

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org



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
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 27 – August 2, 2026

28	July	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Ann Sutton by the Ladies Club
30	July	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Parish
01	August	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	David C. O'Connor by Family and Friends
02	August	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	For the People



Jeannie Zimmerman, our parish secretary, is happily entering the next chapter of her life in retirement after 22 dedicated years at Little Flower. Her last day is July 31. Please join us in congratulating her for the many accomplishments she made here and for the numerous lives she touched as the first point of contact at our parish. May the Lord bless her and keep her throughout her retirement years. She will be missed!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

July 27 – August 2, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	LFNA- Stop the Bleed
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Meeting
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Parish Life Commission
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
Saturday	School	9:00 a.m.	School Clean Up Day
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Quinceanera
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts



Quinceañera

Among several Spanish-speaking countries and among many Hispanics in the United States there is a custom of celebrating the passage from childhood to adolescence with a ritual that expresses thanksgiving to God for the gift of life and that asks for a blessing from God for the years ahead. **On Saturday, August 1, at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, we will celebrate a young lady who will take this next step.**

Stewardship Corner**Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of July 18 and 19	\$	3,368.00
Electronic Contributions 7/13-7/17	\$	8,529.60
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	40,219.72
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	40,050.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	\$	169.72

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,866.51
June Contributions	\$	2,888.51
July Contributions (to date)	\$	2,688.51

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

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

Church exterior doors –keypad installed and operational; remaining doors scheduled for electronics to be installed before school begins.

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:

Judy Rathz

Arlington Place

1635 N Arlington Ave, Indianapolis, IN46218

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.

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.



READINGS FOR THE 18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 1 and 2

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

To read the readings on-line, go to <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/080226.cfm>

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 7/19)	368

July Averages per Mass

5:30 p.m. 139

9:00 a.m. 220

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



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.



We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Sara and Michael O'Brien* on the death of Sara's brother-in-law, **Robert "Bob"**

Hellwig and to *Larry Connel* on the death of his son-in-law, **Dwayne McCoy**. We remember our former music teacher and parish organist, **Paula Slinger**, who passed away. Her husband, *Mike Slinger*, is a deacon at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Bob, Dwayne, and Paula eternal life.

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?



Join us for an OCIA Information Meeting

Do you have a relative or friend who asks questions about the Catholic Church? Have you ever wondered about Catholic beliefs, traditions, or teachings such as transubstantiation? Whether you have questions yourself or know someone who does, you are invited to learn more.

Little Flower Catholic Church will host an information meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7 – 8:30 p.m., for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), formerly known as RCIA.

Location: Parish Center at Little Flower Catholic Church
Entrance: Please enter through Door #13 or Door #11.

OCIA is a welcoming, communal process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Together, we explore the teachings, traditions, prayer, and life of the Church as participants move toward becoming full members of the Roman Catholic Church, often at the Easter Vigil. The process takes several months, and along the way we learn, ask questions, listen to music, share snacks, and enjoy time together.

All are welcome!

For more information, please contact
Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105,
or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to the parishioners of Little Flower for your prayers, kindness, and support following the death of our beloved Christine "Chris" Priller. Your words of comfort, cards, prayers, and presence during this difficult time have been a great source of strength and consolation.

~ With sincere thanks, The family of Christine Priller

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet at **11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 12 in the Parish Center.** Please join us for lunch and games. Call the parish office at, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend.



DRIVERS NEEDED!

Did you know we have neighbors in Indianapolis who are home bound, have no transportation and no way to get groceries? We know at least 375 families because we deliver food to them weekly. We also know over 100 more families because they are on our waiting list to have food delivered. Unfortunately, we can't deliver to these 100 because we don't have enough drivers.

Do you have a couple of hours on Wednesdays to deliver food to neighbors? Can you bring a smile and a caring heart with you to those who need some human connection in addition to food? Have you been searching for meaningful volunteer work and wanting to make a difference in the lives of others? Then look no further and contact Heather Snyder for more details. hsnyder@svdpindy.org/309-533-2678. This is a great opportunity for families to do together.

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.

Share Your Faith!

SCHOOL Clean-Up Day!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 | 9:00 A.M.

Help us get Little Flower Catholic School ready for a wonderful new school year!

Many hands, MAKE LIGHT WORK!

Whether you can stay for an hour or the whole morning, your time and talent make a **BIG** difference!

Let's work together to make our school *shine* for the first day of school!
Thank you for supporting our school!

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on **Monday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.** serving a **fried chicken and polish sausage dinner** along with **polish noodles, mashed potatoes, gravy and dessert.** Cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, August 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

WELCOME / REGISTRATION

August 1 and 2, 2026

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower but have not joined?

If so, consider this your official invitation to become a member of Little Flower Parish. Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the **WELCOME TABLE** in the gathering area for a registration form. Forms are also available if your address or contact information has changed.

You may also register at www.littleflowerparish.org

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





LITTLE FLOWER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Join Our Team Today!

BECOME A PART
OF OUR FAMILY!



We're Hiring For



2ND GRADE TEACHER



5TH GRADE MATERNITY
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Why Join Us?

FAITH-FILLED LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT

SUPPORTIVE AND COLLABORATIVE
WORK ENVIRONMENT

BE PART OF AN INNOVATIVE AND
DYNAMIC TEAM

Contact Cassie Echegaray with
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317-353-2282

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cechegaray@littleflowerparish.org

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