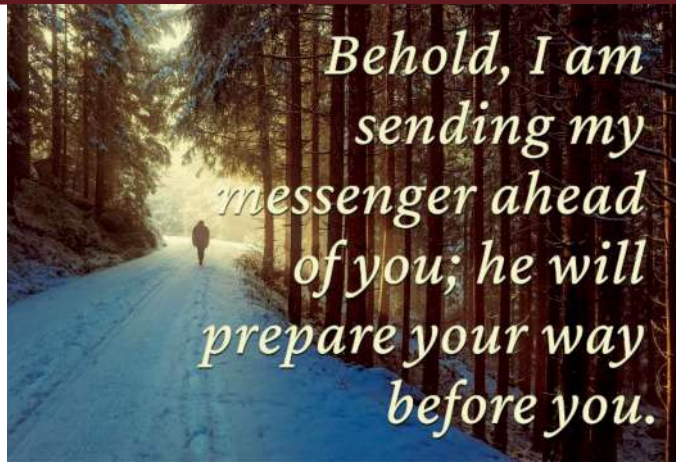
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 15 - 21, 2025

16	December	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Lou Ward by Elizabeth Burke
18	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Dick Kramer by Consuelo Quiroz
20	December	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
21	December	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Paddy Tim Moriarty by Brian Moriarty
	6:00 p.m.	Rita Pfarr -5 th Anniversary of her Death by the Pfarr Family

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
November 2025	528

November Averages per Mass

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

December 2025 thru (12/7)	504
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December Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	99
9:00 a.m.	246
6:00 p.m.	159

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 14 - 21, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses. Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses. Return Giving Tree gifts with tags this weekend.		
	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
Monday	Classroom B05	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Youth Room	3:00 p.m.	SVDP
	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
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	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)	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
Saturday			
	St Therese (Parish Center)	9:00 a.m.	Giving Tree
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts

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PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed beginning at 12:00 noon Tuesday, December 23 through Friday, January 2. We will reopen with regular hours on Monday, January 5.

Stewardship Corner**Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of December 6 and 7	\$	7,609.15
Electronic Contribution 12/1-12/5	\$	9,810.34
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	305,065.91
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	307,050.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 1,984.09

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,085.00
November Contributions	\$	2,133.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,386.00

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.

**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 have already been submitted.**
- **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.



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 Debruhi, 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, Mary Alice Pogue, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Eileen Walters, Gary Walters, Cindy Wernsing, 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:

Bette Smith

1865 N Audubon Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.



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

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!



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20 AND 21
 Isaiah 7:10-14
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122125.cfm>

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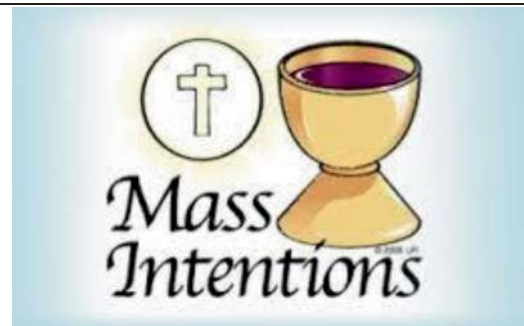
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FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

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.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2025 CALENDAR

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)

INCENSE WILL BE USED AT 10:00 P.M. MASS

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF

JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:30 P.M.,

Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:00 A.M. Mass

(music begins at 8:40 A.M.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass at 9:00 A.M.

(Anticipation Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at

5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, December 31)

JANUARY 3 AND 4 - SOLEMNITY OF

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:30 P.M.,

Sunday at 9:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:00 A.M. Mass

(Music begins at 8:40 A.M.)



“Project Civility” founder to address Catholic Business Exchange

Jeff Worrell, founder and CEO of the Carmel Civility Foundation, will address the December Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be *Project Civility: Making the World a Better Place, One Community at a Time*.

The event is Friday, December 19, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7am and the program will be finished by 9am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by 4pm, Tuesday December 16. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



If your family is participating in the Advent Cake Project, please don't forget to send pictures of your cakes to Peggy Clegg via email: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or text: 317-403-7444. Thank you!



Reminder to return Giving Tree Gifts to the Parish Office by Monday

If you forgot to return your Giving Tree gifts this weekend to Mass, please be sure to bring them to the Parish Office by tomorrow, Monday, December 15.



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- ✓ Ask questions
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Domingo, 25 de enero de 2026

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

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- ✓ Conoce a los profesores y al personal
- ✓ Infórmate sobre nuestro sistema de casas
- ✓ Haz preguntas
- ✓ Infórmate sobre las actividades extraescolares
- ✓ Insíbete para el año escolar 2026/2027
- ✓ Becas estatales disponibles para todos

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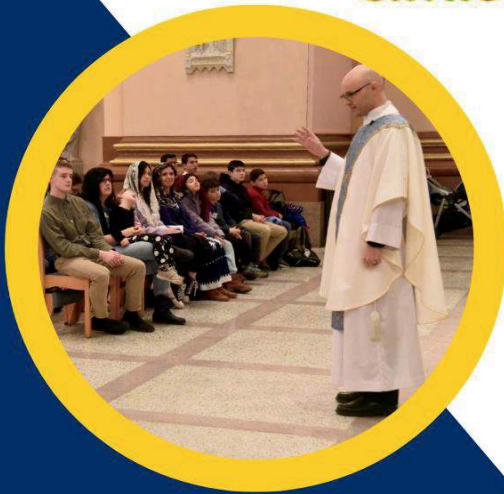


FAMILY DAY FOR VOCATIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026

9:00AM - 12:00PM

CATHOLIC CENTER



Join us for a day of prayer,
learning, and FUN!
Here's what you can
expect:

- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration & Mass
- ✓ Crafts & Activities for ALL ages
- ✓ Meet seminarians, priests,
& religious

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for High School
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