

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org

*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.



Dear Parish Family,

This past week I moved from Little Flower to Envive in Beech Grove. My room number is 204. The address is:

Envive - Room 204
501 N 17th Ave.
Beech Grove, IN 46107

My telephone number is 317-430-1385. If I do not recognize the number, I probably will not answer, so please leave a message.

I want to thank Fr. Jude for all his kindnesses to me since he became in Administrator in July. I am very grateful to him. Also, I want to thank the parish and school staffs for everything they have done to help me these last 23 years and for their excellent service to the parish and school.

I also want thank all those who helped me prepare to move and all those who actually moved me on Friday, May 1, and those who are continuing to help me move in.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, the Little Flower Parish Family, for all you have done to support me these last 23 years. I will miss you all. Little Flower is a wonderful parish.

Take care.

fr. bob

 *Masses
For The Week*

For the Week May 25 -31, 2026

26 May	Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Emil & Bonnie Weimer by Ron Sharp
		6:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Kevin Gawrys & the Little Flower Class of 2026
28 May	Thursday	5:30 p.m. Kathy Keating by Donna Ross
30 May	Saturday	5:30 p.m. Anna Cuoi Pham by Sam Chu
31 May	Sunday	9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Fr. Jude by Your Parish Family
		6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 24 - 31, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday		
Monday	Memorial Day Parish Office and School Closed.		
Tuesday	Church	6:00 p.m.	8 th Grade Mass & Graduation
Wednesday			
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Big Book Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Parish Grounds	5:00 p.m.	Parish Festival
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish Grounds	3:00 p.m.	Parish Festival
Sunday	Parish Grounds	11:00 a.m.	Parish Festival

PENTECOST *Sunday*



We are getting a little low on Mass intentions for weekday use. Please contact Jeannie at jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org to offer a Mass intention for regular weekday Mass intentions.

REMINDER!



BEGINNING JUNE 6 AND 7
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

There will no longer be a Sunday evening Mass.

WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU ARE REQUESTING AN ANNOUNCEMENT BE MADE BEFORE MASSES ON THE WEEKEND ON BEHALF OF YOUR ORGANIZATION, THOSE ANNOUNCEMENTS **MUST** BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON THURSDAY, AND THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org.

YOU SHOULD SEND THE ANNOUNCEMENT EXACTLY HOW YOU WANT IT TO READ...AND SHOULD AVOID ANY DETAILS LIKE WEBSITES, PHONE NUMERS, AND OTHER DETAILS PEOPLE ARE NOT LIKELY TO REMEMBER. THEY SHOULD BE BRIEF AND CONCISE.

AGAIN, THEY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON THURSDAY!

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY BE EDITED AND/OR PRIORITIZED BASED ON HOW MANY ARE RECEIVED FOR A GIVEN WEEK.

THIS CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 25.



On the weekend of June 27/28, we will hold a Parish election. You will have the opportunity to vote at each Mass for 3 additional Parish Council Members for At-Large membership. If you would like to nominate a strong candidate or yourself for the election and represent the

Parish as a Parish Council member please email your suggestion to the Parish Council at (Parishcouncil@littleflowerparish.org.) All nominations for potential candidates will need to be sent by June 1st. You can find the requirements to be considered as a candidate in the LF Parish Constitution on the Parish website under the "About us" tab.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of May 16 and 17	\$	4,763.05
Electronic Contribution 5/11-5/15	\$	6,551.65
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	622,143.16
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	614,100.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	8,043.16

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,786.51
April Contributions	\$	2,823.51
May Contributions (to date)	\$	2,508.51

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.

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 5/10)	580

May Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	93
9:00 a.m.	326
6:00 p.m.	161



May 29 is Fr. Jude's Anniversary of Ordination. May God continue to bless you as you mark this 10-year milestone. Your presence has made a true difference in our lives.



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.



READINGS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

May 30 and 31

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

John 3:16-18

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/053126.cfm>

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May Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	97
9:00 a.m.	301
6:00 p.m.	150



Little Flower Vacation Bible School 2026

Mark Your Calendars!

July 20-24, 2026

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Children entering Pre-4 to 4th grade in the fall of 2026.

We need volunteers for VBS!!!

Please contact Lisa at 357-8252 ext. 105, or email

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

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 Debruhi, Sherri (Ruegamer)

Dugger, Joanna Estes, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Pauline Graft, 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:

Bob Lawless

Independence Village

9745 Olympia Drive, Fishers, IN 46037

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.

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 1: Holy Water and Sacramentals

Why is the Mass so important?

Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at specific times during the Mass?

Where did the prayers we say at Mass come from?

When does Jesus actually become present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?

How do I pray better at Mass?

These are just some of the many questions parishioners have asked me through the years. They're really great questions! The goal of this series is to explore the most common things Catholics want to know about the Mass.

What is the Mass? The first question that we need to talk about, the one that underlies all the other questions you might have regarding the Mass, and the question you probably haven't asked yourself, is this: What is the Mass? This is a really important question, and we'll be deepening the answer to this throughout the series. However, as we begin, I want to give you for starters a way you can think about the Mass:

- The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
- The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another.
- And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Mass is the perfect worship of the Father in heaven, and it is an inestimable source of gifts and blessings for us as well.

In this series, we will be exploring each of the parts of the Mass, beginning from that first moment when we walk through the church doors. So let's begin.

Holy Water - What is one of the first things you do when entering the body of a Catholic church? You reach down and dip your fingers in the holy water font and make the Sign of the Cross on yourself. We do this seemingly small gesture so often that sometimes we may not think about its meaning.

First, have you ever wondered why there are holy water fonts located near the entrance of the church? Msgr. Peter Elliott explains, "The holy water stoups [fonts] at the doors of the church are signs which recall the baptismal washing of the faithful" (Ceremonies for the Modern Rite, no. 44). In many traditional church layouts, the baptistry was located near the main door of the church. So just as the Sacrament of Baptism is our entrance into the life of God and the Christian Faith, it's symbolic that baptistries and fonts are located at the entrance of churches. Their location just inside the church doors recalls for us our entrance into the life of the Church when we were baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (the Sign of the Cross).

So as you enter the body of the church, you bless yourself with holy water to recall the sacrament through which you entered into God's family, the Church. When you enter the church for Mass, you are, we could say, entering the place of "family celebration." We have been given tremendous gifts as members of God's family, and holy water reminds us of these gifts. By blessing ourselves with holy water, we recommit ourselves to living holy lives in fidelity to Christ, and we prepare ourselves to participate fruitfully in the Holy Mass.

Sacramentals - Holy water is water blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon and is among holy things that fall into the category called "sacramentals." The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that sacramentals "are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments" (CCC, no. 1667). That means that these holy things or actions remind us of sacraments in some way. They help us recall the graces of the sacraments. They don't confer grace, but prepare us to receive grace and help us be ready to cooperate with those graces so we can grow in faith and holiness.

Beloved Children of the Father

I mentioned earlier that holy water recalls our Baptism. Dipping our fingers into the holy water and making the Sign of the Cross as we enter the church for Mass is certainly not the same as our Baptism, when water was poured upon us and baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. However, intentionally blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church recalls the day that we were brought into God's family, and it reminds us we are beloved children of the Father. As we prepare to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, this first gesture as we enter the body of the church helps us to know that we belong and that we have been invited to take part in the Sacrifice of Christ.

For Reflection:

1. After his Resurrection, Jesus Christ gave his disciples a mandate: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:19-20). As you make the Sign of the Cross, consider the ways in which Christ fulfills his promise to remain with us, and ask for a greater awareness of God's presence in your life.
2. When were you baptized? Reflect on this gift of initiation into God's family, and look forward to your next visit to church.



SUMMERFEST 2026
"Saddle Up at Summerfest"
May 29 – 31

Permit #002626

RAFFLE! Please do your best to turn in as many tickets as possible. Extras are available at all the church doors. The raffle has potential to bring money in from outside the parish and that is always very helpful. We hope you will help us meet our goal!

2025 raffle sales totaled around 15,550.00. Our goal this year is to sell at least as many tickets as we did last year. This includes all tickets sold prior to and during the festival.

Total tickets sold as of 5/11/26	\$ 8,025.00
Same time last year	\$ 4,715.00
Goal	\$ 15,550.00

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. Also, for your convenience the parish office will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 27, and Thursday May 28. 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.

PRESALE RIDE TICKETS

Presale tickets for festival rides will be available in church after weekend Masses this weekend. Please plan to purchase tickets in advance, as they are less expensive for you and the percentage of profit for the parish is greater on advance sale tickets! You may also purchase advance sale tickets in the parish office from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday OR online at lfsummerfest.com.

SILENT AUCTION

DONATE - Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196 or edeputy1@yahoo.com) if you can donate!

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

Please mark your calendar for this Thursday, May 28. We will begin at 5 p.m., but come when you can, there's plenty to do. Please bring a drill, pliers, 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.

"LITTLE FLOWERS" PLANT BOOTH

Donations are being accepted for the "Little Flowers" Plant Booth. They are looking for potted plants and would appreciate them being marked with what they are and any care notes. You may drop your donations outside the parish center on May 28 or 29, or call Katie Baecher at 317-504-7937 for pick up. Pick up will take place shortly before the festival.

IN NEED OF PLASTIC ICE CREAM TUBS

Do you have spare plastic ice cream tubs with handles and lids? We could use them for the strawberries at the festival. If you can spare them, please bring them to the parish center during office hours or call Peggy at 317-357-8352 ext 106, and we will arrange to have them picked up.

STRAWBERRY HULLING

We need help hulling fresh strawberries for the festival. Please come to the school cafeteria on Friday morning, May 29, at 9:30 a.m. We have lots of strawberries and need your help. Bring a paring knife!

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).



SUNDAYKIDZ

Pentecost Sunday

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Evening Doors Locked Stood Peace
Hands Side Rejoice Breathe Spirit