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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

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At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr
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 May 18 - 24, 2026

19	May	Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Pauline Shikany by Larry & Patty Jacobs
21	May	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Joe Therber & Scecina Class of 2026
23	May	Saturday	5:30 p.m.	For the People
24	May	Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Happy Heavenly 16 th Birthday Isabelle Lyons by Nanna & Papaw Lyons
			6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Commiskey Family by Paul Commiskey



At the end of January, after much thought and prayer, I let Fr. Jude know that my last day as Music Director would be on May 26. My last official act will be to play at eighth grade graduation. The end of this year's choir season will come on May 24, so this seemed like an ideal weekend to wrap things up.

Having been a parishioner for my entire life, and an employee in one form or another for the past 33 years, I have many memories and accomplishments to look back on. Many parishioners have become like family over these years, especially because during many of those years, nearly everything I did was connected to the parish.

There are so many things and people I will miss. Thanks to all of you who made my time special.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

May 17 - 24, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:00 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Scecina Baccalaureate
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Sunday	Pentecost Sunday		


MEMORIAL DAY

The Parish Center will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.



We extend our sympathy to *Pauline and Charlie Graf* on the death of Pauline's sister-in-law, **Ann Bordenkecher**, who died recently. Please keep all of Ann's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Ann into his eternal glory.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

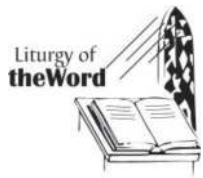
Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of May 9 and 10	\$	5,470.00
Electronic Contribution 5/4-5/8	\$	5,515.86
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	610,828.46
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	600,750.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD	\$	10,078.46

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$	2,786.51
April Contributions	\$	2,823.51
May Contributions (to date)	\$	2,053.51

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.



READINGS FOR

PENTECOST

May 23 and 24

Acts 21:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

John 20:19-23

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/052426-Day>

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.



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 [tcostello@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:costello@littleflowerparish.org)
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa at lqibbons@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.**



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.

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, 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 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:

Margaret Brown
726 Caryle Place, Indianapolis, IN 46201
(She turned 100 on May 11)

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.



Come to VBS!

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.

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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	\$ 6,480.00
Same time last year	\$ 3,380.00
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. 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 on May 16/17 and May 23/24. 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.

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 23 at 9am and Thursday, May 28 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.

"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).

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