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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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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 14 – 20, 2026

15	September	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Dorothy & Bud Moody by Anita Moody
17	September	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Jean Miller
19	September	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	Charles & Mary O'Hara and Patrick by Jim O'Hara
20	September	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	For the People



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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 13 - 20, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Gym	10:30 a.m.	Volleyball Pictures & Uniforms
Monday			
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	5:30 p.m.	Chess practice
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:30 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	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 Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking lot		Kickball Classic
	Novena Flower Collection after all Masses		
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	10:00 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts

READINGS FOR THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19 and 20

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092026.cfm>

Mass Attendance**September 5 - 156****September 6 - 223****Stewardship Corner**Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 5 and 6	\$	5,280.98
Electronic Contributions 8/31-9/4	\$	9,166.10
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	124,559.46
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	133,500.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 8,940.54

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,862.51
August Contributions	\$	3,024.51
September Contributions	\$	2,146.51

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.

**Second Banns of Marriage***Liam Keenan & Lilly Hines**September 26, 2026***Marian University President to address Catholic Business Exchange**

Dan Elsener, president of Marian University, will address the September Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be The Distinct and Transformative Mission of Catholic Higher Education. The event is **Friday, September 18, at Liter House, 5301 Winthrop Avenue, Indianapolis.** Mass is offered at 7 a.m., and the program will conclude by 9 a.m. The cost, which includes breakfast, is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. **Registration is required by 4 p.m. Tuesday, September 15.** To register, pay online, or learn more, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.



We extend our condolences to *Mary Catherine Barton* on the death of her brother, **Fr. Mike Barton, MCCJ**, who died on August 28 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on September 8. Fr. Mike was a son of the parish and a Comboni Missionary, where he spent most of his time in Sudan and South Sudan spreading the Gospel. Please keep all of Fr. Mike's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Fr. Mike eternal life.



Next Confirmation class
Sunday, September 27, at 10 a.m.

(after Mass) in the Parish Center.

For Little Flower Parishioners in 8th grade or High School

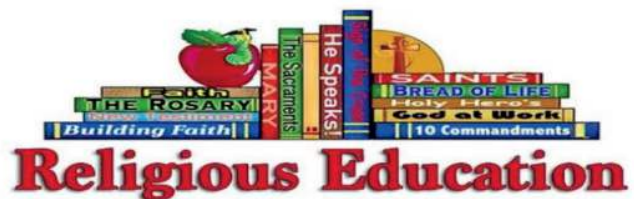
If you have questions, please email
confirmation@littleflowerparish.org.

**COME JOIN US !**

Please join us on Tuesday, September 15, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center, enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is Faith: Gift and Call.

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



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.

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.



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!



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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL MEETING

Come one come all to the SVdP Indy Annual Meeting.

Sunday, September 27, 2026

SVdP Food Pantry 3001 E. 30th Street

8:30 a.m. – Light Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – Mass

10:00 a.m. - Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Lunch

Please join us and hear about all the exciting things happening at SVdP. Click here to register: [SVdP Indy Annual Meeting](#). Hope to see you there!



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:

Gary and Eileen Walters

4849 Franklin Villas Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46237

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.

Save the Date!

**Saturday, September 26 - Annual Parish Feast Day
and Parish Appreciation**

Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation dinner in Duffey Hall following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are invited!

Continued Series on the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 11: Gloria

To review what we have covered so far regarding the Mass, we have recalled our baptism with the Holy Water, genuflected to honor Jesus in the tabernacle, quietly and prayerfully prepared for Mass, sung the opening hymn, made the Sign of the Cross, and humbly called to mind our sins and praised God's mercy in the Penitential Act. Now, it is time for another one of my favorite parts of the Mass: The Gloria.

A Song of Praise

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." Many of us may recognize these words from St. Luke's Gospel as the song the angels sing in praise announcing the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Luke 2:14). Each year on Christmas Eve, I recall our family traditions from when I was young, including Christmas Eve Mass together as a family. One year, we went to bed very early so that we wouldn't be too tired for the Mass at midnight. In my memory, I still hear very clearly my grandparents singing in the choir and the bells ringing with joy as we sang together the news of Christ's birth. As we grew older and became altar servers, my brother and I would practice so that we could ring the bells steadily throughout the Gloria. It took a lot of endurance!

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates, "The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreates God the Father and the Lamb" (GIRM, no. 53). The Gloria is full of phrases and titles from the Bible. Edward Sri explains, "one could describe this prayer, which goes back to early Christianity, as a mosaic of biblical titles for God and common biblical expressions of praise." Sri goes on to list many Scripture references to these titles, such as "Lord Almighty" (Baruch 3:1; 2 Corinthians 6:18), "Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 19:6), and "King of Glory" (see A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 43).

Three Acts

From the context of the Gloria, we are clearly singing the first part to God the Father and then the second part to God the Son. According to Sri: "The next part of the Gloria, in a sense, tells a story—the story of Christ. Like a three-act play, the Gloria sums up the story of Christ's saving work moving from 1) his coming, to 2) his redeeming death, to 3) his triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven" (p. 44). Once again, Sri highlights many references to the Scriptures, including the Divine Sonship of Christ (John 5:17-18; 10:30-38; 2 Corinthians 1:19; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 1:1-2); the Lamb of God (John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-14; 12:11; 17:14, among many others); and Christ's position at the right hand of the Father (Mark 16:19) (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, pp. 45-46).

Sri continues, "Notice how the whole mission of Jesus is summed up in this section of the Gloria. We move from the Son's Incarnation, to his Paschal Mystery, to his enthronement in heaven. We move from praising Jesus as the 'Only Begotten Son' of the Father who became flesh and dwelt among us; to worshiping him as the 'Lamb of God' who by his sacrifice takes away the sin of the world; to praising him in his triumph over sin and death as he is 'seated at the right hand of the Father.' Indeed, the very climax of salvation history can be summed up in the Gloria" (A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, p. 46).

Fittingly, we probably most often think of the Gloria as a hymn of praise. The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Christ—the act of perfect worship of the Father. That certainly does call forth praises! The Gloria can truly be a great model of prayer for us and hopefully strengthens our readiness for the many fruits that will continue to come in the Mass. As we sing the Gloria together, it is a great lead into what comes next: The Collect, which gathers our prayers and presents our focus for the celebration of each Mass.

For Reflection:

1. Pray again with Luke's account of the angels appearing to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth and proclaiming the first line of the Gloria (Luke 2:9-14). Next time you participate in Mass and sing the Gloria, consider yourself to be singing with the angels.
2. The Book of Daniel recounts three Jewish youths praising God from the midst of a fiery furnace King Nebuchadnezzar has ordered to punish them for their steadfast faith. Reflect on this lengthy canticle (Daniel 3:51-90) and how it relates to the Gloria. As the three youths invoke all creatures to "praise and exalt God above all forever," what lines would you add from your daily life experience?

By: Fr. Luke Spannagel

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