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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 February 2 - 8, 2026

03	February	Tuesday	
		8:30 a.m.	Dick Kramer by Cathy Kramer
05	February	Thursday	
		5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
07	February	Saturday	
		5:30 p.m.	Joann Bauerle by the Bauerle Family
08	February	Sunday	
		9:00 a.m.	For the People
		6:00 p.m.	Carlos Pedrazza by Deysi, Debbie, Alvaro Pedrazza



We have begun the search process for our school's new principal. Below is what will be posted in the Criterion as well as other appropriate websites. If you have any questions about the process, please contact Pattiann Gavaghan at gavagpt@gmail.com.

St. Therese Little Flower Catholic School, located on the east side of Indianapolis, is seeking a faith-filled, student-centered, data-driven instructional leader to serve as principal for its PreK-8 community. Little Flower is honoring a 100-year legacy in the Little Flower Neighborhood and celebrates deep alumni roots and a strong parish connection.

The school educates a diverse community of approximately 330 students, whose gifts and character are all celebrated. Students experience a robust House system, multi-cultural programming, and varied extra-curricular opportunities that promote leadership, belonging, and service. The next principal will continue to build on these gifts to lead the school on its commitment to academic and spiritual growth.

Applications will be accepted through February 27, 2026. Please send resume and cover letter of interest to:

Anne Krieger (akrieger@archindy.org)
Office Manager, Administrative and Teacher Personnel
Office of Catholic Schools
317-236-1444



if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier.

The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, February 11 at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center for lunch.** Please call Jeannie, 317-357-8352,

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 1 - 8, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
Monday	School (room B07)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	Church	9:30 a.m.	1 st Reconciliation for LF 2 nd graders
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	School Commission
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 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
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Rite of Illumination-2 nd grade First Communion
	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	St. Patrick (Parish center)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	School	10:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep



We extend our condolences to Bill & Judy Rathz and Frank & Angie Mackell and their family on the death of Bill's sister and Angie's aunt, Carolyn Smith, who passed away on January 18 and whose funeral Mass was celebrated on January 28 at St. Lawrence Church. Please keep all of Carolyn's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Carolyn into his eternal glory.

All things are possible with God



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.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

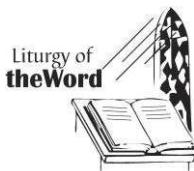
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,350.00
Collection of January 24 and 25	\$ 8,129.00
Electronic Contribution 1/19 – 1/23	\$ 5,122.74
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$ 404,337.15
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$ 400,500.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$ 3,837.15

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,133.00
December Contributions	\$ 4,034.00
January Contributions	\$ 2,140.00

Coming Soon!

Watch your mail for information about our annual stewardship drive. This year's intention weekend will be February 21/22.



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7 and 8 THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 58:7-10

I Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020826.cfm>

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 (excluding 1/25/26)	527
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January Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	107
9:00 a.m.	255
6:00 p.m.	165

January 24/25 (snowstorm)

January 24	5:30 PM	125
January 25	10:00 PM	35
January 25	6:00 PM	0
Total		160

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, Margaret Hughel, 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 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:

Charlotte Allstatt
706 N Bancroft 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.

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.

Annual financial statements have been prepared and mailed. Statements for *Christ our Hope* United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the School Annual Fund, memorial gifts, and general fund contributions from non-parishioners will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations. Please contact Angie at 317-357-8352 ext. 102 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org with any questions.



Better sleep. More relaxation. Less stress. Soothed skin. Who couldn't use more of all those things? Come to your **Ladies Club meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**, to experience lavender with The Lavender Lady, the

owner of SugarCreek Lavender Farm. Traci Lavender (yes, that's her real last name) will speak to us about the uses and history of lavender, then guide us through making our own body sugar scrub to take home. There will be other Lavender Farm products to sample and purchase. Mmmm, can you smell and feel it now? JOIN US! The Ladies Club will be purchasing the materials for the make and take sugar scrubs, so we need an idea of attendance.

Please RSVP to Jeannie Zimmerman, 317-357-8352 or izimmerman@littleflowerparish.org. If you forget to RSVP, come anyway! We'll have extra supplies available.

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE

When I was ill you cared for me. What you did for the least of these you did for me. (Matthew 25:35)

Throughout Scripture, Jesus calls us to serve. He commands us to feed the hungry, cloth the naked, provide shelter to the homeless and visit the sick. How do you answer Jesus' call to serve?

On any given day there are more than one hundred Catholic patients at IU, Riley and Methodist Hospitals. It is our Catholic tradition to provide daily Holy Communion and fellowship to our hospitalized brothers and sisters. Many of these Catholics have been away from the Church for years. Their hospital stay may well be their only contact with the Church. Like you and me these people will one day come face to face with their God. We have the opportunity to influence each patient in some way and possibly have an effect on their eternal soul. **There is currently an urgent need for volunteers to bring the Eucharist to these patients.**

I invite you to prayerfully consider this call to serve. You need not be a current Eucharistic Minister in your parish as volunteers are trained for the hospital and then commissioned. Training is provided by the hospital and chaplaincy service. Scheduling is flexible. Volunteers are needed to serve once a week or as occasional substitutes. Normally it takes two to three hours to visit the patients on any given day. Parking at the hospital is provided for volunteers.

Please contact Deacon Pat Bower at wpbower@comcast.net or 317-313-8010 for additional information.

This Lent do something that makes a difference. Sign up for an hour of peaceful prayer at Planned Parenthood. Be the conscience of your community by witnessing to the dignity of human life during 40 Days for Life. Visit www.40daysforlife.com to sign up for the vigil starting February 18 through Palm Sunday, March 29. For help signing up or questions call/text Anita Moody 317-918-0997.



SUMMERFEST 2026 May 29 – 31

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Calling all volunteers – the Silent Auction needs your help! In a typical Festival year we reach out to 400+ area businesses and ask for donations. Would you be willing to make **just 10 phone calls** to area businesses for the Silent Auction? We have the businesses and their contact information identified, and we have prepared a script for you to use. Many hands make light work! Please contact Elizabeth Mann at 463-206-5196 if you can help. Thank you!

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