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ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

June 7, 2026

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4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
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?

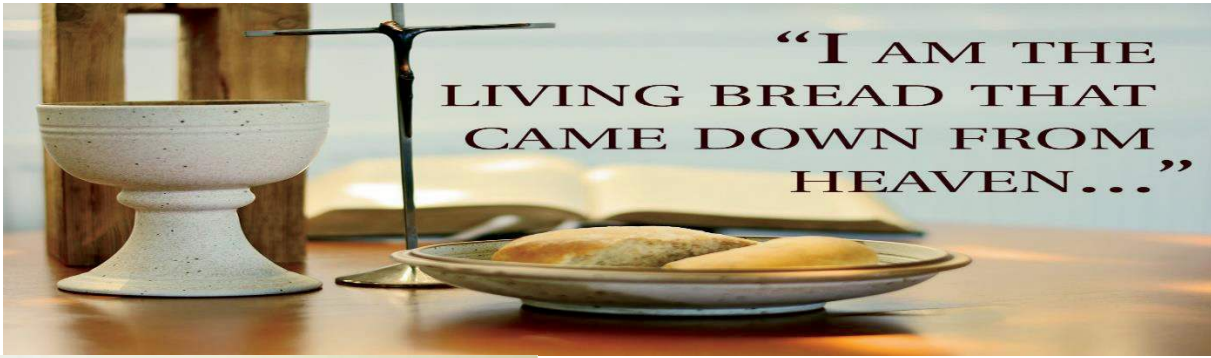
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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

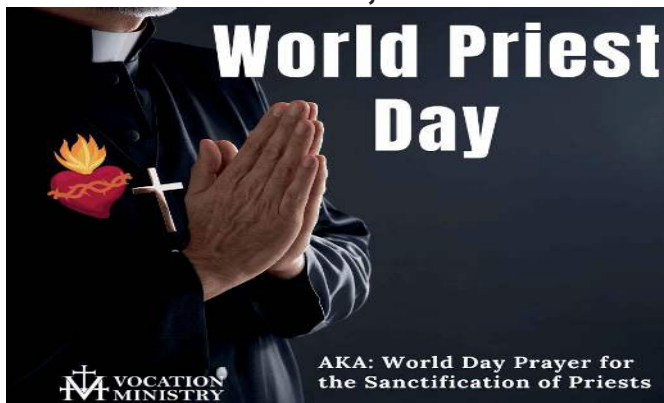
For the Week June 8 - 14, 2026

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| 9 | June | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. | Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly |
| 11 | June | Thursday | 5:30 p.m. | Deceased Members of the Maginn & Boyle Families |
| 13 | June | Saturday | 5:30 p.m. | For the People |
| 14 | June | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. | Bob Buck by Sam Chu |



We extend our condolences to *Teena Soto* on the death of her nephew, **Michael Tamer**, who passed away on May 18 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on May 28. Please keep all of Michael's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Michael into his eternal glory.

June 12, 2026



Sacred Heart of Jesus, protect Fr. Jude in the midst of his work at our parish. Comfort him in his afflictions. Give him health of body, assistance in his temporal needs, and your blessing on all that he does. We ask the Holy Spirit to come down and light his heart anew for the priesthood and help him to grow in holiness.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

June 7 -14, 2026

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | Duffey Hall (school café) | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 11:30 a.m. | Adventuresome Group |
| | 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 |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 6:00 p.m. | AA Women's Big Book Study |
| | Duffey Hall (school café) | 7:00 p.m. | Little Flower Athletic Meeting |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 8:00 p.m. | AA |
| Friday | The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus | | |
| Saturday | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group |
| Sunday | Duffey Hall (school café) | 10:00 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts |

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 zimmerman@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 IS CHANGE IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



The last wagon has rolled out, and we are hanging up our hats from Summerfest 2026! Extra special thanks to our festival leadership team, booth and area chairs, and the many volunteers who rolled up their sleeves and helped make Summerfest a success. This year's celebration would not have been possible without their hard work, dedication, and generous spirit.

We are also deeply grateful to everyone who supported Summerfest in so many ways throughout the weekend. From lending a hand to enjoying the festivities, your support and parish fellowship helped make this year's "Saddle Up at Summerfest" celebration one to remember.

As the dust settles and we wrap up the final details, we will share an estimated festival profit with the parish once all expenses and remaining deposits have been completed.

Congratulations to our Main Raffle winners:

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| 1st Prize | \$4,000.00 | Al Dayton |
| 2nd Prize | \$1,000.00 | Shirley Brothers Mortuaries |
| 3rd Prize | \$ 500.00 | Jeremy Williams |
| 4th Prize | \$ 500.00 | David Petry |

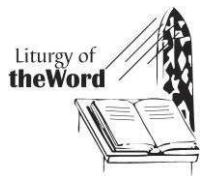
Thanks to those who participated in the raffle for handcrafted wooden items! **2026 Winners:**

Garden benches:

- Judy Corpuz
- Doug Donahue

US Flags:

- April Jones (on behalf of Keeghan Jones)
- Priscilla Campbell
- Patty Grismore
- Kevin Gawrys (via anonymous ticket buyer)



READINGS FOR THE 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13 and 14
 Exodus 19:2-6a
 Romans 5:6-11
 Matthew 9:36-10:8

To read the readings on-line, go to <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061426.cfm>

FOX59 Meteorologist to address Catholic Business Exchange
 Brian Wilkes, the chief meteorologist for FOX59, will address the June Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be: 100% Chance of Fun.

The event is Friday, June 19, at the Liter House, 5301 Winthrop Avenue, Indianapolis. Mass is offered at 7am and the program will be finished by 9am. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by 4pm, Tuesday June 16. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,350.00 |
| Collection of May 30 and 31 | \$ | 4,559.00 |
| Electronic Contribution 5/25 – 5/29 | \$ | 3,416.34 |
| Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual | \$ | 640,308.60 |
| Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget | \$ | 640,800.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT | \$ | - 491.40 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| March Contributions | \$ | 2,786.51 |
| April Contributions | \$ | 2,823.51 |
| May Contributions | \$ | 2,866.51 |

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

- Church exterior doors –electronics complete for ADA door; others to be completed in the near future.
- 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 will begin this week.
- Church interior lights – next lights are scheduled.



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.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, June 10 at 11:30 a.m. in the school parking lot.** This month we will be heading to the Knights of Columbus in Shelbyville, IN for an all you can eat Salad Bar Luncheon, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella. The cost of the luncheon will be \$15.00. Every type of salad you can imagine will be available for your eating pleasure, along with some fabulous desserts! We will carpool from Little Flower. Please call Jeannie in the Parish Center, 317-357-8352 if you plan on attending. If you would like to attend and do not have the money, please contact Peggy Clegg, 317-357-8352 x106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, because someone graciously donated money to help pay others to be able to attend this event.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

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| December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic) | 608 |
| June 2024 - May 2025 | 505 |
| June 2025 - December 2025 | 502 |
| January 2026-April 2026 | 546 |
| May 2026 | 514 |

May Averages per Mass

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| 5:30 p.m. | 113 |
| 9:00 a.m. | 262 |
| 6:00 p.m. | 138 |



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 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:

Theresa Lotz

Harmony at Avon

2141 N Dan Jones Rd Apt 308, Avon, IN 46123

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.



Mission Appeal

On the weekend of June 20/21, we will be blessed to welcome Fr. Pradeep P. Abraham, O.S.S.T., to our parish for a Mission Appeal. At each Mass, Fr. Abraham will invite us to support, through our prayers and generosity, the vital work of forming

Trinitarian seminarians who are preparing to serve among persecuted Christians around the world.

As we gather freely to worship, many of our brothers and sisters in faith do not share that freedom. Trinitarian priests from India and other countries minister in parts of the Middle East, where openly practicing the Christian faith can place lives at risk, offering the sacraments, spiritual strength, and hope to those who persevere in faith despite fear. In Northeast India, where Christian communities often face hostility, our priests and seminarians nurture small but devoted Catholic communities while also providing education to children and young people, opportunities that help them build a future rooted in faith, dignity, and hope.

Your generosity during this Mission Appeal will directly support these efforts: the formation of seminarians, the care of vulnerable communities, and the mission of bringing God’s mercy and redemption to places where it is needed most.

We prayerfully ask you to consider making a donation during our second collection. Checks may be made payable to the parish, designated for the Trinitarian Mission Appeal. Together, let us stand in solidarity with our persecuted brothers and sisters and help keep the light of Christ burning brightly in the darkest corners of the world.

Continued series on the Mass:

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 2: Genuflection

As we arrive at the church to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, our first gesture at the church door is to bless ourselves with holy water. After we have recalled our Baptism by making the Sign of the Cross with water from the font, the next thing we do is look for a place to sit. Before we slide into the pew, however, if the Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the church, we genuflect.

You will see the priest and servers genuflect at times during the Mass. When the tabernacle with the Most Blessed Sacrament is present in the sanctuary of the church, the priest and servers genuflect when they approach the altar at the beginning of Mass and when they depart from it after the final blessing (General Instruction for the Roman Missal, no. 274; Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite, no. 199). The priest also genuflects at the altar after the elevation of the consecrated host, after the elevation of the chalice, and before receiving Holy Communion (GIRM, no. 274). The priest's genuflection at these points in the Mass helps us recall the incredible gift of Jesus present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Since during Mass, the focus is on the altar, you will notice that at other times during the Mass, the ministers bow as they cross the sanctuary.

Why Catholics Genuflect

What is a genuflection, and why do we genuflect? The simple answer is that when we genuflect, we touch our right knee to the floor to honor Jesus, who is really present in the tabernacle!

The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines genuflection as “a reverence made by bending the knee, especially to express adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” (CCC, Glossary). By genuflecting or bowing deeply in a spirit of prayer and as a sign of adoration of the Lord, “we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine” (CCC, no. 1378). To honor the true presence of Jesus Christ, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass, as well as when entering or leaving the church, should genuflect. If genuflecting is physically difficult, a bow is a reverent substitute.

Say “Hi” to Jesus

One of my favorite memories as a priest was teaching religion class to young children. Often we met in the church itself rather than the classroom. I wanted to show them the sacred art in the church, as well as the sacred vessels and books used at Mass. The first time we entered the church, I taught them to genuflect. Of course, we had to start with learning which was our right knee and which was our left knee! Next, we practiced folding our hands and putting our right knee down to the floor. Week after week, I noticed how the children were improving their form as well as their reverence. At the end of the year, when we were reviewing what we had learned, I asked the children: “Why do we genuflect when we come in the church?” One of them smiled and eagerly responded, “To say hi to Jesus and to honor him.” I couldn't have said it better!

The next time you enter a church, allow your eyes to be drawn to the sanctuary, altar, and tabernacle in the front of the church. In Catholic churches, a candle is kept burning next to the Tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ. Seeing the candle, called a sanctuary lamp, we can recognize that Jesus is truly present in the Holy Eucharist and give Him the great honor that He deserves. When we genuflect, we make an act of humility that acknowledges the greatness of God and confesses that Jesus Christ present in the Eucharist is God with us. Jesus Christ, who loves us perfectly, who died for our sins and rose in triumph—Jesus Christ is there before us! While it is true that when we genuflect we honor Christ and profess our belief that he is present there, it is also a great honor for us, for in doing so we remember that we are part of God's beloved family. Pause and think about that for a moment.

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on Christ's humility as described in Philippians 2:6-11, which gives context to the claim that “at the name of Jesus every knee should bend” (Phil. 2:10). Consider how God is calling you to express humility in your own life.
2. What do you want to say to the Lord the next time you genuflect to greet him?

By Fr. Luke Spannagel

There is a special collection on the weekend of June 13/14 for the Education of Future Archdiocesan Priests.

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