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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?

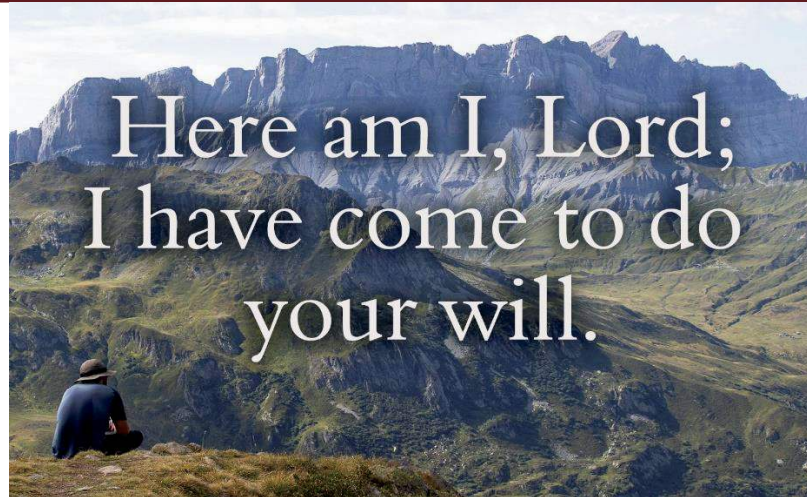
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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.

**MASS Schedule**

For the Week January 19 - 25, 2026

20	January	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Marian Sharp by Ron Sharp
22	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
24	January	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	Bill Schlosser by Ann O'Neill & Kathy Reiger
25	January	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey Family by Paul Commiskey



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 2, 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 if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 19, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 18 - 25, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	Parish Office & School closed for MLK day.		
	School (room B07)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 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
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude

Martin Luther King Jr.

Sick & Shut-in



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, Chip Brandt, Esther Capps,

Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, 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, Thomas Long, 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, 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:

Chip Brandt

8513 Smithfield Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46237

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.

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.



Faith, Family, & Fatherhood

NEW DATE TO NOT CONFLICT WITH IU PLAYING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GAME

Join the Little Flower Men's Club for a gathering all about strengthening Faith, celebrating Family, and embracing the journey of Fatherhood. **Monday January 26 from 7-8:30 p.m.** will be a laid-back evening where you can connect and share stories with others on the same path. The LFMC will provide pizza and drinks. Deacon Gary will join us in discussion. ALL men 18+ with ANY connection to Little Flower are welcome to attend this Free event. Enter LF cafeteria door 6. Please RSVP via link, QR code, or LFMC email to help determine dinner order.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faith-family-fatherhood-tickets-1979741860197>

mensclub@littleflowerparish.org



Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of January 10 and 11	\$	7,275.00
Electronic Contribution 1/10-1/11	\$	5,693.94
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	379,787.55
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	373,800.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$	5,987.55

Christmas collection \$ 10,076.55

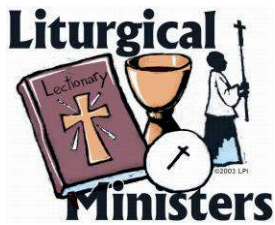
Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,133.00
December Contributions	\$	4,034.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,710.00

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 26. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.



We need people who can assist with taking blood pressures on the 2nd full weekend of every month after each Mass. If we do not get more people to assist, we may need to discontinue this ministry that has been in existence since 2008. Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 317-357-8352 x 106 if you are available to help. We especially need someone for the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. Thank you!



We will soon be running the schedule for February, March, and April. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry

(emails listed below).

- **Lectors:** please email Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. **However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here.** If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you not be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Monday, January 26.**

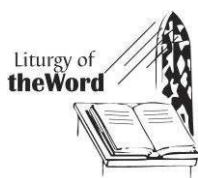


Seccina Memorial High School seeks a dynamic Director of Marketing Communications to lead and implement a comprehensive marketing and communications strategy. This position plays a critical role in advancing the school's mission

by marketing the school for enrollment, image, and financial support.

The Director will manage the school's website, oversee social media presence, produce key publications, and ensure consistent branding across all platforms. This individual will collaborate closely with leadership and serve on the Enrollment Management and Marketing Communications Committee.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to Magy Garcia, Assistant to the President, Seccina Memorial High School, at mgarcia@sccina.org



READINGS FOR JANUARY 24 and 25 THE 3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 8:23–9:3

I Corinthians 1:10-13,17

Matthew 4:12-23

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012526.cfm>



SUMMERFEST 2026

May 29 – 31

It's time! – Let's start planning SUMMERFEST 2026!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 28** for the parish festival leadership team. Email Angie at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you'd like to be a new part of the team.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle Booth, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to amackell@littleflowerparish.org, with a subject line of "Festival Gaming Worker Information" **by January 23:**

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information previously, and nothing has changed, you don't need to send again.

IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. *If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list.* THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025 - October 2025	499
November 2025	528
December 2025	482

December Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	95
9:00 a.m.	232
6:00 p.m.	155

January 2026 (thru 1/11/26)	549
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January Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	110
9:00 a.m.	272
6:00 p.m.	167

Christmas 2025 attendance

December 24	5:30 PM	368
December 24	10:00 PM	480
December 25	9:00 AM	120
Total		968



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you want to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by **Tuesday, January 27.** You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

Next weekend, January 24 and 25, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITY:

Complexities, Challenges, and Hope



JANUARY
POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH



Panel Discussion Hosted by
Catholic Charities- Social
Concerns

Emcee: David Bethuram, Executive
Director of the Secretariat for
Catholic Charities



Wednesday, January 28, 2026
at the Catholic Center
1400 N. Meridian Street

Doors Open at 5:30 pm for refreshments and
networking; Panel begins at 6:30

Free to attend, but please register at the QR code
link. Walk-in guests are welcome.

Join us for an opportunity to network with
partners in the community, learn why the
Church's "Option for the Poor and Vulnerable" is
not optional, and discover how we can best serve
our neighbors in need at this moment in history.



"We must talk about poverty, because people insulated by their own comfort
lose sight of it." - Servant of God, Dorothy Day



We have tallied the votes from the past two weekends about the stain on the pews. The lighter shade won out by a vote of 82 to 66. However, due to a number of comments, we have asked Weberding Carving Shop, our pew refinishing vendor, if they can provide some lighter shade alternatives, possibly one with a little less orange.

Last weekend when you came to church you may have found your favorite pew missing. On January 6 they removed the first grouping of pews to prep them for re-staining. The pews will be taken in probably four groupings over the coming months. Each group will likely take six to eight weeks to complete. We will have a better estimate after they get to work on the first grouping.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR FLEXIBILITY DURING THIS PROCESS.

Our seating patterns will be disrupted for probably at least six months. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding.

Also, please be aware that while groupings of pews are gone, the terrazzo floors in church will be professionally cleaned and polished.

Calling All Men: "Into the Breach" Lenten Study

Deepen your faith this Lent with *Into the Breach*, a 6-episode video series designed to help Catholic men grow in virtue. Join men from across the East Deanery for prayer, fellowship, and discussion over a 6 week timeframe.

Starts: Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Fatima Event Center
(1040 N. Post Rd.)

Schedule: 6:00 AM Coffee/Social | 6:30-7:30 AM Program

Donation: \$10 (one-time) for refreshments and printing.

To Sign Up: Text or call Bil McLaughlin at 317-748-2800 with
your name and email.

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Little Flower School
LFAA & PPS
invites you to our annual

 CELEBRATING
100 YEARS OF
LITTLE FLOWER

REVERSE RAFFLE >>> & BINGO

- Dinner provided by Steer-In
- food, beer, soft drinks & snacks provided with ticket
- Multiple Bingo Rounds
- Additional Games & Pull tabs
- Raffle Baskets



**RAFFLE
GRAND PRIZE
\$1000**

JANUARY 31ST 6:00PM
MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

**\$60 for a combo ticket
\$40 for individual ticket
(Reverse raffle or Bingo)**

*all tickets include dinner and drinks.

**BUY A TABLE
FOR \$500**
includes an extra
raffle ticket

**BINGO
CASH
PRIZES**

Tickets will be on sale in the school
& parish offices throughout January.
Also available after Mass the weekends
of 12/27-28, 1/10-11, & 1/24-25

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St. Therese

Little Flower Catholic School

OPEN HOUSE

Celebrating 100 years of excellence!

**Sunday,
January 25, 2026**

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1401 N. Bosart Ave., Indpls, IN
46201

- ✓ Tour the school
- ✓ Meet teachers and staff
- ✓ Learn about our House System
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Learn about extracurricular activities
- ✓ Register for 26/27 School Year
- ✓ State Vouchers Available for Everyone





For more info:

317-353-2282



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