

3rd Sunday of Easter

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 19, 2026

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of our beloved school*



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

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At-Large Member	Amy Torzewski
At-Large Member	Consuelo Quiroz
At-Large Member	Jeff Usher

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.

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 April 20 - 26, 2026

21	April	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.		For the Intentions of Reese Davis & Family by Family
23	April	Thursday
5:30 p.m.		Patrick Stroude by Karen Stroude & Family
25	April	Saturday
5:30 p.m.		Teresa Eckrich
26	April	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, April 27, 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 June.



Twenty-two children from Little Flower School and Parish will receive First Eucharist at the **5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, April 25, 2026.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 19 - 26, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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.	Religious Ed
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Board Meeting
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
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	Church	5:30 p.m.	First Communion
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Church	6:00 p.m.	Rite of Sending - Confirmation



We extend our condolences to *Ryan and Liz Davis and their family* on the death of Liz's brother, **Mark Armstrong.** His funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Christopher. We extend our sympathy to *Ed and Jeannie Zimmerman* on the death of Jeannie's cousin, **Michale Boyle, Sr.** who passed away on April 2 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on April 15. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mark and Michael into his eternal glory.

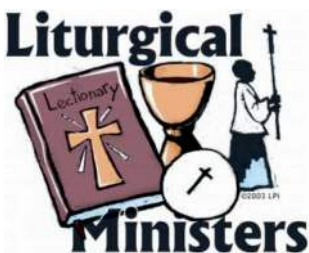


Spring cleanup will be **Saturday, April 25** (weather permitting, May 2 will be the make-up date), we will meet at the garage at 9 a.m. It will involve the distribution of mulch, cleaning up flower beds of weeds, and possible yard work. Thanks for your time and talent.



SAVE THE DATE: Our Spring Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The Bloodmobile will be on the circular drive, in front

of the church. You may register using the following link: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11635337 . Please consider donating to help save a life!



Please read this information carefully.

We will soon be running the schedule for May 2026.

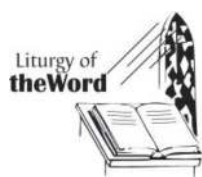
We only need you to send days that you know you will be unable to serve in May. The next schedule will

only be a one-month (May) schedule. Sometime during May we will request the days you will be away in June, July, and August. We will also contact ministers who only have 6 p.m. Mass in their preferences to see if they will be able to be scheduled for other Masses after the Mass schedule changes. Please do NOT send information about Mass preferences yet, or any information about dates beyond MAY.

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 Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org. He is filling in for Ron for this schedule.
- **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 Tuesday, April 21.**



READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 25 and 26
 Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 1 Peter 2:20b-25
 John 10:1-10

To read the readings on-line, go to <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042626.cfm>



NOW HIRING

Since Tom Costello is retiring soon (yes, again) we are seeking a part-time (approx. 25 hrs. per week) Director of Music Ministry. The director will lead our well-developed liturgical music ministry.

Responsibilities include:

- Lead music at two weekend Masses
- Recruit and supervise volunteer musicians
- Direct the adult choir
- Train and support cantors
- Collaborate on school liturgies
- Foster a welcoming, prayerful environment for all musicians

This dynamic person of faith should have a bachelor's degree in music or equivalent experience, strong keyboard and choral performance and direction skills, and a strong knowledge of Roman Catholic liturgy. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

If you feel called to share your musical gifts with our parish community, please send a cover letter, résumé, and references to musicdirectorsearch@littleflowerparish.org.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of April 11 and 12	\$	12,222.80
Electronic Contribution 4/6-4/10	\$	3,754.85
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	560,421.56
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	547,350.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	13,071.56

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$	2,461.00
March Contributions	\$	2,786.51
April Contributions (to date)	\$	2,048.51

Home Improvement/Capital Projects Updates

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- Church exterior doors - all installed; still waiting for electronics on east door.
- Underground drainage issue in school building - a general contractor has cleaned all drains and is assessing the issue.
- Campus lighting - AES replaced bulbs in all street lights on campus. We are evaluating the need for additional lighting throughout.
- Church floor refinishing - work will continue on the next section of exposed floor.
- Church interior lights - chandeliers have been cleaned and most bulbs have been replaced. The final lights will be finished as pews are removed.

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, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Anna Marie Gutierrez, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Margaret Hughel, 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, 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:

John and Margaret Hughel
934 N Lesley Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, “The Little Flower Garden” will be distributed in mid-May. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by **Tuesday, April 28**. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025 - December 2025	502
January 2026	527
February 2026	489
March 2026	540

March Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m. 129

9:00 a.m. 247

6:00 p.m. 164

Easter Weekend

Vigil at 8:30 p.m. 352

Morning at 9:00 a.m. 771

April 2026 (thru 4/12 excluding Easter) 473

April Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m. 111

9:00 a.m. 215

6:00 p.m. 147



Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

Come away and rest awhile...join us for our upcoming events and encounter peace, prayer, and renewal.

- **May 13** - OLF Feast Day
- **May 30-31** - Flourishing in Seasons of Surrender
- **June 5-6** - Treasure of Friendship (Women)
- **June 26-28** - Tobit (Marriage Prep)

For more information on events & programs visit: www.archindy.org/fatima

KEG SPONSORSHIP

Want to help at Summerfest? Why not be a keg sponsor? For just \$50.00, you or a group can sponsor a keg. During the festival, the names of the sponsors will be part of the announcements, and a sign listing all the keg sponsors will be posted at the beer wagon. The \$50.00 sponsorship also includes one free 16 ounce beer at the festival. You can find the keg sponsor form on our website at lfsummerfest.com, or you can send an email to amackell@littleflowerparish.org.



If you bought Spring Flowers from the Ladies Club you can **pick them up on Saturday, May 2**. We will be in the front of the Church from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you paid for delivery, we will be doing that as well between those times.



Saddle Up at Summerfest™ May 29 – 31

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Raffle

Raffle tickets are available for pickup at all doors of the church. You are free to take as many as you want for yourself, family, and friends. Please turn in your sold tickets and money in the collection or at the parish center. **Do your best to make the raffle a success, since this is one of the primary income sources for Summerfest!**

WE NEED YOU! Below are some booth chair positions that need to be filled for this year's festival:

* **Set up/Tear down** – we need someone to coordinate the set up and tear down process. Email Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if interested.

* **Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Pulled Pork** – we need someone to be in charge of the cooking and scheduling for this booth. Email Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if interested.

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196) or edeputy1@yahoo.com if you can donate!

Are you an artisan or just plain crafty? Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.

Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25? Consider donating them!

Are you a Colts/Pacers/Fever/Fuel/Ignite season ticket holder? Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.

Do you have a timeshare or vacation property? Consider donating a week this year.

Are there gift cards lying around that you will never use? Let us put them to good use as an auction item!

Tip Board Donations – If you are willing and able to donate a higher-end bottle of spirits to be raffled off with our tip boards, please contact Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640 or zimmfan67@gmail.com.



Now Hiring

Little Flower Catholic School is seeking a faith-filled, collaborative, and mission-driven **Assistant Principal** to join our leadership team. Rooted in the spirituality of St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her "Little Way," this role calls for a leader who models humility, service, and love in action while advancing a strong Catholic school culture.

This position plays a key role in driving academic growth through data-informed practices and strengthening instructional excellence across all grade levels. The Assistant Principal will partner with teachers to support high-quality learning, ensuring every student is challenged, supported, and able to grow.

At the heart of our school is a vibrant House System that fosters belonging, leadership, and community. We are seeking an educator who is passionate about building relationships, inspiring both students and staff, and helping create a joyful, faith-filled environment where every child is known and loved.

The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic in good standing with the church, has a minimum of 5 years of teaching experience, preferably in a Catholic School, holds or is willing to pursue a Master's degree in Educational Leadership, demonstrates strength in mission-driven leadership, data-informed decision making, and a commitment to collaboration, professional growth, and servant leadership.

If you are interested in joining us at Little Flower, please send a cover letter, resume and references to APsearch@littleflowerparish.org. Submission deadline is April 27.



Please join our confirmation candidates for the Rite of Sending Mass on April 26, at 6 p.m. Father will offer a special blessing to commemorate their confirmation journey. The Confirmation Mass will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 29, at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis. All are welcome to attend!

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