

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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*Celebrating 100 years
of our beloved school*



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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.

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?

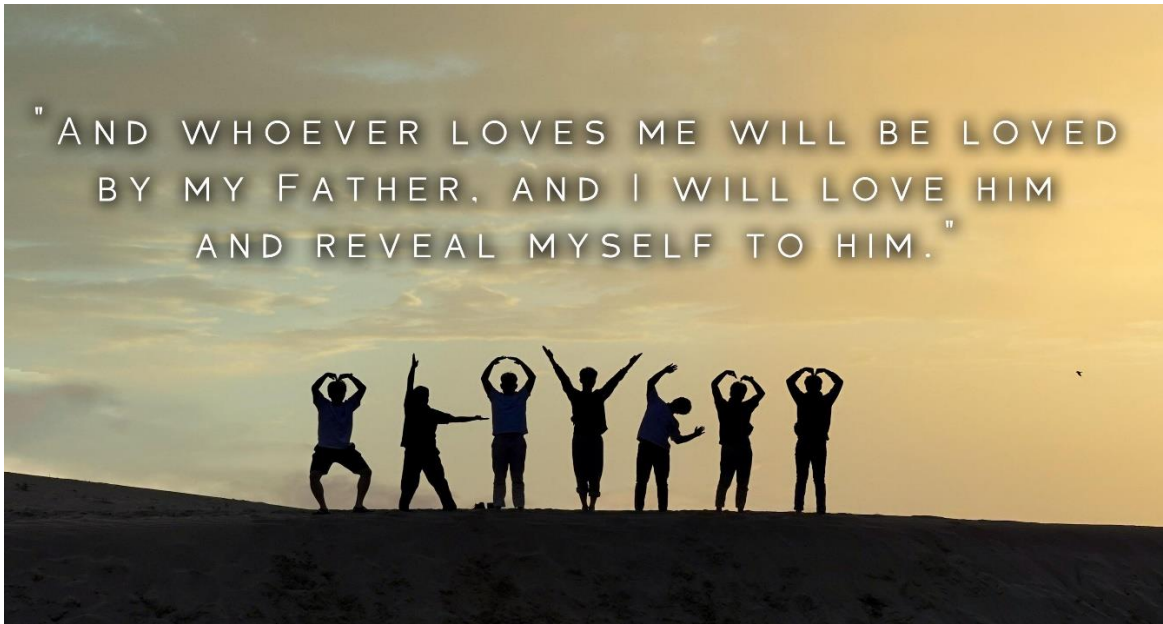
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 May 11 - 17, 2026

12	May	Tuesday	8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Marla & Matt Zimmerman
14	May	Thursday	5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
16	May	Saturday	5:30 p.m. Walter & Anna Bordenkecher by Pauline & Charlie Graf
17	May	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Roberta Bruno by Joe & Theresa Bruno 6:00 p.m. For the People



We extend our condolences to *Judy Rathz, Frank Mackell, Angie Mackell, and Sam Mackell* on the death of Judy's husband, Frank's father-in-law, Angie's father, and Sam's grandfather, **Bill Rathz**, who passed away on May 3 and whose funeral

liturgy will be celebrated here on May 12. Bill and Judy have been parishioners since 1971, and all their children attended Little Flower School. During his younger days he was an usher, a former CYO Basketball Coach and past President of the PTO of Little Flower Catholic School. Please keep all of Bill's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Bill into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 10 - 17, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Mother's Day Breakfast
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	Front of Church	3:00 p.m.	Blood Drive
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
	Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	4:30 p.m.	Class of '76 planning meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Big Book Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Meeting
Friday	Holy Family (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking Lot	9:00 a.m.	LFAA Car Show
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

Thank You



for your Kindness

With grateful hearts, the Little Flower Conference of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parish community for your incredible generosity in supporting the 40 Days Campaign. Because of you, over \$2,900 was raised to help provide beds for

children in need throughout our city. Your kindness is making a real and lasting difference!

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of May 2 and 3	\$	9,588.50
Electronic Contribution 4/27-5/1	\$	8,428.03
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	599,842.60
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	587,400.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	12,442.60

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,786.51
April Contributions	\$	2,823.51
May Contributions (to date)	\$	1,142.00

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

Church exterior doors – all installed; electronics on east door to be installed soon; quote requested for electronics on remaining doors.

Underground drainage issue in school building – a general contractor continues to research.

Campus lighting - We are evaluating the need for additional lighting throughout.

Church floor refinishing – next section has begun.

Church interior lights – next lights are scheduled.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in the Parish Center. This month the second graders will be joining us for an activity and sharing stories about their First Communion. If you have pictures of your First Communion or have stories to share

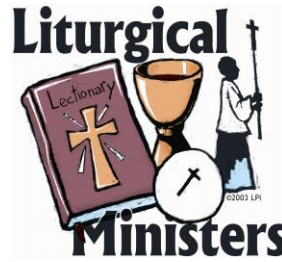
about your First Communion, I'm sure the second graders would love to hear them. Please call Jeannie Zimmerman, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025 - December 2025	502
January 2026-April 2026	546
May 2026 (thru 5/3)	564

May Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	84
9:00 a.m.	274
6:00 p.m.	206



Please read this information carefully.

We will soon be running the schedule for June/July/August.

We only need you to send days that you know you will be unable to serve.

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 costello@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 Tuesday, May 19.**



READINGS FOR THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 16 and 17

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:17-23

Matthew 28:16-20

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/051726-ascension>.





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.



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 welcome into our Christian community Callum River, son of Justun Sharp and Elizabeth Subrin, who was baptized on Sunday, May 3, 2026.



Heartfelt thanks to all the Ladies Club members for their dedication, hard work, and support to our parish. Whether it was organizing events, volunteering time, or providing thoughtful support,

your efforts make a lasting impact. We thank you for your donation of \$5000.00 to the parish.

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, 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:

Sarah Kielas

Rosewalk at Lutherwood

1301 N Ritter 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 Liliانا 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.

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ACTIVITIES:

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- Games & Competitions
- One-on-One Time
- Worship & Reflection
- Gorilla Wars!
- Overnight in Dorms

For more details or for registration information, visit:

www.marian.edu/dadcamp





SUMMERFEST 2026
"Saddle Up at Summerfest"
May 29 – 3

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria

PLAN TO GET YOUR WRISTBAND

Once again this year, those attending the festival will be required to purchase \$10 in coupons prior to admittance to the grounds. These coupons can be used as cash any place on the festival grounds. However, parishioners can bypass this requirement by securing and wearing one of our special festival wristbands. If you have and wear this wristband, you can come and go as you please all weekend without the need to purchase tickets.

You may obtain this wristband for yourself, for members of your family, or for friends after Masses on May 16/17 and May 23/24, or at the parish office beginning on Monday, May 11, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Please plan ahead and get your wristband...and find out who among your family and friends will attend so you can get one for them. We do ask that you not pick up wristbands for others unless you are sure they will be attending.

SILENT AUCTION

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) if you can donate! Handmade items, gift cards/certificates/services in value over \$25, season tickets for local sports or arts, timeshare/vacation weeks, unopened or "like new" household items – all these options are a great addition to our auction.

REGISTER - Register now for this year's auction at www.lfway.cbo.io. The auction will be on display at Summerfest, but all bidding will occur via the mobile/online platform. Visit the site now to preview items that will be in this year's auction. New items added daily.

SET UP

We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25 at 9am and Thursday, May 30 at 6pm. Please bring a drill and/or an 8-foot step ladder if you can.

TIP BOARDS

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.

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).

LITTLE FLOWER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION CAR SHOW FUNDRAISER

JUDGING
STARTS AT
12:00



ALL PROCEEDS
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SATURDAY, MAY 16TH 9:00 - 3.00 PM

\$20 REGISTRATION FEE

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CONCESSIONS, MUSIC, & KIDS GAMES

AND A
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HOUSE**

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CARS FOR SHOW WILL ENTER THRU NORTH GATE (OFF NOWLAND)

**DASH BADGES TO THE FIRST 100 CARS
ADDITIONAL PRIZES FOR BEST OF SHOW, PRIESTS PICK, AND TOP TEN**

To register call Dan Dugan (317) 605 7513