

ST. THERESE OF THE INFANT JESUS
LITTLE FLOWER
CATHOLIC CHURCH

October 17-18, 2026

29th 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 18-25, 2026

DAY	ROOM/ LOCATION	TIME	GROUP/ EVENT
Sunday 10/18/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	• Coffee & Donuts
	Religious Ed.	10:00 am	• School
	Cub Scout Tiger Den Troop 8	4:00 pm	• Scout Room
Monday 10/19/26	---		
Tuesday 10/20/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 pm	• LFNA Board Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 pm	• OCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	• Choir Practice
Wednesday 10/21/26	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	11:30 am	• Adventuresome
Thursday 10/22/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 pm	• Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 pm	• Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 pm	• PPS Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 pm	• AA Meeting
Friday 10/23/26	---		
Saturday 10/24/26	Parking Lot & Duffey Hall (School Café)	2:00 pm	• Trunk or Treat
	Parking Lot & Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 pm	• Invite Community Movie Night
Sunday 10/25/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	• Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 am	• Religious Ed.
	St. Therese & St Patrick (Parish Center)	10:00 am	• Confirmation Meeting



October 19-25, 2026

Day	Date	Intention for	Requested by
Tuesday 8:30am	10/20/2026	Tom O'Gara	Jeanne O'Gara
Thursday 5:30pm	10/22/2026	Bob Sitzman	Family and Friends
Saturday 5:30pm	10/24/2026	For the People	---
Sunday 9:00am	10/25/2026	Michelle Fischer	Michael & Carol Wehlage

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 25, 2026

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalms 18

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Matthew 22:34-40

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102526.cfm>





Ladies Club

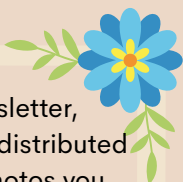
The Ladies Club will be collecting hygiene products for the unhoused throughout the month of October. Items could include toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, soap, lotion, hand sanitizer, wipes, etc.

Please do not donate large bottles. Containers will be at the doors of the Church. We appreciate your help with this important ministry.

The Little Flower Garden

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden," will be distributed in mid-November. Any news or photos you would like to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to lfparishnews@yahoo.com by Tuesday, October 27.

You may also bring items to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket.



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.



PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,350.00
Collection of October 10 & 11	\$ 25,069.13*
Electronic Contributions 10/5-10/9	\$ 5,793.99
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	\$ 202,228.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	\$ 200,250.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	\$ 1,978.00

*Includes an exceptionally generous one-time gift to help reduce our collection deficit. We are deeply grateful for this kindness and generosity. We rely on the continued generosity of all parishioners to sustain our collection for operating expenses.

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 3,024.51
September Contributions	\$ 3,272.51
October Contributions	\$ 2,111.51

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.



Weekend Mass Attendance

October 10 and 11

5:30 p.m. – 120

9:00 a.m. – 219



OCIA

Please join us on Tuesday,
October 20
from 7 pm in the Parish Center.
Please enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is:

The Church &

The Four Marks of the Church

If you have any questions call
Lisa: 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or
email:

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org



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.

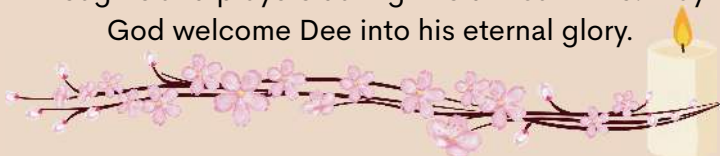
We Remember

Dolores "Dee" Poteet

We remember our parishioner, **Dolores "Dee" Poteet**, who passed away on October 5 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on October 14.

Dee was 93 and, until just recently, was still playing in the Wednesday night Euchre Club at Little Flower.

Please keep all of Dee's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Dee into his eternal glory.



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.



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	Denise 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 Zetzl
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:

Esther Capps | Creekside Health and Rehab,
3114 E 46 th St | Indianapolis, IN 46205



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.

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

Javier Estrada - United States Navy, serving in AAMDS Poland. Son of Lilitana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

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.

Do This in Remembrance of Me, Part 14: Listening to God's Word

As St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." Without a doubt, St. Jerome understood that the Bible truly is God speaking to his people. That is why it is so important to have readings from the Bible during Mass. Listening to God's Word helps us to learn about and understand who God is and how much He loves us. Also, we learn about ourselves and just how much we need God in our lives. As we continue some reflections on the Liturgy of the Word, we focus this week on the more spiritual aspects of listening to God's Word and receiving it into our hearts.

Start with Silence

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal reminds us that silence is a very important part of the Mass. Not only are we silent while the readings are read, but there should also be a brief silence after each of the readings. As the Diocese of Peoria's A Study of the Mass teaches, "Even these brief moments allow us to meditate on the marvels and mysteries we just heard... In our world of 'noise,' this silence may seem uncomfortable to us. Yet, this is all the more reason for us to pay close attention to this detail of the sacred Liturgy" (p. 7). Silence is an important means for the faithful to actively participate in the Mass, since it allows the opportunity to really listen with our hearts and take in God's Word.

What if the readings don't make sense to you? Fr. Guy Oury reminds us that "The Word of God is not a document. It is not something of the past that happens to narrate a stage of revelation" (The Mass, p. 62). The Word of God continues to be alive and active (Hebrews 4:12), seeking us out and helping to draw us nearer to God. That is why it is important for us to do our part during the readings of the Mass by really listening and thinking about the words of Scripture. If God is speaking to his people through the Scriptures, and we are part of God's family, then God is saying something to us through each reading. A great question to ask ourselves is: What is God teaching me here? About himself? About us as his people? About how he asks us to live? These reflections will help us concentrate more on the words and help us understand their meaning, even from a reading about a most unusual topic!



Allow His Word to Grow Roots

Another way to help us better understand the readings is to recognize that the entire Old Testament is a preparation of God's people (that includes us!) for receiving Jesus. The New Testament is a fulfillment of the Old—all the prophecies, all the expectations—all perfectly fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. One of my favorite meditations is to think about something from the Old Testament and see how it leads to Jesus. In the same way, then, look at something in the New Testament and remember back to its beginnings in the Old Testament. For example, we read in Isaiah 7:14, "Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel." For many of us, our mind probably jumps to Mary and Jesus. Some of the connections are very clear, and some are subtler. Spending time reflecting on the readings can not only help us better understand what we hear, but it also helps the Word of God to be truly rooted in our hearts, our thoughts, and our actions.

As Charles Belmonte reminds us, Sacred Scripture reveals to us the "truth, both about God and about our own salvation... What we hear during the Liturgy of the Word is truth about God and the narrative of the marvels God performed... Its culmination is the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ, which is perpetuated in the Eucharist. Therefore, the central theme of the readings is always Christ... By carefully listening to the Word of God and reflecting on it, we will realize who ... Christ is, what he says and does, what he expects of us, and how we are to go about accomplishing the task he entrusted to us. Gradually, we will enter into the intimacy of God and discover the meaning of our own existence. And, as a consequence, we will get to know how to do—always and in everything—the will of God" (Understanding the Mass, p. 75-76). Now that's a reason to "listen up!"

For Reflection:

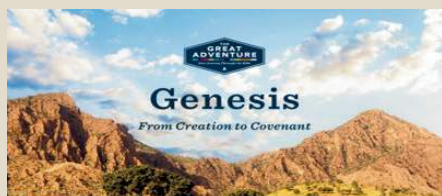
1. Recognizing the unique presence of Jesus in the Scriptures, reflect on the Risen Lord's appearance to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35). Pay particular attention to what Jesus says about his presence in "all the scriptures," including "Moses and all the prophets" (Lk. 24:27). Next time you are at Mass, listen to hear how Jesus is present in each part of the Liturgy of the Word.
2. For a brief sample of Old Testament references to Jesus, consider praying with Deuteronomy 18:15, Psalm 22:1-18, or Isaiah 53. Ask the Lord to awaken your awareness of his presence throughout Scripture.

St Jude



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Fall Bible Study Beginning

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

in room B05 of Little Flower School
or

Thursday, October 29, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

the Parish Center

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.

There is a cost for the workbook.
For more information text or email
Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640 or
email zimmfan67@gmail.com or
call the parish office at
317-357-8352.



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

- 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.

Little Flower Ladies Club

FALL

Fashion
Show

LOCATION

Cynthia's Hallmark Boutique
Greenfield, IN

Ticket Price \$20.00

Contact Mary Conway

317-938-1195

email: sisterrmm118@aol.com



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

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