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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.

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At-Large Member	Amy Torzewski
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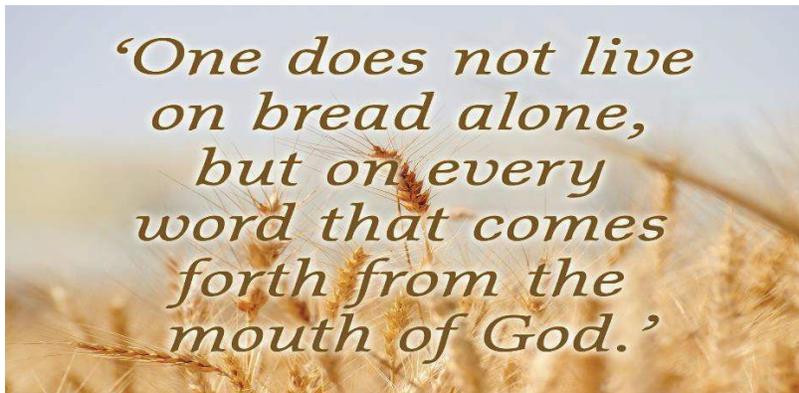
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 22 – March 1, 2026

For the Week February 23 -March 1, 2026

24	February	Tuesday	Deceased Members of The Boyle & Maginn Families by Family
	8:30 a.m.		
26	February	Thursday	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
	5:30 p.m.		
28	February	Saturday	Dick Kramer by Cathy Kramer
	5:30 p.m.		
01	March	Sunday	Michelle Fischer by Mike & Carol Wehlage
	9:00 a.m.		
	6:00 p.m.		For the People

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Healthy Snacks
Monday	School (room B07)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Ministry Chairs
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Committee
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
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Communion Service
Saturday	Church	6:30 p.m.	1 st Reconciliation Religious Ed
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA for Children Get-Together
	Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Healthy Snacks
	School	10:00 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation

Baby Banks are at all of the church doors Please save your change (bills and checks are happily accepted) to support the work of our Gabriel Project and The Miracle Place, which is a ministry of the [Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods](#), focused on providing hope, education, and support to families on the near eastside of Indianapolis. Please return your bank to church on Palm Sunday weekend, or you may use this QR code to make a donation.



Please welcome into our Christian community Leo Thomas, son of Bo and Kathryn (Brewer) Leszcynski and Louis Michael, son of Slater and Madalynn (Fischer) Smith, who were baptized on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

Dynamic Catholic is once again offering Best Lent Ever.
 You can sign up at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html>

ATTENTION PLEASE

Mass Consolidation Survey

Over the next two weekends we are asking each adult who attends a Mass at Little Flower to read and fill out the survey provided in your pew. Please take the survey only once between the two weekends. You can return your survey in the collection basket. Your opinion on the survey will help with the decision making of the future weekend Mass schedule.



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

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 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:

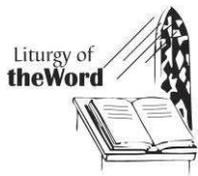
Esther Capps
Creekside Health and Rehab
3114 E 46th St, Indianapolis, IN 446205

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!



READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 28 and MARCH 1
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 Genesis 12:1-4a
 2 Timothy 1:8b-10
 Matthew 17:1-9

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030126.cfm>

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of February 14 and 15	\$	8,915.00
Electronic Contribution 2/9-2/13	\$	3,195.29
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	441,064.60
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	440,550.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	514.60

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	4,034.00
December Contributions	\$	2,140.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	2,063.00

If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the church doors.

Home Improvement/Capital Projects on the Horizon

- New Church exterior doors
 - Repair/renovate the front of the school.
 - Repair/replace underground drainage causing significant leaks in the school cafeteria.
 - Additional security lighting throughout the campus.
 - Completion of church floor refinishing.
 - Completion of church light cleaning/bulb replacement.
- Funding for these projects will come from a variety of sources, but largely from the generosity of our parishioners.

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 2/15/26) 472

February Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	98
9:00 a.m.	242
6:00 p.m.	132

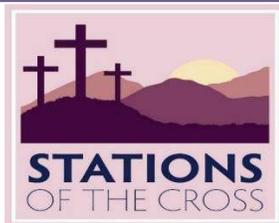


SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- ❖ 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.



Come One! Come All!
 Please join us on Fridays during Lent through March 27 for a wonderful Lenten meal!
 Serving takes place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
 Drive-thru carryout service is available!
 Invite your family and friends to help make our Fish Fry a success!



Join us for the Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays during Lent in the Church through March 27, 2026.

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

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.

1ST SUNDAY
of Lent



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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, March 11 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Parish Center for lunch. We will be celebrating St. Patrick’s Day, so be sure to wear green. Feel free to bring a friend. Please call Jeannie in the Parish Center, 317-357-9352, if you plan on attending. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

**Knights of Columbus
 Fatima Event Center Located
 at 1040 North Post Road**

Fatima Council’s **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, February 23** at 6:30 p.m. featuring a **hearty meal of chicken cobbler, mashed potatoes, salad and dessert** prepared by PGK Andy Ritter. Some know this dish as chicken pot pie, but it will be prepared in a cobbler pan. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.



**Day of Silence
 Wednesday, March 18
 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Step away from electronics, phones, computers and focus your attention on your relationship with God. Prayer, silence, and your focus on listening is at the heart of these days.

Self-Guided Days of Silence are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and offer retreatants the opportunity to come away to Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House in a relaxed, calm and quiet settings to 'unplug' from the outside world.

Cost: \$55.00 includes a room to use for the day, lunch and the use of the common areas and grounds of the retreat house. Mass will also be included.

As an option and if available, you may add an overnight stay the night prior to and/or after your day of silence to extend your retreat! Each overnight stay is an additional \$42 per person. You may add a plated light meal for dinner to your overnight reservation for \$14.40 per meal.

Spiritual direction may also be scheduled for an additional suggested donation and if there is availability.

**The Lord’s Prayer: Praying the Pray that Jesus Taught Us
 Friday, March 20, 6:00 p.m. – Sunday March 22, Noon.**

The Our Father is the prayer at the heart of Christian life—the prayer Jesus Himself taught His disciples. This retreat, guided by Fr. Jim Farrell, invites participants to slow down and enter more deeply into the meaning of the Lord’s Prayer through guided reflection, Scripture, and quiet prayer. We will reflect on God’s holiness, our daily dependence on Him, the call to forgiveness, and the hope of God’s Kingdom. This weekend of reflection offers space to listen, rest, and renew our trust in OUR FATHER.

Cost: \$250 for a single room

**The Place that Holds You – A Lenten Day Retreat
 Saturday, March 28, 2026
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

This Day of Reflection, led by Fr. Jeff Godecker and Mary Schaffner, invites us to explore the many meanings of home—our physical homes, the places and people where we feel at home, the Church as home, the earth as our shared home, memory and music as homes of the heart, and ultimately, God as our true home and refuge. Through guided reflection, prayer, and shared listening, we will reflect on how home shapes our faith, grounds our restlessness, and helps us make sense of life’s paradoxes, conflicts, and its true beauty.

Cost: \$55.00

To register please contact our Registrar Lisa Coons at lcoons@archindy.org or (317) 545-7681 extension 104 or go to www.archindy.org/fatima



It's such a basic statement. But an important one. A good night's rest readies you to take on the challenges of the next day. In Indianapolis, hundreds of children and adults are sleeping on the floor or in chairs each night—interfering with their health, education and welfare.

A Special Collection to Provide a Good Night's Rest

This Lent, we're encouraging Conferences to hold a special collection: **40 Days for 40 Beds**. We are asking each Conference to collect gifts to fund 40 beds.



Financial gifts exclusively to provide twin beds for children and full-sized beds for adults



\$100: Twin bed with frame
\$200: Double or queen bed with frame



March 29
(5th Sunday)



Results shared after Easter

Give online at svdpindy.org/40days or pick up a collection envelope and mail it in.





SUNDAYKIDZ

1st Sunday of Lent

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