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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	Jeff Usher
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At-Large Member	Pattiann Gavaghan

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?

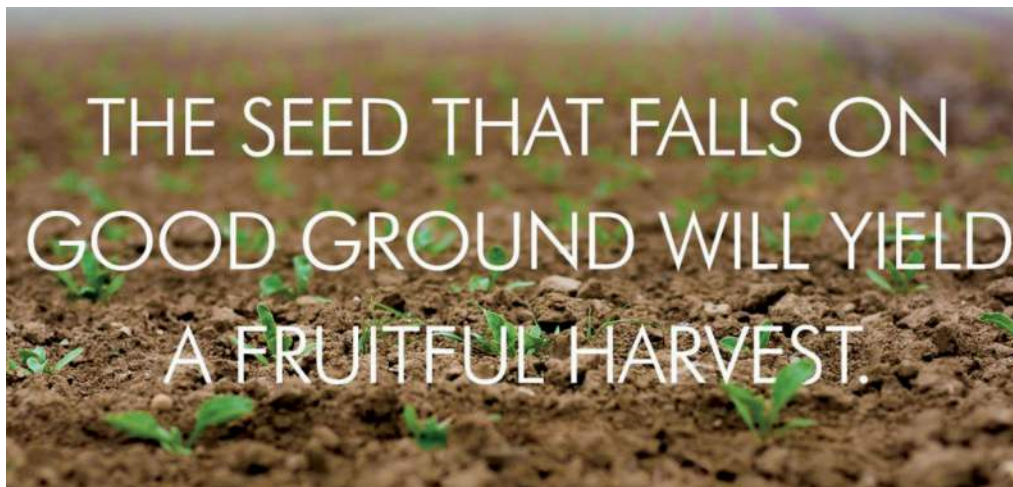
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 by noon on Monday.



For the Week July 13 - 19, 2026

14	July	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Emil and Emma Weimer by Ron Sharp
16	July	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Jesse Quiroz by Consuelo Quiroz
18	July	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
19	July	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Renee Gordon by the Gordon Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 12 - 19, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	1:00 p.m.	Kevin's Retirement Party
Monday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	OCIA Team Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
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)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts

Los misales en español están disponibles junto a las puertas de la iglesia para su uso durante la Misa. Por favor, devuélvalos al salir. ¡Muchas gracias!

Spanish missals are available at the church doors for use during Mass. Please return them when you leave. Thank you!

We extend our condolences to *Beth Murphy and her family*, on the death of her mother, **Judy McDonald**. Please keep all of Judy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Judy into his eternal glory.



Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of July 4 and 5	\$	6,887.00
Electronic Contributions 6/29 – 7/3	\$	9,593.81
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	16,480.81
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	13,350.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	\$	3,130.81
<i>Fiscal Year 2025-2026 FINAL</i>	\$	- 6,229.97

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,866.51
June Contributions	\$	2,888.51
July Contributions	\$	1,551.51

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 – One more to complete.



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 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:

Carol Murphy
Greenbriar Village
8800 Spoon Dr, 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.



Mayor Sue Finkam to address Catholic Business Exchange

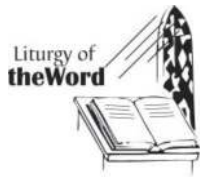
Sue Finkam, Mayor of Carmel, will address the July Catholic Business Exchange. Her topic will be: A Modern Day Mayor: Balancing the Present and Future Needs of a Community.

The event is **Friday, July 17, at the Liter House, 5301 Winthrop Avenue, Indianapolis**. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. and the program will be finished by 9 a.m. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by 4 p.m., Tuesday July 14. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.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-June 2026	508
July 2026 (through 7/5)	347
July Averages per Mass	
5:30 p.m.	109
9:00 a.m.	238

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**



**READINGS FOR THE 16th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

July 18 and 19

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071926.cfm>



FR. ROBERT BORCHERTMEYER

GOLF OUTING

Benefiting students at Little Flower Catholic School

Date & Place
SEPTEMBER 4, 2026
At Pleasant Run Golf Course
601 N. Arlington Avenue, Indpls, IN, 46219

Cost
\$90/PLAYER

Schedule

07:00	Registration
07:50	Prayer & Announcements
08:00	Shotgun Start

Extras

- Move Closer** \$5.00/Player (Move up to the designated Tee spot on hole #3)
- Mulligan** \$5.00/Player (Retake 1 stroke any time without penalty. Includes putts)
- Throw** \$5.00/Player (Throw the ball one time from anywhere on the course except the green, without adding a stroke to your score)
- Yardstick** \$10.00/1 Per Team (Use the yardstick to sink a putt. If you miss by 2 inches, take 2 inches from the yardstick until 36 inches have been used)

Registration is OPEN!

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/Lfgolfouting>

Register Now

After registering, before you check out, be sure and go to the "Store" to add any of the extras!



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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

Tree-mendous
adventure awaits!



**RAINFOREST
FALLS**
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SIGN UP NOW!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 20 – 24, 2026

6:00 p.m. Registration on Monday – 8:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday - Friday

- Open to children entering pre-4 to 4th grade this fall.
- Sign up now so we know how many to plan for!!!
- Check-In will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 20 in Little Flower's school cafeteria. door #6
- VBS is free this year because of a generous donor!
- Youth & Adult Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa.
- Family Ice Cream Social on **Friday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.

• **New friends** • **Crafty crafts** • **Super-fun games** •
Yummy snacks • **Surprising adventures** • **Incredible music** • **God Sightings** • **Meeting Saints** • **Bible Memory Buddies**

To sign up, or if you have questions, please call the parish office at 317-357-8352, or email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Continued Series on the Mass:

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 3: Silence before Mass

When we come to Mass, we recall the graces of our Baptism, genuflect to acknowledge Jesus truly present, and then we make our way to our seat. What is next? How about one of the best things churches were designed for? If there is a little time before Mass begins, some moments of prayer will help prepare you for the graces of the Mass.

Early Foundation

When I was growing up, I don't remember our family having many rules for us kids to follow. One that definitely stands out is the expectation regarding when we should be in church as a family. Mass was at 8:00 on Sunday morning, and my dad made it very clear that he expected us all to be seated together in the pew by 7:50 a.m. (Pew is the name for the long bench seats in churches.) Was it so we could get our preferred seat? I doubt it, since everyone in our small country church had our regular places! Looking back now on what dad modeled for us, I realize that the purpose of those ten minutes before Mass was for us to settle in, pray and prepare. I often think about what a great gift dad gave me by making it clear that attending Sunday Mass together was the top priority for our family.

How to Prepare

The General Instruction for the Roman Missal says that there should be a quiet opportunity in the church for the faithful to prepare prayerfully for the Holy Mass (GIRM, no. 45). During this time before Mass, you can recall all the great gifts and graces God has given you since you last came to church. This silence also provides the opportunity to reflect on the generosity of our loving Father and to prepare to thank him in the worship of the Mass. In addition to thankfulness, you might also recognize any needs you have—you might talk to God about any difficulties, stresses, or anxieties you are experiencing and offer them to the Lord, asking for his help and grace.

It can be difficult to enter into this time of silence to help prepare for Mass, especially if we have not yet made it a habit. If you are short on time, Charles Belmonte encourages you to pray on the way to Mass. He writes, “Prepare your soul for Communion with acts of love of God. Make acts of contrition and atonement...pray for the priest that he may truly minister to the needs of the parish. Pray for the congregation...pray that you may understand what you yourself will be taught at Mass” (Understanding the Mass, pg. 38). Belmonte goes on to also encourage using a missal or missalette to review the readings [1] and prayers of the Mass ahead of time. Being familiar with these will also help you to be more attentive and unite your personal prayer more fruitfully with the Mass.

Intentions

One tradition you may not be aware of is the opportunity personally to offer an intention for each Mass we participate in, asking that the graces we receive from the Mass be applied to someone who might need them or to a particular situation. As he prays the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest offers the Mass for a public intention (usually published in the bulletin or announced). Those present are also able to offer a private intention by uniting with the prayers at the altar. For example, you might make an intention for your family to grow in love, the health of a friend, the soul of a deceased relative, reconciliation for a strained relationship, peace in the world, or a greater recognition of the dignity of all life. In addition to assisting our brothers and sisters in Christ, praying about an intention for the Mass is also a great way to help us be more attentive to the prayers and readings and to receive more fully the fruits of the Mass.

Give yourself a goal of arriving at church a bit earlier, and take the challenge of spending a little time in prayer before Mass. In addition to the suggestions above, any of our classic prayers or even composing a prayer of your own is a great way to help prepare your heart for the celebration of the Mass. In our time, when everything can be so busy and hurried, I often think of my dad's great wisdom in giving the family a few extra minutes of quiet preparation.

For Reflection:

1. Before you next participate in Mass, pray with the invitation the Lord gives us in these verses: “Be still and know that I am God!” (Ps. 46:10) and “Pour out your hearts to God our refuge!” (Ps. 62:8). Keep these verses in mind as you bring the fruits of this time of prayer to your preparation before Mass in the church.
2. Do you arrive at Mass with others, such as family members or friends? Discuss the importance of having time for prayerful preparation before Mass and decide what time you want to be at church.

By Fr. Luke Spannagel

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