

ST. THERESE OF THE INFANT JESUS
LITTLE FLOWER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 10-11, 2026

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

THE THERESEAN

Weekend Masses

5:30 PM – Saturday Evening Mass

9:00 AM – Sunday Morning Mass

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – 8:30 AM

Thursday – 5:30 PM

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Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you - Romans 15:7

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Sacraments

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 are hospitalized, or are 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.

This Week in Our Parish
October 11-18, 2026

DAY	ROOM/LOCATION	TIME	GROUP/EVENT
Sunday 10/11/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	• Coffee & Donuts
Monday 10/12/26	---		
Tuesday 10/13/26	St. Therese (Parish Center) Church	7:00pm 7:00pm	• OCIA • Choir Practice
Wednesday 10/14/26	St. Therese (Parish Center) Duffey Hall (School Café)	5 pm 6:30 pm	• SVdP Meeting • Euchre
Thursday 10/15/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1 pm 4 pm 8 pm	• Bible Study • Legion of Mary • AA Meeting
Friday 10/16/26	---		
Saturday 10/17/26	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 am	• Men's Prayer Group
Sunday 10/18/26	Duffey Hall (School Café) School Scout Room (Parish Center)	10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	• Coffee & Donuts • Religious Ed. • Cubs Scouts Troop



October 12-18, 2026

Day	Date	Intention for	Requested by
Tuesday 8:30am	10/13/2026	Ellen Parker	The Ladies Club
Thursday 5:30pm	10/15/2026	Sharon Smith Hawks	The Ladies Club
Saturday 5:30pm	10/17/2026	Helena Rikke	Monica & Richard Huber
Sunday 9:00am	10/18/2026	For the People	---



Congratulation
to Dcn. Gary!

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

THE 29th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2026

Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6

Psalms 96

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/101826.cfm>



Save the Date



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, **October 21**, for a **Halloween celebration**.

Note: The meeting date has changed because of the school's fall break. Some eighth-grade students from the school will join us for lunch and pumpkin decorating.

If you plan to attend, please call the parish office, 317-357-8352 or email Peggy Clegg, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Don't miss out on all the fun. Feel free to bring a friend.



Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

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

- **October 13th** - Day of Silence
- **October 15th** - Adoration/Rosary
- **October 21st** - Come Away Day
- **October 23-25nd** - Peace in the Mourning
- **November 3rd** - Day of Silence
- **November 6-8th** - Being and Belonging

For more information on events & programs visit:

www.archindy.org/fatima

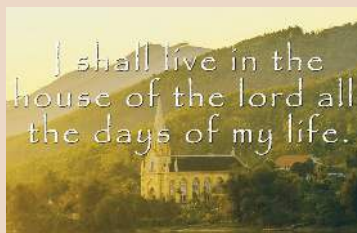


Weekend Mass Attendance

October 3 & 4th

5:30 p.m. - 144

9:00 a.m. - 225



Guerin Catholic President to address :



Deacon Rick Wagner, President of Guerin Catholic, will address the October Catholic Business Exchange.

His topic will be: **Sharing Our Story: Faith in the Workplace.**

The event is Friday, October 16, 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, October 13. To register, pay online, or learn more, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.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	Anna Marie Gutierrez	Carol Murphy
Charlotte Allstatt	Mary Lou Hoggatt	Mary Alice Pogue
Tricia Allstatt	Margaret Hughel	Ray Quinn
Marylyn Blackwell	John Hughel	Consuelo Quiroz
Chip Brandt	Lois Irwin	Judy Rathz
Esther Capps	Carrie Jones	Scott Rhinehart
Joe Clegg	John Jones	Lourdes Riedeman
Mark Clevenger	Bob Lawless	Denice Rose
Dennis Debruhl	Karen Lientz	Bette Smith
Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger	Maximus Lopez	Eileen Walters
Joanna Estes	Larry Lynch	Gary Walters
Carol Freeland	Catherine McKenna-Sexton	Janet Wilkerson
Olivia Garrison	Sally Meth	Sister Lucia Christi Zetzel
Haydee Gloria	Gene Miller	
Margie Greene		

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:

Margaret Brown

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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, aboard aircraft carrier, USS Ronald Reagan - 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 - serving at the Naval 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.



This weekend, October 11 is World Mission Sunday. Please take this opportunity to reach out in faith to more than two-thirds of the world's people who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. Please be as generous as possible.

Thank You!



Our annual Mass of Remembrance

Will be on:

Thursday, November 5 at 5:30 p.m.

During this special liturgy, we remember by name those members of the Little Flower community who have died in the past year.

There will also be an opportunity to remember other loved ones who have died recently. If you would like to have a candle lit in remembrance of someone not buried from here in the past year, please arrive by 5:15 p.m. and write their names on the list that will be available at each door.



Own an IRA?

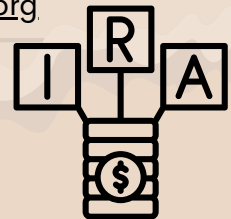
For those 70 ½ or older, maximize your giving impact and tax benefits at the same time.

Consider supporting Little Flower through a "qualified charitable distribution" (QCD) from your IRA. This unique gift provision is tax-free, can lower your taxable income, and can count towards your annual required minimum distribution (starting at 73). You can ask your financial advisor for more information on this advantageous way to give.

Contact Angie Mackell

amackell@littleflowerparish.org

with questions.



Lest We
Forget.



We extend our sympathy on the death of 22-year-old **Riley Allstatt** on September 10.

Riley was a graduate of Little Flower School and Roncalli High School. Riley is the son of *Mark Allstatt and Christa Thompson* and the brother of *Tatum Allstatt*. Many of his extended family members are parishioners as well; including his grandparents, *Charlotte and Dave Allstatt*, his aunts, *Alisha Allstatt and Tricia Allstatt*, and his cousins, *Cynthia and Gabrielle Allstatt*.

Please continue to pray for Riley and his family during this extremely difficult time. May God welcome Riley into his eternal glory.





St. Therese LITTLE FLOWER CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Our annual all-class reunion is right around the corner!!

We are inviting all of our alumni to attend. We are also asking that you assist us in encouraging your children, siblings, cousins, friends, and acquaintances who are alumni to attend this special evening.

Details are provided below. Please lend us a hand in spreading the word.

Reservations required by November 2.



All Alumni and their guest are invited to our annual
ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Please note slight changes to normal schedule

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| 4:45 pm | School Tours - Meet in School Cafeteria (enter Door #6) |
| 5:30 pm | Mass at Little Flower Church |
| 6:30 pm | Social Hour (cash bar), Welcome and Remarks
Indianapolis Marriott East
7202 E. 21st Street |
| 8:00 pm | Complimentary Dinner and Awards Presentation |

This year we will honor the following outstanding alumni:

Jim Erlenbaugh, Class of 1955
Antoinette Maio-Burford, Class of 1984
Lauren Lay, Class of 2003

and

The Little Flower Classes
of 1956, 1966, 1976, 1986, and 2001

Please R.S.V.P. by November 2, 2026

Call the Little Flower Parish office at 317-357-8352, or send an e-mail to
lfalumni@yahoo.com.

Please send your name, year of graduation, and your guest's name.

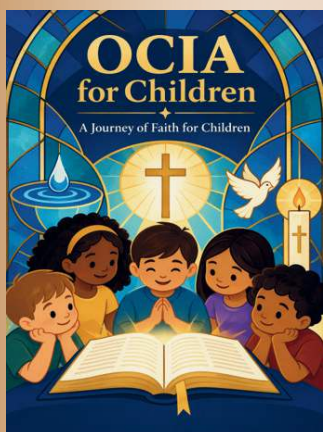
Kindly help us spread the word by inviting and encouraging other Little Flower alumni to attend.

You are welcome to attend any part of the evening.



Ladies Club

The Ladies Club will be collecting hygiene products for the unhoused throughout the month of October. Items could include toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, soap, lotion, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc. **Please do not donate large bottles.** Containers will be at the doors of the Church. We appreciate your help with this important ministry.



Is your child in grade 3 or above and not yet baptized?

We warmly invite your family to join

OCIA for Children beginning in mid-October. Please contact Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

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October 29, 2026
6:00pm - 8:00pm

LEARN MORE & REGISTER ONLINE
seccina.org/admissions/



OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,350.00
Collection of October 3 & 4	\$	7,260.91
Electronic Contributions 9/28 -10/2	\$	7,266.39
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$	171,364.88
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$	186,900.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD DEFICIT	\$	-15,535.12

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	3,024.51
September Contributions	\$	3,272.51
October Contributions	\$	1,479.00

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.

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Mark your Calendar!

The next class is

Sunday, October 25
at 10 a.m. (after Mass)

Our next session includes candidates and their sponsors.

Location: Parish Center.

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



OCIA

Please join us on Tuesday, October 13 from 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is:

The Holy Spirit

If you have any questions call Lisa:

317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email: lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org



Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 13: Liturgy of the Word Part 1

Every Mass, after the Collect, we all sit down and begin the part of the Mass called the Liturgy of the Word. We listen to some readings from the Bible, and we stand for a special reading from the Holy Gospels. As we will see, there is a very thoughtful selection of the different readings and good reasons for why they are arranged in a particular way. As an overview, the Liturgy of the Word includes:

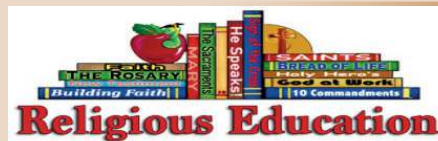
- First Reading, usually taken from the Old Testament
- A sung or recited Responsorial Psalm
- (On Sundays and Solemnities) A Second Reading from the New Testament (other than the Gospels)
- The Alleluia or Gospel Acclamation
- A reading from the Gospels

The Liturgy of the Word also includes the Homily, the Profession of Faith (Creed), and the Prayers of the Faithful with a concluding prayer. In the weeks ahead, we will take a closer look at each of these parts of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Word of the Lord

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "For in the readings, as explained by the Homily, God speaks to his people, opening up to them the mystery of redemption and salvation, and offering spiritual nourishment; and Christ himself is present through his word in the midst of the faithful. By silence [listening to the readings] and singing [responding] the people make this divine word their own, and affirm their adherence to it by means of the Profession of Faith; finally, having been nourished by the divine word, the people pour out their petitions by means of the Universal Prayer for the needs of the whole Church and for the salvation of the whole world" (GIRM, 55).

--TO BE CONTINUED



Little Flower offers Religious Education (CCD) for children in kindergarten to 8th grade who attend public school. It meets on most Sundays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Classes began September 27.

If you have a child that attends public schools and has not registered, please contact Lisa Gibbons. Contact information is below.

FIRST COMMUNION DEADLINE

PLEASE NOTE: if you have a child in 2nd grade that needs to make their First Communion, and they attend public schools, please enroll your child in Religious Ed. Deadline to enroll for First Communion is Friday, October 16.

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



For Reflection

In preparation for Mass this coming Sunday, take time to pray with each of the selected readings.

What connections do you see between them?

Which reading attracts your attention the most?

Spend more time with that reading, and allow the insights there to shape your Sunday and the beginning of a new week.



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