

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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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.

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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 24 - 30, 2026

25	August	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Skinner by Bob & Mary Strebing
27	August	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Jack & Martha (Dinn) Moriarty for their 60 th Wedding Anniversary
29	August	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	Joe & Ann Brodenkedher by Pauline and Charlie Graf
30	August	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Michelle Fischer by Mike & Carol Wehlage

2nd Collection for the

Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Kenya

On August 29 and 30, 2026 Rosalie Stluka will be making an appeal at our Masses on behalf of the Assumption Sisters of Nairobi, Kenya, in Africa. Rosalie is a lay person from Lima, Ohio, who has visited these sisters in Nairobi and toured several of their facilities. The mission of the Assumption Sisters is to provide education and health care to the disenfranchised, and to serve the poorest of the poor, especially women in Nairobi. Please be generous in your consideration of this mission appeal. There is no regular envelope for this appeal. Please make your check payable to the parish, noting in the memo line that it is for the Assumption Sisters.



We extend our condolences to *Chris and Rick Pressley and their family* on the death of Chris' sister, **Susan Gandolph**. Please keep all of Susan's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Susan into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

August 23 - 30, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Parent Meeting
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	5:00 p.m.	School Parent Meeting - English
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	School Parent Meeting - Spanish
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	5:00 p.m.	School Parent Meeting - English
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	School Parent Meeting - Spanish
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy 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	Parish Grounds	6:30 p.m.	Parish Picnic
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts



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.



Please welcome into our Christian community Patrick Francis, son of Kevin Nichols and Alice Selm, who was baptized on Sunday, August 9, 2026.



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 by Tuesday, September 1

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



Mass Attendance

August 8 - 131

August 9 - 243

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of August 15 and 16	\$	3,898.27
Electronic Contributions 8/10-8/14	\$	3,091.95
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	84,335.32
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	93,450.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 9,114.68

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,888.51
July Contributions	\$	2,862.51
August Contributions (to date)	\$	2,217.51

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

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

Church exterior doors –keypad installed and operational; remaining doors waiting for programming.

Campus lighting - We are evaluating the need for additional lighting throughout.

Church floor refinishing – will be completed by Sept. 1.



Join the Choir...

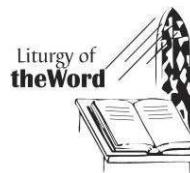
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

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.



Liturgy of
theWord

**READINGS FOR THE 22nd SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

August 29 and 30

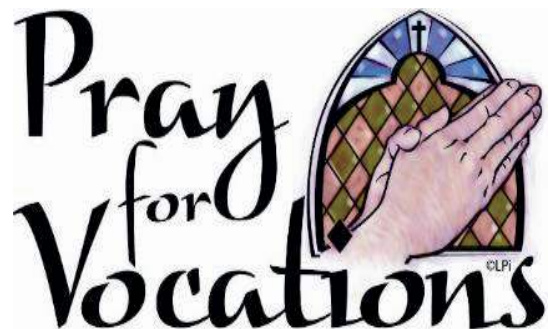
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083026.cfm>



Faith Formation Information

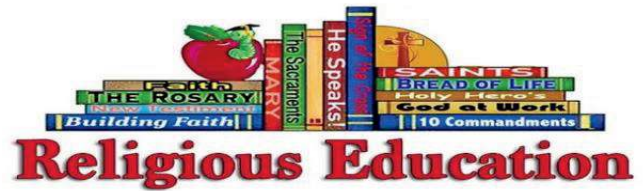


Confirmation classes begin on Sunday, September 13 at 10 a.m.

(after Mass) in the Parish Center.
For Little Flower Parishioners in 8th grade or High School

If you missed the Parent Meeting, or you have questions,
please email confirmation@littleflowerparish.org.

Registration for Confirmation is closed
on Tuesday, September 1.



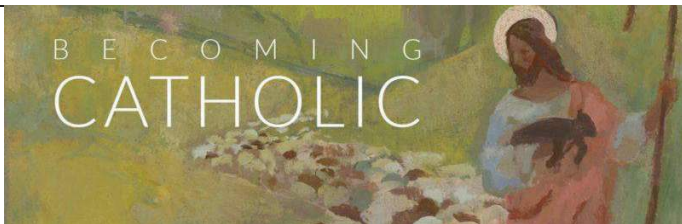
Enrollment is now open for our Religious Education Program for children in public schools, from kindergarten through eighth grade.

Program Details

- Classes begin Sunday, September 27.
- Classes meet most Sundays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Questions or Registration

To register or learn more, contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



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



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.

*All things are
possible with God*



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, Denice Rose, Bette Smith, 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:

Kathryn Toler
Robn Run Health Center
6370 Robn Run W, Indianapolis, IN 46268

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.



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>



Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

Come away and rest awhile...join us for our upcoming events and encounter peace, prayer, and renewal.

- September 3- Day of Silence
- September 18-20- You Are Not Alone Retreat
- September 21- Ignatian Pilgrimage Info Session
- September 22- Day of Reflection: *Lessons of St. Francis*
- September 25-27- TOBIT: Marriage Preparation Retreat
- September 29- Come Away Day

For more information on events & programs visit:

www.archindy.org/fatima

Little Flower Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 29 • Following the 5:30 p.m. Mass

On the Parish Grounds



Join Us for Fun, Food & Fellowship!

Outdoor games: Connect Four • Jenga • Cornhole • Kan Jam • Kickball

Fried chicken, drinks, and all paper products are provided.

Please bring a dish to share that serves at least 10–12 people.

Generous portions help ensure there is plenty for everyone!

What to Bring by Last Name

Last Name	Please Bring	Ideas
A–F	Cold Dish	Pasta salad, macaroni salad, bean salad
G–M	Hot Dish	Mac and cheese, baked beans, au gratin potatoes
N–S	Cut Fruit/Veggies	Relish tray, fruit tray, cut watermelon/cantaloupe
T–Z	Desserts	Cake, cookies, brownies

Bring the family and join us for an exciting evening! All are welcome!



Continued Series on the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 4: Opening Hymn

Now that we have reminded ourselves of our Baptism (holy water), given reverence to Jesus present in the tabernacle (genuflection), and quietly said our prayers of preparation, we are ready to stand for the Introductory Rites. For most parishes, these rites will begin with a hymn or the Entrance Antiphon.

There is no doubt that everyone has their “special way” of singing during the Mass. Some really belt out the song, whether they have a pleasant voice or not. Some lightly mumble the words so that even if they had a microphone, you could barely hear them. Some seemingly know the songs so well that they don’t even open the books! Some must have such a deep interior connection with God that they don’t even sing out loud—just in their hearts!

Let us pray

Why do we sing? Looking back in our history and to the Jewish roots of our liturgy, we see that music and singing is an important part of our prayer together. Singing is one of the most fitting praises for God, since it involves the body and soul even more than speaking. (Singing is a lot more work than speaking!) When we sing, we use our whole beings to praise God. The General Instruction for the Roman Missal explains the importance of singing:

“The Christian faithful who come together as one in expectation of the Lord’s coming are instructed by the Apostle Paul to sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (cf. Col 3:16). Singing is the sign of the heart’s joy (cf. Acts 2:46). Thus St. Augustine says rightly, ‘Singing is for one who loves,’ and there is also the ancient proverb: ‘Whoever sings well prays twice over’” (GIRM, no. 39).

Given these admonitions, “Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass” (GIRM, no. 40).

At the beginning of Mass, the most common options for the “Entrance Chant” are an Entrance Hymn or Entrance Antiphon. The purpose of singing at this time is “to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers” (GIRM, no. 47). The Entrance Hymn or Antiphon helps us to “get into” what we are about to do; it helps us set aside everything else that is going on in our lives and helps us to prepare our hearts to praise God and participate in the Mass. This singing especially reminds us that we are a community, because it is the first act that we all do together at the Mass.

“Be not afraid!”

I often hear individuals say, “I feel self-conscious because my voice is terrible!” To quote our Lord, Pope St. John Paul II, and many others: “Be not afraid!” God gave you the voice you have, and in singing praise to him, you are offering the gifts (or lack thereof) that he gave you. So, pick up that hymnal and join the song!

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on your participation at Mass as an opportunity to fulfill the exhortation of Psalm 96: “Sing to the LORD a new song;/ sing to the LORD, all the earth./ Sing to the LORD, bless his name;/ proclaim his salvation day after day.” (Ps. 96:1-2)
2. Both the Old and New Testament offer many examples of individuals responding in songs, or “Canticles,” to God’s saving action, such as Moses and Miriam (Ex. 15:1-21), Moses (Dt. 32:1-44), Hannah (1 Sm. 2:1-10), David (1 Chr. 29:10-13), Tobit (Tb. 13:1-8), Judith (Jdt. 16:13-17), Sirach (Sir. 1:1-13), Isaiah (Is 20:1-6; 45:15-25), Jeremiah (Jer. 31:10-14), Daniel (Dn. 3:52-88), Habakkuk (Hab. 3:2-19), Zechariah (Lk. 1:68-79), the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:46-55), and Simeon (Lk. 2:29-32). Take time to meditate on a scriptural Cantic and see how God moves you to respond.

By Fr. Luke Spannagel

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