

ST. THERESE – LITTLE FLOWER

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.



Masses For The Week



For the Week September 28 – October 4, 2026

29	September	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Mark Clemens by Mary Alice Pogue
01	October	Thursday
	8:30 a.m.	Our Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Sharp by Ron Sharp
03	October	Saturday
	5:30 p.m.	For the People
04	October	Sunday
	9:00 a.m.	Brian McGinley by the McGinley Family



We extend our condolences to *John and Stephanie Marron and their family* on the death of John's mother, **Linda Marron**, who passed away on September 15 and

whose funeral services were held on September 20. Please keep all of Linda's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Linda into his eternal glory.



Our Annual Novena to St. Thérèse continues this week. We will celebrate her Feast on Thursday, October 1, with Mass at 5:30 p.m. The schedule of services are:

- **Days 7-9 - September 28-30** – Exposition begins at 5:00 p.m. followed by Benediction at 5:30 p.m., Novena Prayers and Communion Service
- **Feast of St. Thérèse** -

Thursday, October 1, at 5:30 p.m. with our First Communicants in the Opening procession.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 27 – October 4, 2026

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
Monday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration/Benediction /Novena-Day 7
Tuesday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Adoration/Benediction /Novena-Day 8
	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/Benediction /Novena-Day 9
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Liturgy Committee Meeting
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Feast of St. Therese
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	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
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Prep
	School	10:00 a.m.	Religious Ed

Mass Attendance

September 19 - 163

September 20 - 245



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!



The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, October 21**, to celebrate Halloween. **NOTE: there is a change in the date of our meeting due to school being on fall break.** Some of our students from school will join us as we decorate pumpkins. Please call the parish office, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend.

Stewardship Corner

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of September 19 and 20	\$	5,218.00
Electronic Contributions 9/14-9/18	\$	8,291.14
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	147,226.70
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	160,200.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 12,973.30

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,862.51
August Contributions	\$	3,024.51
September Contributions	\$	3,156.51

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.



READINGS FOR THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3 and 4

Isaiah 5:1-7

Philippians 4:6-9

Matthew 21:33-43

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/100426.cfm>



Next Confirmation classes

Sunday, September 27, at 10 a.m.

Sunday, October 4, 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 29, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the parish center, enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is Faith: God the Father & the Holy Trinity

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

ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 7 is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. The reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria, followed by 5:30 p.m. Mass, and dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. School alumni, plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 317-357-8352 by November 2 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation information to lfalumni@yahoo.com.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO BLOCKHOUSE FITNESS! We are incredibly grateful to Blockhouse Fitness for generously serving as a hole sponsor for the Little Flower Charity Golf Outing. We sincerely apologize that their generous support was accidentally omitted from last week's bulletin. Thank you, Blockhouse Fitness, for your kindness, partnership, and commitment to making our event a success!



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, John Hugel, 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:

Sandi Adkins
Brickyard Healthcare-Brookview
7145 E 21st St, Indianapolis, IN46213

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.



WELCOME / REGISTRATION

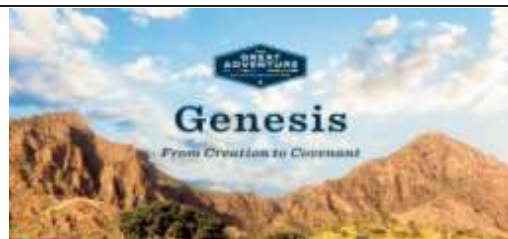
October 3 & 4, 2026

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



Coming Soon!
Fall Bible Study
Tuesday evenings or
Thursday afternoons

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

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.

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/gWjAz3emlVk?si=piCS0xl5qDEQ1ZNQ>

Date – Time - Location

Coming soon

Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday afternoon 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Start date will be determined by shipment date of workbooks.

This will be an 8-week study
Tuesdays in room B05 of Little Flower School
Thursdays in the Parish Center

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.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Continued Series of the Mass

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 12: Collect

A Prayer in Four Parts

“Let us pray...” After the Gloria, the priest sings or says this invitation to pray. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes, “Next the Priest calls upon the people to pray and everybody, together with the Priest, observes a brief silence so that they may become aware of being in God’s presence and may call to mind their intentions. Then the priest pronounces the prayer usually called the ‘Collect’ and through which the character of the celebration finds expression” (GIRM, no. 54). Charles Belmonte notes it is “called the Collect because it sums up and gathers together all the intentions of the day’s sacrifice” (Understanding the Mass, p. 65).

According to Belmonte, the Collect has a standard structure of four parts: an invocation to God, the grounds on which we base our confidence (or a reference to the feast of the day), a petition, and a conclusion (see p. 66). For example, we see these four parts in this Collect from the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: “O God [invocation], who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true [grounds for confidence], grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you [petition]. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever [conclusion].”

Praying Together

During the Collect and other prayers in the Mass, the priest extends his hands and arms outward in what is called the “orans” position, which means a position of prayer. This position was used by our Jewish ancestors and adapted for Christian prayer. With a historical note from the early Christian writer Tertullian, Belmonte observes that Christians adjusted how the hands are held “so as to resemble those of the Lord on the cross” (p. 65). During the Mass, the priest uses this gesture to indicate that we are all praying together; he is collecting all our prayers and offering them up to the Father.

At the end of this prayer, the people respond by saying, “Amen.” As Fr. Guy Oury teaches us, this Hebrew word means “so be it, without question.” He continues, “The Amen is the people’s stamp of approval on what has just been said in their name. It is a Yes to the priest as having spoken the prayer” (The Mass, p. 57). The meaning and function of this simple response invite the congregation to respond boldly with a confident “Amen” in affirmation of this prayer in their name.

Preparing for Prayer

How should we pray during the Collect? Does the Collect seem to happen so quickly that you miss the words? That brief moment of silence before the prayer is an important one when each person can offer personal intentions to be joined with what the priest is about to pray. Here is a great moment to share interiorly any specific prayers you would like to offer along with the spoken prayers of the Mass. It is also an opportunity to prepare ourselves to listen attentively to the words of the Collect as an overview or summary of the main emphases of the prayers for that particular Mass. Perhaps we could see it as an invitation for how Jesus might teach us in the Mass. We might benefit greatly from reading over the words of the Collect before the Mass. If you have never done it, I would invite you to read through the words a couple of times and ask the Lord to prepare your mind and heart for what is to come. This mentality also prepares us to listen to the Liturgy of the Word, God’s word spoken to His people.

For Reflection

1. As Father Luke suggests, take time before Mass, either at home or in church, to pray with the Collect prayer for that liturgy. You can find Collects in Missals, missalette, or online.
2. Reflect on Psalm 33, which tells us that God “surveys all who dwell on earth” (v. 14). Consider God receiving all the prayers we lift up during the moment of silence that belongs to the Collect. The Psalm further claims, “The One who fashioned together their hearts / is the One who knows all their works” (Ps. 33:15). Allow the Collect to “fashion” and shape your heart by listening attentively to the words the presider proclaims.

By Fr. Luke Spannagel



 J'écris mon **INTENTION DE PRIÈRE**
et je la glisse dans l'urne proche du reliquaire

I write down my **PRAYER INTENTION** and place it in the box near the reliquary

For Fr. Jude & the parishioners
of Little Flower Parish, Indpls. IN.

Also the Students and Teachers
of Little Flower School.

☐ Je m'inscris
du Sanctuaire
to receive new
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☐ M. / Mr.
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Prénom / First
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Adresse / Ad
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Ville / City :
Pays / Country

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Celebrating St. Thérèse of Lisieux

The Little Flower

FEAST DAY • OCTOBER 1

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."
- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Small Things with Great Love

Let us be little flowers for Jesus!

Find and circle the words in the puzzle below!

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Word Bank

- THERESE
- LISIEUX
- JESUS
- LOVE
- ROSES
- SAINT
- PRAYER
- FAITH
- CARMEL
- NUN
- FRANCE
- LITTLE
- FLOWER
- KINDNESS
- HEAVEN

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