

# ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Liturgy Commission	Mark Erdosy
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School Commission	Lauren Lay
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum
At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr
At-Large Member	Consuelo Quiroz
At-Large Member	Jeff Usher

### 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 is hospitalized or 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.



**For the Week June 22 - 28, 2026**

23	June	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Micaela & Justin Holcomb
25	June	<b>Thursday</b>	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
27	June	<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m.	For the People
28	June	<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Larry Lorgan by Ron & Jacqueline Klinker



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, June 22 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 August.



**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 317-357-8252 ext. 105, or email

[lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

**Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)**

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2024 - May 2025	505
June 2025 - December 2025	502
January 2026-May 2026	539
June 2026 (through 6/14)	339

**June Averages per Mass**

<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>218</b>

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**June 21 - 28, 2026**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Happy Father's Day		
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Planning Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	5:00 p.m.	Archdiocesan Men's Ministry
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Big Book Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

**Stewardship Corner**

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of June 13 and 14	\$	5,930.00
Electronic Contributions 6/8-6/12	\$	3,074.45
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Actual	\$	665,863.70
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget	\$	667,500.00
Fiscal Year 2025-2026 YTD DEFICIT	\$ -	1,636.30

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$	2,823.51
May Contributions	\$	2,866.51
June Contributions (to date)	\$	2,056.51

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

Tuckpointing on front of school and parish center- work to be scheduled for this summer.

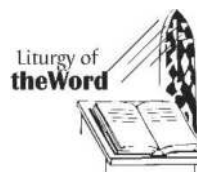
Church exterior doors -wiring complete for 2 doors, waiting for keypad entry to be delivered and installed.

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 THE 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**June 27 and 28**  
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062826.cfm>



### Mission Appeal

This weekend of June 20/21, we are 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.

## Historic Irvington 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour Sunday, June 28, 2026



### Advance tickets available at:

- Black Sheep, 5626 East Washington Street
- George Thomas Florist, 5609 East Washington Street

### Tickets available the day of at:

- The Benton House, 312 S. Downey Ave.
- The Bona Thompson Center, 5350 University Ave.
- Irvington United Methodist Church, 30 N. Audubon Rd.

Cost: adults \$10, children 12 and under - free



**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 Graf, 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:

**Ann McCarty**

**445 N Belmar 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

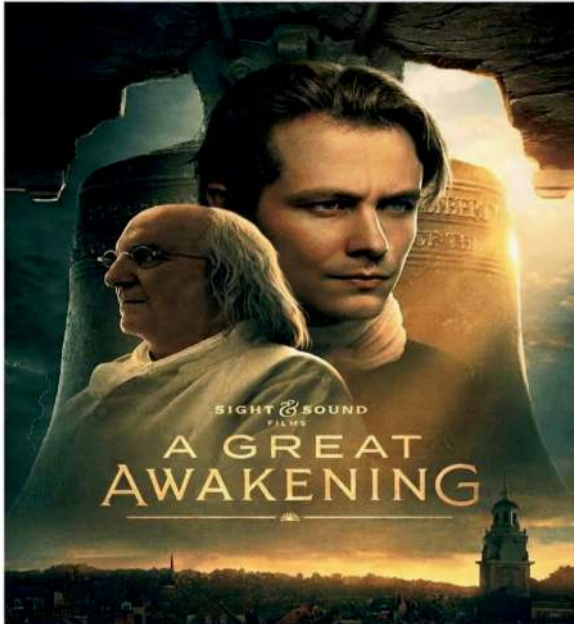
**Riley Allstatt**, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).**

**In honor of America's 250th anniversary,  
we are having a showing of  
"A Great Awakening,"  
a 2026 historical drama.**

The film tells the true story of the unlikely friendship between British evangelist George Whitefield and founding father Benjamin Franklin. It highlights the 18th-century "Great Awakening"—a massive religious revival that swept through the American colonies—and explores how this spiritual transformation unified the nation before the Revolution. Come join us!



**July 2nd, Little Flower Cafeteria**  
Doors open @ 6:30pm  
Movie Starts @ 7:00pm

Please RSVP to Kurt Schnell at [zimmfan67@gmail.com](mailto:zimmfan67@gmail.com)  
or call the parish office at 317-357-8352

# WE ARE HIRING

Our parish is seeking a dedicated and organized Front Office Manager to join our team. This position (30 hours per week) requires fluency in both English and Spanish. The ideal candidate will possess strong communication, administrative, and organizational skills and enjoy serving a diverse parish community.

For more information or to apply before July 10, 2026, please contact Angie Mackell  
[amackell@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org)

## FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2026 really saddled up! Our estimated profit will come in at more than \$81,500, making it the second most financially successful festival in our history! The Lord blessed us with nearly perfect weather all three days, which certainly helped keep things rolling along.

Overall income showed a 3% increase while expenses were down nearly 13%, giving our bottom line a healthy boost.

For the first time, sponsorships rode into the top net-profit spot, bringing in around \$20,000, just edging out the silent auction at approximately \$19,000. The main raffle also showed an increase over last year, and we're hopeful that trail continues. Other star performers were the beer and wine booths, both setting new records for net profit.

This year's festival proceeds will replenish the reserves that were used to cover the cost of the church's new security doors.

The Summerfest leadership team is one of the hardest-working crews I've ever had the pleasure of serving alongside. Their dedication, creativity, and willingness to pitch in wherever needed helped keep everything on course. As always, my cup runneth over with gratitude for this amazing team.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to everyone who supported Summerfest 2026, whether by volunteering, sponsoring, donating, attending, or praying for its success. Every hand helped make this year's festival a blessing, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

~ Angie

**GOLF  
OUTING**

We are thrilled to invite all avid golfers and enthusiasts to participate in our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing! Registration opens soon, so mark your calendars, put in the request for the day off, and dust off those clubs!

**4 SEPTEMBER 2026** | 8:00 AM - FINISH  
PLEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE

**SAVE THE DATE**

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The candidates below are running for election to the Parish Pastoral Council. Parishioners will vote on the weekend of June 27/28 to elect three (3) new at-large members. For full biographies, please see the parish website.

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Bill Conway



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