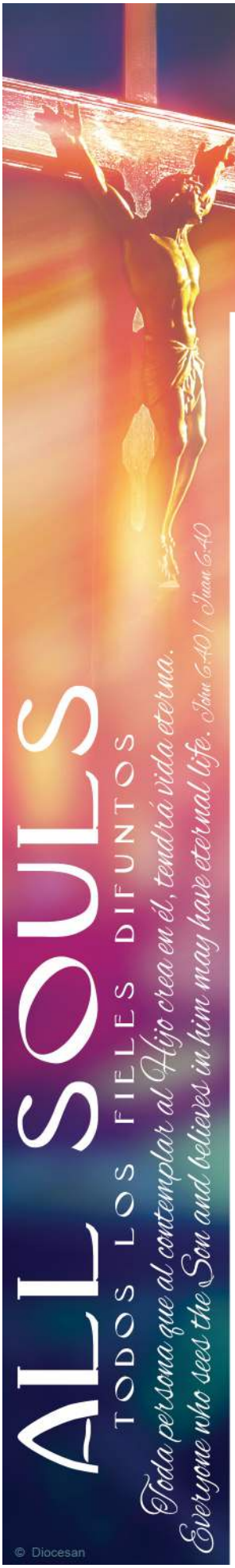

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Solemnity of All Saints

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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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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
November 1-8, 2026

DAY	Room/Location	TIME	Group/Event
Sunday 11/01/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 am	Religious Ed.
Monday 11/02/26	---		
Tuesday 11/03/26	School Room B05	6:30 pm	Bible Class Gen.
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 pm	OCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 11/04/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 pm	SVdP - Sign-up (Thanksgiving & Christmas)
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 pm	School Commission
Thursday 11/05/26	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	11:00 am	O.L.Guadalupe Planning Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 pm	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 pm	Ladies Club
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Friday 11/06/26	---		
Saturday 11/07/26	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	8:00 am	Confirmation Group (Home Base|Day of Service)
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	9:00 am	SVdP - Sign-up (Thanksgiving & Christmas)
	Off-Site (Various locations)	4:30 pm	All-Class Reunion ends 9:00pm
Sunday 11/08/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 am	Religious Ed.
	School	10:00 am	OCIA for Children

Nov. 2-8, 2026

Day	Date	Intention for	Requested by
Tuesday 8:30am	11/03/2026	Souls on Purgatory	John T. Kelly
Thursday 5:30pm	11/05/2026	Bill Maitre	Donna Ross
Saturday 5:30pm	11/07/2026	For the People	---
Sunday 9:00am	11/08/2026	Judy Moss	Arlene Foust

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026
Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm 63
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or **4:13-14**
Matthew 25:1-13
To read the readings on-line, go to
https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110826.cfm

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, **November 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 if you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until February.

PLEASE NOTE

On the weekend of November 14 and 15 we will observe Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, which provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. If you haven't already, you should receive your intention card in the mail soon. Please bring it to church on the weekend of November 14/15. Extras will be available at the church doors.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	$	13,350.00
Collection of October 24 & 25	$	7,503.25
Electronic Contributions 10/19-10/23	$	5,460.63
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	$	230,762.78
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	$	226,950.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	$	**3,812.78**

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	$	3,024.51
September Contributions	$	3,272.51
October Contributions	$	2,968.51

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 24 and 25

5:30 p.m. - 129

9:00 a.m. - 231

Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

As previously announced, Thanksgiving Blessing Bags are available for pickup in church this weekend and will be available until all 100 bags have been distributed.

Simply purchase each of the items on the list included with the bag and return your filled bag to church on the weekend of November 14/15 or to the parish office by Monday, November 16.

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.

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Information About Reporting Abuse

If you are a victim or know of anyone who is a victim of any type of sexual misconduct, please contact our victim assistance coordinator at (317) 236-1548 or (800) 382-9836, ext. 1548, or at victimassistance@archindy.org to make a report. You can also make a confidential report through our EthicsPoint reporting system by visiting http://www.archindy.org/abuse/reporting.html or by calling 888-393-6810.

We remember our parishioner, **Barb Spellman** who passed away on October 16 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on October 23. Barb was 84 and before her health declined, she was very active in the Ladies Club, funeral lunches, taking Communion to the homebound, and church cleaning. We extend our condolences to Tom and Julie Bullock on the death of Julie's mother, **Jacquie Sherfick**. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Barb and Jacquie into his eternal glory.

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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
Anna Marie Gutierrez
Mary Lou Hoggatt
Margaret Hughel
John 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
Consuelo Quiroz
Judy Rathz
Scott Rhinehart
Lourdes Riedeman
Denice Rose
Bette Smith
Eileen Walters
Gary Walters
Janet Wilkerson
Sister Lucia Christi Zetzl.

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:

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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.

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 Liliana 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 16: Responsorial Psalm

Sing a joyful song unto the Lord! As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "After the First Reading follows the Responsorial Psalm, which is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word and which has great liturgical and pastoral importance, since it fosters meditation on the Word of God" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 61). (The "P" in the word "Psalms" is silent, so it sounds like "Salms.")

According to the Glossary in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a Psalm is "A prayer in the Book of Psalms of the Old Testament, assembled over several centuries; a collection of prayers in the form of hymns or poetry. The Psalms have been used since Jesus' time as the public prayer of the Church." There are 150 Psalms altogether, varying in length from very short (Psalm 117 has only two verses) to incredibly long (Psalm 119 has 176 verses!).

For Every Condition and Time

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates that the Responsorial Psalm should be sung, and that if "the Psalm cannot be sung, then it should be recited in a way that is particularly suited to fostering meditation on the Word of God" (GIRM, no. 61). We typically repeat a refrain in between the verses. The refrain gives a brief line for meditation, summarizing a theme of a particular Psalm. Speaking of the Psalms, the Catechism states, "Prayed and fulfilled in Christ, the Psalms are an essential and permanent element of the prayer of the Church. They are suitable for men of every condition and time" (CCC, no. 2597).

Speaking of the use of Psalms in earlier times, the Catechism notes, "The Psalms both nourished and expressed the prayer of the People of God gathered during the great feasts at Jerusalem and each Sabbath in the synagogues. Their prayer is inseparably personal and communal; it concerns both those who are praying and all men" (CCC, no. 2586). The Psalms still have great value for us as well.

"Whether hymns or prayers of lamentation or thanksgiving, whether individual or communal, whether royal chants, songs of pilgrimage or wisdom-meditations, the Psalms are a mirror of God's marvelous deeds in the history of his people, as well as reflections of the human experience of the Psalmist [the person writing the Psalm]. Though a given psalm may reflect an event of the past, it still possesses such direct simplicity that it can be prayed in truth by men of all times and conditions" (CCC, no. 2588).

Jesus Prayed the Same Words

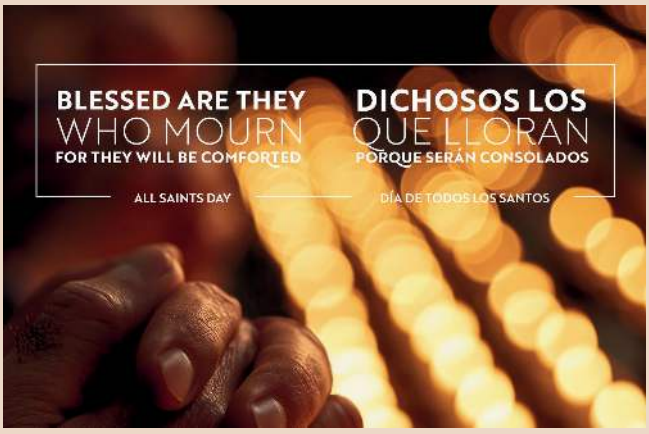
Charles Belmonte reminds us to sing the Psalms with faith and joy, recalling the exhortation of St. Paul: "St. Paul recommends that the faithful gathered waiting for the coming of the Lord sing together psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles (see Col 3:16). The heart shows its joy by singing. Thus St. Augustine says rightly, 'to sing belongs to lovers.' There is also the ancient proverb: 'One who sings well prays twice' " (Understanding the Mass, p. 88).

I appreciate thinking of how our Lord Jesus would have also sung and prayed these same words in the Psalms. Since we know from the Gospels that he regularly went to the Jewish prayer gatherings, we can conclude that he would also have sung the Psalms regularly. There were times he referred directly to the Psalms, such as when he started praying Psalm 22 from the Cross: "My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?"

It doesn't get much better than spending a little time with the Lord using the exact words he used to pray. The next time you have 20 seconds to spare, try praying Psalm 117. If you have 20 minutes, check out a longer passage, like Psalm 119. If you are really feeling bold, try to sing one, whether at Church, working outside, or in the shower. It is always "good to praise the Lord!" (Psalm 92:1)

For Reflection:

1. As Father Luke recommends, take time to pray with either Psalm 117 or with Psalm 119. If you choose the latter, perhaps select a shorter portion of the Psalm for deeper reflection after you pray with its full length!
2. Open your Bible to the Book of Psalms and allow yourself to "wander" through the pages. Find and pray with a Psalm that speaks to you at this moment in your life. For an additional challenge, find and pray with a Psalm that does not seem relevant to you at this time, bringing to this prayer the needs and intentions of those in other situations.



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Christmas Choir

Preparations for Little Flower Christmas Choir are right around the corner. Every year, our adult choir welcomes in people from inside and outside the parish who may not be able to commit to the choir on a year-round basis. We welcome parish youth in grades 6 and above who wish to join.

The Christmas Choir rehearses on the 5 Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7:00 p.m., beginning this year on Tuesday, November 24. The starting date is early in order to get five practices in. The choir will then sing at the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 27th and Sunday, January 3rd

Members are asked to commit to four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to at least two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.

Please consider being a part of this special tradition! Questions should be directed to Gabriel Harlan at gharlan@littleflowerparish.org. If you plan to join, please e-mail Gabriel as soon as possible. We want to make sure we can accommodate everyone safely and that we have enough music ready for everyone! It is very important that we know in advance if you plan to come!

Journey Into Advent

The Parish Life Commission will host **"Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun"** on **Monday, November 23, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on November 29. Families will be able to make an Advent Calendar to help count down the days until Jesus' birthday! The evening will begin with dinner (pizza). Following dinner each family will be given the opportunity to make an Advent Calendar. **The evening is free, but reservations are needed.** Please contact Sr. Maité in the parish office, 317-357-8352, or email Peggy Clegg, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org by Friday, November 20, if you plan on attending.

OCIA

Please join us on Tuesday, **November 3** from 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is:

The Mass

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

CONFIRMATION MEETING

Mark your Calendar!
The next class is
Sunday, November 15
at 10 a.m. (after Mass)

Location: Parish Center.
If you have questions, please email confirmation@littleflowerparish.org.

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Ladies Club

Please join us for the Ladies Club meeting Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. After our meeting, we will be stuffing bags for the unhoused to be delivered to the Cathedral Kitchen and Food Pantry.

IT SEEMS EARLY....BUT ADVENT IS COMING

We are seeking New Parishioners & families to volunteer to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses throughout Advent. This includes the weekends of:

- **November 28/29**
- **December 5/6**
- **December 12/13, and**
- **December 19/20**.

If you are interested in helping, please email Lisa Gibbons at: **lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org** with a couple of preferred weekends and Mass times. Please respond as soon as possible as we would like to get the schedule set. You will be sent a reminder before the weekend you are scheduled.

LOOKING FOR PART-TIME VOLUNTEERS

Our unsheltered ministry started out serving a warm meal to 50 unsheltered individuals each weekday and is now serving over 100. Our current volunteer staff is not sufficient to handle this many. Can you spare 3-4 hours once or twice a week to help us feed the unsheltered and provide them with a warm meal, snack bag, clothing, and other essentials? We are looking for volunteers ready to serve with compassion and offer dignity and community to our most vulnerable neighbors.

This ministry is located at the St. Vincent de Paul Distribution Center, 1201 E. Maryland St., Indianapolis. Click on the following QR code to sign up:

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