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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.

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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.

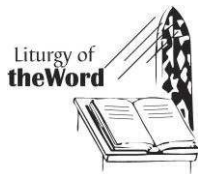
BULLETIN DEADLINE

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 February 16 - 22, 2026

17	February	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
18	February	Wednesday
	1:30 p.m.	For the People
	7:00 p.m.	Cindy Wernsing by Ladies Club
19	February	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Bonnie & Emil Weimer by Ron Sharp
21	February	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
22	February	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Renee Gordon by the Gordon Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey Family by Paul Commiskey

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 18
ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18
Sirach 15:15-20
2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

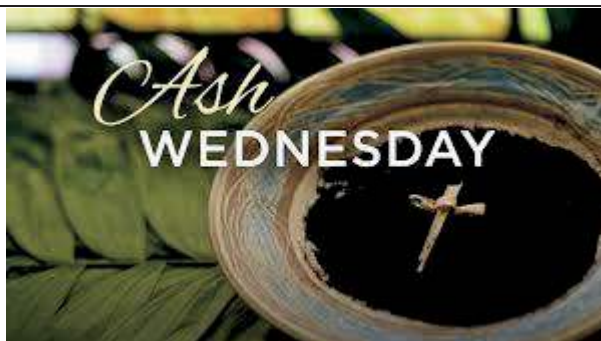
To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021826.cfm>

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21ST AND 22ND
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022226.cfm>



Masses for Ash Wednesday

1:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes are 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 15 - 22, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:00 a.m.	OCIA Rite of Sending
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	OCIA Rite of Election
Monday	School (room B07)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	LFAA Board Meeting
	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
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Basement (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Patrick & Youth Room (Parish Center)	9:30 a.m.	Confirmation Prep
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed

Next weekend, February 21 and 22, there will be a special collection for the Black and Indian Mission. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build up the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. Please be as generous as possible.

Baby Banks will be at all of the church doors beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please save your change (bills and checks are happily accepted) to support the work of our Gabriel Project. Please return to church Palm Sunday weekend.



DESSERT

Just Desserts Ladies!

The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the Fish Fry! All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club, so bring your sweets to the school cafeteria after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!



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

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
January 2026 (excluding 1/25/26)	527

January Averages per Mass

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

February 2026 (thru 2/8/26)	444
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January Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	94
9:00 a.m.	235
6:00 p.m.	115

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 Zetzi.

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:

Margaret Brown

726 Caryle Place, 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.

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.

Share Your Faith!



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!

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of February 7 and 8	\$	4,956.00
Electronic Contribution 2/2-2/6	\$	9,994.14
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	428,954.01
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	427,200.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	1,754.01

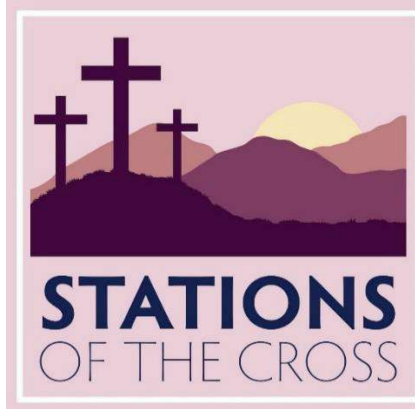
Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	4,034.00
December Contributions	\$	2,140.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,918.00

Thank you for your continued contributions to the Home Improvement Fund. The importance of the Home Improvement Fund continues to increase as we look ahead at the improvements we plan to make in the next year or two. Here are a few ways we've recently made some necessary improvements without impacting our regular operating budget:

- * Rental of lift equipment to power wash the church exterior.
- * Safety/repair assessments of all building exteriors.
- * Cleaning and bulb replacements for church lighting.
- * Purchase of extra chairs to accommodate larger crowds at special Masses.

Our annual stewardship mailing should have arrived in your mail. Please plan to complete your online stewardship commitment form or paper form by next weekend, February 21/22.



There will be Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays during Lent beginning February 20 in the Church. Come join us!



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ❖ The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available at Little Flower on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. and an additional time on Saturday, March 14 following 5:30 p.m. Mass.
- ❖ Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.
- ❖ Holy Spirit will add an additional time on Thursday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m.



Parishioners and school families are invited to help PPS and the Outreach Committee assemble the parade passports during the next PPS meeting in the school cafeteria on Ash Wednesday, February 18,

from 6:00 p.m. to 6:55 p.m. so we have time to head over to Mass! We have 1500 labels to stick on chocolate bars so many hands make light work!!

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.

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<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>



Fr Fridays during Lent

LITTLE FLOWER FISH FRY

February 20 – March 27
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM



Sponsored by Little Flower Men's Club

MENU

- Fried Fish
- Baked Fish (Lemon pepper or blackened)
- Fish Nuggets
- Fried Shrimp
- Cheese Pizza, Potato Soup, or Clam Chowder
- **Sides:** Cole Slaw, Salad, Applesauce, Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, Au Gratin Potatoes, French Fries, Nachos
- **Dessert:** Options vary week to week
- **Drinks:** Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, Water

PRICING

Adult Meal \$10.00
Age 10 & up

- Includes Choice of main dish, 2 sides, Dinner roll, Dessert, Drink (dine-in)

Senior Meal \$9.00

- Includes Choice of main dish, 2 sides, Dinner roll, Dessert, Drink (dine-in)

Kids Meal \$7.00

- Includes Choice of main dish, 1 side, Dinner roll, Dessert, Drink (dine-in)

A LA CARTE

Without Dinner		With Dinner	
Fish	\$4.50	Fish	\$2.00
Nuggets	\$4.50	Nuggets	\$2.00
Shrimp	\$4.50	Shrimp	\$2.00
Pizza	\$4.50	Pizza	\$3.00
Soup	\$3.00	Sides	\$1.50
Sides	\$2.00	Dessert	\$1.00
Soda	\$1.00	Bottled Water	\$1.00

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