

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org

*Celebrating 100 years
of our beloved school*



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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.

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At-Large Member

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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.

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 September 21 - 27, 2026

22	September	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Bill Rathz by Mike & Carol Wehlage
	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena, Benediction & Communion Service
23	September	Wednesday
	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena, Benediction & Communion Service
24	September	Thursday
	5:00 p.m.	Adoration/Novena Prayers
	5:30 p.m.	Jan Williams by David & Bev Dinn
25	September	Friday
	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	5:30 p.m.	Little Flower Novena, Benediction & Communion Service
26	September	Saturday
	5:15 p.m.	Novena Prayers
	5:30 p.m.	Helena Rikke by Willa Klinker
27	September	Sunday
	8:45 a.m.	Novena Prayers
	9:00 a.m.	For the People



SAVE THE DATE: The Little Flower Fall Blood Drive is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 7, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** The Bloodmobile will be on the circular drive, in front of Little Flower Church. You may register using the following link: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11635339 Please consider donating to help save a life!



Thank you to the students and staff of Sceecina Memorial High School who spent time helping out at Little Flower during their Day of Service on Monday, September 14!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 20 - , 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Novena Flower Collection after Mass		
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Sceecina Scared Music Concert
Tuesday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Novena Prayers, Benediction & Communion Service
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	Chess practice
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Novena Prayers, Benediction & Communion Service
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:00 p.m.	Little Flower School 8 th Grade parent Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	2:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Benediction & Mass
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Our Lady of Lourdes	5 – 11 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Novena Prayers, Benediction & Communion Service
Saturday	Church	1:00 p.m.	Wedding
	Church	5:15 p.m.	Novena Prayers
	Our Lady of Lourdes	5 – 11 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Parish Appreciation Dinner
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed Registration

Catechetical Sunday 2026

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to bring good news to the poor"

Lk 4:18; cf. Is 61:1

With joyful gratitude, we celebrate our wonderful catechists who share the gift of faith with children and adults in such meaningful ways. A special thank-you also goes to parents and guardians, whose love, guidance, and example make them the first and most important catechists in their children's lives.



Our Annual Novena to St. Thérèse is a cherished tradition—one that has carried the faith, hope, and devotion of our parish almost from the beginning. Join us in celebrating our patronal Novena **beginning on Tuesday, September 22 and concluding on Wednesday, September 30.** The service on weekdays will consist of Exposition of

the Blessed Sacrament, Novena prayers, Benediction, and a Communion Service. The Solemn Closing of the Novena (day 9) will take place on September 30th. **We will celebrate the feast on Thursday, October 1st with Mass at 5:30 p.m.**

The schedule of services are:

- **Days 1-4 - September 22-25;** Exposition begins at 5:00 p.m., Novena Prayers begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by Benediction and Communion Service/Mass
- **Day 5 - Saturday, September 26** – Novena Prayers at 5:15 p.m., Mass
- **Day 6 – Sunday, September 27** – Novena Prayers at 8:45 a.m., Mass
- **Days 7-9 - September 28-30** – Exposition begins at 5:00 p.m., Novena Prayers at 5:30 p.m., followed by Benediction and Communion Service
- **Feast of St. Thérèse - Thursday, October 1,** at 5:30 p.m. with our First Communicants in the Opening procession.

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on the weekend of September 26 and 27.

Mass Attendance

September 12 - 164

September 13 - 277



**READINGS FOR THE 26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
September 26 and 27**

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092726.cfm>

**Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival**

September 25 & 26

5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Food, beverages, music and lots of games
for the whole family!**

Come join us!

Stewardship CornerYour Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 12 and 13	\$	5,444.00
Electronic Contributions 9/7-9/11	\$	3,714.10
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	133,717.56
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	146,850.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 13,132.44

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,862.51
August Contributions	\$	3,024.51
September Contributions	\$	2,480.51

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.

ATTENTION ALUMNI!

On Saturday, November 7, we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

**Third Banns of Marriage**

Liam Keenan & Lilly Hines

September 26, 2026

**The last will be first and
the first will be last**

Matthew 20:16



Next Confirmation class

Sunday, September 27, at 10 a.m.

(after Mass) in the Parish Center.

For Little Flower Parishioners in 8th grade & High School

If you have questions, please email
confirmation@littleflowerparish.org.

Ladies Club News!

Ladies, please join us for a special Ladies Club meeting on October 1. "An Evening with St. Therese". Cindy Woods and Katie Baecher will share French fare along with a tour of the Basilica of St. Therese in Lisieux, France. We will be meeting in the school cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. directly after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on the Feast of St. Therese. We hope you will be able to join us.



COME JOIN US !

Please join us on Tuesday, September 22,
from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center,
enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is Faith: The Bible

If you have any questions, please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org



Religious Education

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

Program Details

- Registration and questions on Sunday, September 27 in the school cafeteria

Contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who supported the annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing! We are grateful for all of the donations, sponsorships, and of course, all of the golfers that joined us! Your continued support of Little Flower Catholic School is greatly appreciated! See you next year on the links!

Special thanks to all of our sponsors!

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First Communion & Reconciliation



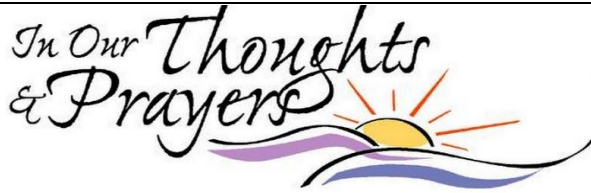
First Eucharist and First Reconciliation

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.



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, 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 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:

Geraldine Watts

1214 N Riley 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.

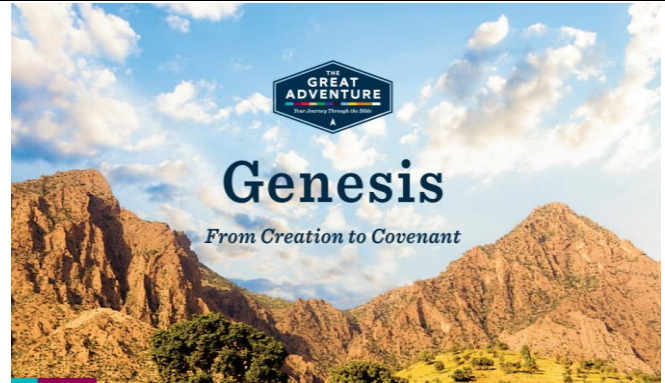
Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in AAMDS Poland. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Lexi Robertson, Navel Submarine Base Kings Bay, GA., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

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.



**Coming Soon!
Fall Bible Study**

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant The Beginning of God's Story—and Yours

Genesis:
From Creation to Covenant is an eight-session study exploring how the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the entire story of salvation.

The book of Genesis tells how Creation was born from God's infinite love and goodness, the chaos brought by the Fall, and the covenant promises that move salvation history forward. Through some of the most well-known and beloved stories in Scripture—including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph—God initiates his plan to restore what was lost.

Guided by Jeff Cavins and Dr. Scott Powell, this study shows how God works through every generation, and covenant promise to draw his people back into relationship with him and prepare the way for our salvation, a plan that continues to unfold in our lives today.

<https://youtu.be/gWjAz3emlVvk?si=piCS0xl5qDEQ1ZNQ>

Date – Time - Location
**Coming soon on Tuesday evening from
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Start date will be determined by
shipment date of workbooks.**

**This will be an 8-week study in room B05 of
Little Flower School**

**Printed workbooks are \$20.00
Digital access is \$7.95**

Please text or email Kurt Schnell if you would like to order a workbook at 317-340-4640 or email zimmfan67@gmail.com or call the parish office at 317-357-8352.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

Feast Day & Parish Appreciation

You make Little Flower bloom!

In gratitude for your time, talent, and treasure, please join us for a special dinner celebrating the people who make our parish community so special: **YOU!**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

School Cafeteria

Immediately following the
5:30 p.m. Mass

DINNER IS OUR GIFT TO YOU!

No need to bring anything—just
bring your family and join us!



ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX
The Little Flower

Please R.S.V.P. by September 23

Parish Center • 317-357-8352, ext. 103
officemanager@littleflowerparish.org

Come celebrate the joy of being part of Little Flower!

All parishioners and their families are warmly invited.



DINE TO DONATE

JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF

ST. THERESE LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

WHERE: **Sahm's Tavern & Sports Bar**

5632 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46219

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

ANY TIME BETWEEN: 11 am - 10:30 pm

MORE INFO: sahmstavernirvington.com



15% OF TOTAL PRE-TAX SALES WILL BE DONATED!

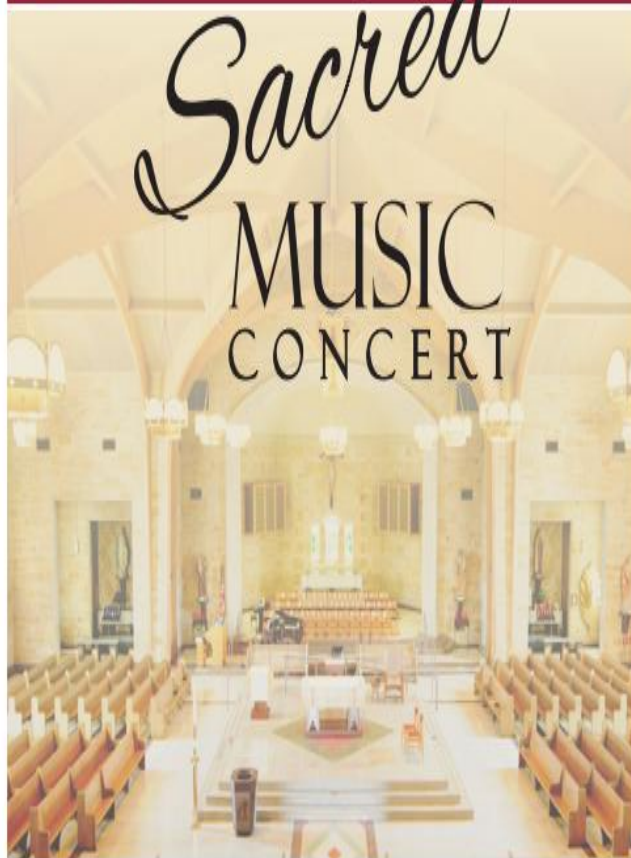
To participate, notify your server that you are dining in support of this organization before placing an order.

Dine in only. Carryout and Delivery do not apply.

Alcohol, online ordering, and gift card purchases do not apply.



Sacred MUSIC CONCERT



A NIGHT OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
FEATURING SCECINA'S ADVANCED AND BEGINNING CHOIRS

MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 21

LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC CHURCH
4720 E. 13TH ST., INDIANAPOLIS

7:00 P.M.

FREE ADMISSION