

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org

*Celebrating 100 years
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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OPEN POSITION

At-Large Member

Kathryn Leszczynski

At-Large Member

Catharine Diehr

At-Large Member

Consuelo Quiroz

At-Large Member

Jeff Usher

At-Large Member

Rick Fischer

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.

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?

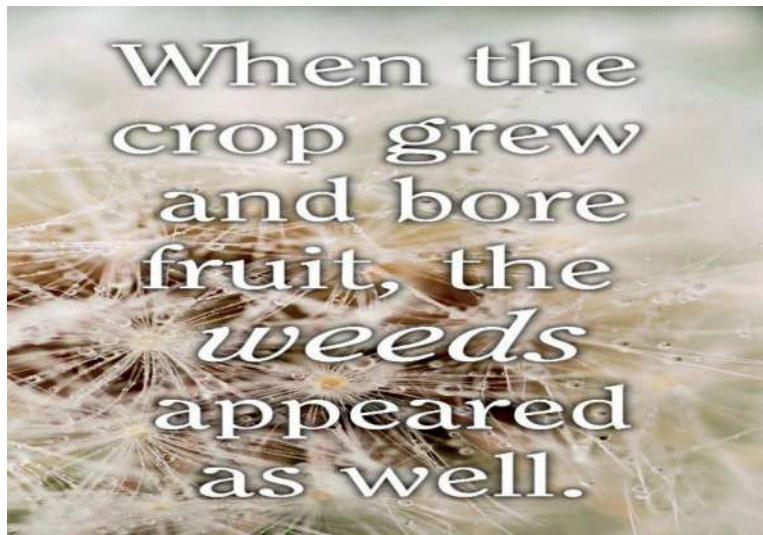
Inquiry Classes begin in September as part of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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

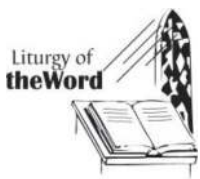
Articles for the bulletin must be submitted in writing to the parish center or by email to lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by noon on Monday.



For the Week July 20 – 26, 2026

21	July	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mark Clemens by Mary Alice Pogue
23	July	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Charles & Mary O'Hara and Patrick O'Hara by Jim O'Hara
25	July	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
26	July	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Glenn E. Blocher by Ray & Hazel Quinn & Family

Please welcome into our Christian community Santino Rafael, son of Henry and Hayley (Stephens) Torres, baptized on Sunday, July 5, 2026.



READINGS FOR THE 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 25 and 26

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072626.cfm>

and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Christine into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 19 - 26, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School Registration
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Men's Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	LFNA Meeting and Ice Cream Social
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Vacation Bible School & Family Ice Cream Social
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
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 *Steve Borden*, on the death of his aunt, Christine Priller, who passed away on July 8 and whose funeral

liturgy was celebrated here on July 16. Please keep all of Christine's family and friends in your thoughts

Stewardship Corner**Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of July 11 and 12	\$	8,069.11
Electronic Contributions 7/6-7/10	\$	3,772.20
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	28,322.12
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	26,700.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	\$	1,622.12

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,866.51
June Contributions	\$	2,888.51
July Contributions (to date)	\$	1,982.51

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.

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-August. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Tuesday, July 28. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

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 7/12)	356

July Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m.	134
9:00 a.m.	222

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

*Share
Your
Faith!*



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 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 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:

Ray and Hazel Quinn

1167 N Gladstone Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201

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.



PLEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE

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

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!

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)



<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/LFgolfouting> 317-353-2282 cechegaray@littleflowerparish.org

Attention golfers! Time to get those golf clubs in shape for the Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer golf outing, on September 4 at Pleasant Run Golf Course! For golf services call Fairway Finishes, Shane Kilgus, at 317-987-9551 for regripping, or polishing.



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EXCITING NEWS FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL!

We are raffling off a new car at our Summer Soiree on Thursday, August 27, at Union Station Downtown!

Come join us for a fabulous event including cocktails, a gourmet dinner experience, live entertainment, live and silent auctions and **enter the raffle to win a new car or \$25,000!** Order event and raffle tickets at svdpindy.org/summer.

This will truly be an evening to remember while we are raising real money to support real people. Help us to embrace our mission to support those in need. For questions, email events@svdpindy.org.

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.
- 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!
- Family Ice Cream Social on **Friday, July 24, at 8:00 p.m.** in the school cafeteria.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE! CALL THE LITTLE FLOWER PARISH OFFICE at 357-8352, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org ON MONDAY TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!

National Night Out

Little Flower Catholic Church

It's a Free Event!

Come out and have a true sense of unity in our community

Tuesday,
August 4th
5:30 to 7:30pm



Little Flower Parking Lot
4720 E 13th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46201

Enjoy the evening filled with free food, live music & games!
Neighborhood food trucks will have treats for sale!
Free school supplies while they last!

For More Information please call 317-357-8352

Below is a full list of current organization leaders

Organization Name	First Name	Last Name	Email
Adoration Chapel	Dianna	Deputy	deputyd@purdue.edu
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Athletic Association	Jessica	Freudenstein	jfreudenstein@littleflowerparish.org
Building and Grounds	Steve	Clegg	steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org
Church Cleaners	Kathleen	Grimm	grimmfamily12@gmail.com
Coffee and Donuts	Shannon	Estrada	sestrada@kandkfence.com
Confirmation	Lisa	Gibbons	lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org
Confirmation	Ben	Wilson	bwilson@littleflowerparish.org
Confirmation	Michele	Rosenbaum	rosenbaumindy@yahoo.com
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School Commission	Jesse	Purvis	schoolcommission@littleflowerparish.org
School Principal	Cassie	Echegaray	cechegaray@littleflowerparish.org
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