

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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*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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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.

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.



Masses For The Week



For the Week August 17 – 23, 2026

18	August	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Craig Deputy by the Deputy Family
20	August	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Carol Walker by the Minton & Speitel Families
22	August	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
23	August	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Charley, Jimmy, & Danny Murphy by the Murphy Family

Liturgical Ministers

Please read this information carefully.

We will soon be running the schedule for September/October/November.

We only need you to send days that you know you will be unable to serve.

Please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- **Lectors:** please email Joanne at joannemages@hotmail.com
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. ***Please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve.*** If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request not to be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Wednesday, August 19, 2026.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 16 - 23, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Board Meeting
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP Meeting
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	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
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	7:00 p.m.	PPS Town Hall
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Parent Meeting



The Ladies Club Mum Sale has begun! We have some beautiful options available this year. Order forms are available at the doors of the Church. **Orders and payment are due by August 25.** You can drop your order in the collection basket or at the Parish Center. The mums will be **available to pick up on Saturday, September 12, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** If you have questions, contact Rita Chapman at 317-709-7879. The Ladies Club appreciates all the support you give us throughout the year.



Congratulations to the families whose children were baptized on Saturday, August 1, 2026:

- Jaxiel Zarek, son of Kevin Sanchez Vega and Lilah Belcher
- Christopher and Camila Romero, children of Christopher J. Romero and Kaylee Barron



Pizza with Fr. Jude
Saturday, September 5, after the 5:30
p.m. Mass
Duffey Hall (school café)

Everyone is welcome to enjoy free pizza and get to know Fr. Jude. He will share his vocation story and answer questions.

RSVP required. Please include the number of people attending from your family. To RSVP:

- Call the parish center at 317-357-8352
 - Email Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org
- Use the QR code below to RSVP.



A BIG THANK YOU to the Invite Outreach Committee volunteers, parish volunteers, and parish staff for all of their hard work making National Night Out a success! We were able to extend Little Flower hospitality to many east side neighbors on August 4. Food trucks, free food, school supplies, games, live music and a chance to visit with our law enforcement and fire department were enjoyed by all who joined the party. It goes without saying that this community outreach event could not have happened without everyone working together. Thank you to everyone who worked and everyone who attended!

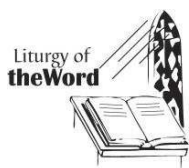
Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center located at 1040 N. Post Rd.
 Fatima Council's **Dinner with the Knights** will be on Monday, August 24 at 6:30 p.m. serving a meatloaf dinner. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4.00 for children 5-12, and children under 4 are free.
 Please join us for a great evening.

Mass Attendance

August 8 - 139

August 9 - 271



READINGS FOR THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22 and 23

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082326.cfm>

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of August 8 and 9	\$	9,033.43
Electronic Contributions 8/3-8/7	\$	9,505.80
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	77,345.20
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	80,100.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,754.80

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,888.51
July Contributions	\$	2,862.51
August Contributions (to date)	\$	2,111.51

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 –complete!



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, August 17 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 if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until November.



Confirmation Preparation for children in 8th grade and above will begin soon. To learn more about the program there will be a

Parent Information Session on Sunday, August 23, at 10 a.m. following the 9 a.m. Mass in the St. Therese room of the Parish Center. The meeting will not only inform you about the program but also offer ideas and tools to confidently engage and encourage your child during their preparation for this important

Sacrament. If you have any questions, please contact

confirmation@littleflowerparish.org.



Thank you to the Little Flower Men's Club for its continued support of our parish. Recent projects include campus landscaping, classroom renovations, food preparation for the Back-to-School Bash, and practical arts instruction for our middle school students. We appreciate all you do!



Join the Choir!

Adult Choir is always seeking new members, especially in the men's and alto sections. Starting this fall, we are kicking off with a gathering at 7:00

pm on Tuesday, September 1, in the school cafeteria. Those in choir, or interested in choir, are encouraged to attend. Sweets and drinks will be provided.

Our first practice is Tuesday, September 8, at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Church. The choir will sing at most 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning Masses from September through May.

There is no audition needed and no minimum skill required. Many of our members started with no previous choir experience or music-reading ability, so please start to give some thought to if God is calling you to serve in this ministry. New members are always what will keep the choral tradition alive.

Email gharlan@littleflowerparish.org with questions.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Come and discover the journey of faith through OCIA
WHO IS OCIA FOR?

- Anyone who has not been baptized
- Anyone baptized in another Christian tradition
- Catholics who still need First Communion or Confirmation

JOIN US

Tuesday, September 8

7:00–8:30 p.m.

Parish Center

Enter through doors #11 or #13

Learn about the journey, ask questions, and discover what it means to become fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

No pressure. No obligation.

Just an invitation to come and see.

For more information, contact Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org



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:

Barb Reed

10841 Tealpoint 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.

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.



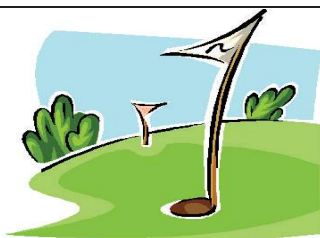
First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering 2nd grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school. Watch for more information from school.

If you have a child that is in 2nd grade who attends public schools and needs to be enrolled in our Sacramental Program, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register.

If you have a child in 3rd grade or above who has not made their First Eucharist, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org as soon as possible.

A requirement for First Eucharist is to be a baptized Catholic and a member of our parish. If your son or daughter has not been baptized in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish center for more information. Generally speaking, at least one parent of a child being presented for Baptism must be Catholic.



The Annual Father Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing is just around the corner.

The outing will be on Friday, September 4.

7:00 a.m. Registration

7:50 a.m. Prayer & Announcements

8:00 a.m. shotgun start

Pleasant Run Golf Course.

Cost: \$90.00/player

See the link below to register.

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

Share Your Faith!



Olympics Chaplain to address Catholic Business Exchange

Paul Kobylarz, an IOC-endorsed Lead Sports Chaplain who has served at six Olympic Games, will address the August Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be: Purpose Driven Leadership: Combining Faith with your Business Life.

The event is **Friday, August 21, 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 August 18.** To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



Join us for the **Parish Picnic**, sponsored by the Parish Life Commission, on **Saturday, August 29, after 5:30 p.m. Mass**. Enjoy bingo, games, kickball, and visiting friends. Everything will be on parish grounds.

Fried chicken, drinks, and paper products will be provided. Please bring a dish serving 10 – 12 people, based on the first letter of your last name:

- A–F: Cold Dish
- G–M: Hot Dish
- N–S: Veggie tray/fruit tray
- T–Z: Desserts

Volunteers are needed before and after the picnic to move tables and chairs between the cafeteria and picnic area. To help, contact Peggy Clegg: 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.



We extend our condolences to **Rita Cooning and her family** on the death of her cousin, **Sr. Edith Schneider**. Please keep all of Sr. Edith's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Sr.

Edith into his eternal glory.

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