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LITTLE FLOWER

CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 14-15, 2026

33rd Sunday in 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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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 15-22, 2026

DAY	Room/Location	TIME	Group/Event
Sunday 11/15/26	Church	9:00am	The Rite for Entrance into the Catechumenate
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	Coffee & Donuts
	School	10:00 am	Religious Ed.
	St. Therese & Patrick Parish Center	10:00 am	Confirmation Meeting
	Scout Room	4:00 pm	Cub Scouts Tiger Den
Monday 11/16/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 pm	Men's Club
Tuesday 11/17/26	School Room B05	6:30 pm	Bible Class Gen.
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Association
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 pm	OCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
Wednesday 11/18/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 pm	Thanksgiving & Christmas signup
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 pm	Financial Council Meeting
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	6:30 pm	Euchre
Thursday 11/19/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 pm	Legion of Mary
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 pm	Liturgy Meeting
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	7:00 pm	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
Friday 11/20/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:15 pm	Mini-Vinnies
Saturday 11/21/26	St. Therese (Parish Center)	9:00 am	SVdP Thanksgiving Bag Pick up
Sunday 11/22/26	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:00 am	PPS Pankake Breakfast
	School	10:00 am	OCIA for Children
	School	10:00 am	Religious Ed.



Masses For The Week

Nov. 17-22, 2026

Day	Date	Intention for	Requested by
Tuesday 8:30am	11/17/2026	Riley Allstatt	Kathleen M. McGee
Thursday 5:30pm	11/19/2026	Feast of Our Lady of Providence	Sr. Maité Rodriguez
Saturday 5:30pm	11/21/2026	For the People	---
Sunday 9:00am	11/22/2026	Riley Allstatt	Tom & Julie Bullock and Family

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:
33nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 22, 2026
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:14-30
To read the readings on-line, go to
https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111526.cfm



2027 United Catholic Appeal

Go Forth in Joy

Message from the Archbishop



At the heart of our faith is the Eucharist - a call to be transformed and then to transform the world around us. Each time we celebrate Mass, we are sent forth to carry Christ's love into our families, communities, and beyond - to Go Forth in Joy.

The *United Catholic Appeal* is one of the most powerful ways we live that mission together. It supports the spiritual and pastoral work that shapes our parishes, cares for the poor and vulnerable, educates our young people, and forms tomorrow's priests. This is our Church. This is our call.

As you prayerfully consider your gift, know that it is not just a donation - it is a response. A response to the Gospel, to the needs of our neighbors, and to the invitation to walk together in faith.

Thank you for your generous and faithful witness. May we continue to go forth, renewed in the Eucharist, and united in Christ.

With assurance of my prayers and best wishes for you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

~Archbishop Charles C. Thompson

Visit www.archindy.org/UCA to see your impact in action.

Weekend Mass Attendance



Nov. 7 5:30 p.m. - 245

Nov. 8 9:00 a.m. - 206



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Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	$	13,350.00
Collection of Nov. 7 and 8	$	8,300.17
Electronic Contributions 11/2-11/6	$	9,415.39
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Actual	$	257,300.61
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget	$	253.650.00
Fiscal Year 2026-2027 YTD	$	3,650.61

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	$	3,272.51
October Contributions	$	2,968.51
November Contributions (to date)	$	2,202.51

Home Improvement/Capital Project Updates

- Tuckpointing on front of school and parish center – work to be scheduled.
- Church exterior doors – electronics have been installed!
- Campus lighting - We are evaluating the need for additional lighting throughout.



Please Pray for Our OCIA Catechumens and Candidates!

This weekend, we celebrate the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and the Rite of Welcoming at the 9 a.m. Mass. We officially welcome our unbaptized seekers into the Church as catechumens, and our baptized candidates as they continue their journey toward full communion. Please pray for them, their sponsors, and our OCIA team as they grow closer to Christ.

PLEASE NOTE

This weekend is Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal (UCA). The UCA provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail. Extras are 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.



We extend our condolences to *Jeff and Donna Stroude* on the death of Jeff's mother, **Louise Loyd**, who passed away on November 4 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 10. Louise was 101 years old and a very faith-filled woman. She attended Mass faithfully when her health was good. She was a great prayer warrior, always praying for those in need. Please keep all of Louse's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult. May God welcome Louise into his heavenly kingdom.





Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

Thank you to everyone who took a Thanksgiving Blessing Bag to fill for a neighborhood family in need for Thanksgiving. If you forgot to return your bag to church this weekend, please return to the parish office on Monday, November 16.

If you did not get a bag but still want to help it's not too late. Please consider purchasing a $25.00 gift card from Aldi or Kroger. These cards will be distributed with our bags to allow families to purchase the perishable food portion of their meal. Please drop the gift card(s) off at the parish office sometime this week.

Thank you once again for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministers



Please read this information carefully.
We will soon be running the schedule for
DECEMBER/JANUARY/FEBRUARY



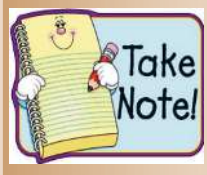
Please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

· Lectors: please email Joanne at joannemages@hotmail.com

· Eucharistic Ministers: please email Ron at duvkote@aol.com.

· Servers: please email Lisa at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. *Please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve.* If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request not to be scheduled, please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Wednesday, November 18, 2026.



LECTORS

will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 28/29. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.



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
Jeanne O'Gara
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:

Carol Freeland
4923 Nowland Ave | Indianapolis IN 46201





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 - 2nd 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 18: Response After Readings

"The Word of the Lord."

"Thanks be to God!"

After the First and Second Readings at Mass, we have this familiar statement and response from the congregation. As the Diocese of Peoria's A Study of the Mass teaches, "At the end of the reading, the lector announces, 'the Word of the Lord,' which is a testament of our faith in the inspired Word of God in Sacred Scripture. We readily show our gratitude and respond, 'Thanks be to God!' We are thankful that God has revealed himself to us and that He continues to speak to us" (p. 7).

God Speaks to Us

Far more than just being "standard operating procedure," these little dialogues are really powerful affirmations of what is happening during the Liturgy of the Word. While the lector proclaims God's Word, we listen to what God wants to teach us that particular day. Even if we are generally attentive to the readings, we can easily get distracted. Perhaps we notice someone sitting nearby and think of a question we wanted to ask him or her. Sometimes, a word in the reading reminds us of another thought. Maybe our stomach growls and we start thinking about what our next meal might be. In any event, at the end of the reading, the lector helps to get us back on track if we've wandered astray. The lector says, "The Word of the Lord," as if to say, "In case you forgot or didn't notice, the Lord God of heaven and earth was just speaking to you." It really is amazing to stop and think about: God is speaking to us, his people, through the readings at Mass!

Our response, "Thanks be to God," acknowledges that God is truly speaking to his people through the Bible reading we just heard and that we recognize we are blessed to hear those words! Being in the habit of turning to God in thankfulness can be so helpful in our daily living as well. In the midst of our lives, we easily get our hearts turned inward, such as when we are thinking about what makes us happy or what we would enjoy for dinner. In more serious situations, when we fall into sin, we are turned inward in a way that keeps our vision away from God and others. When this happens, we can find ourselves falling into selfishness and self-seeking behavior. We can also miss opportunities for charity because we do not recognize the good in the people around us.

Practicing Thankfulness

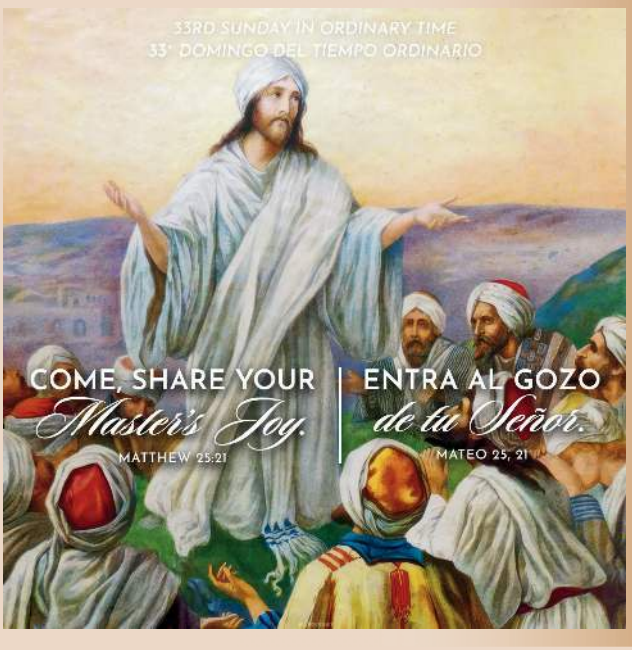
In these latter situations, the grace of the sacraments helps strengthen us. Thankfulness is also a great remedy that helps turn our hearts as we recognize blessings that have come from God and others. Being thankful can give us a reset and help us once again to see and appreciate the gifts God has given us and the good that we can see in one another. We glimpse the wisdom behind our response to the readings at Mass. Being in the habit of regularly thanking God helps keep our hearts healthy and on track.

Not only does this dialogue help us acknowledge God and thank him for the Scriptures, but it can also help us stay in tune with what we are doing at Mass. As you may know, the word Eucharist itself means "thanksgiving." In the Mass, we join with Christ in the perfect sacrifice of praise to God the Father. As God's people, we are also joined together in thankful praise, recognizing the love of Christ and our invitation to share in that love. Very fittingly, after the Second Reading and response, we will praise God together in preparation for the Gospel as we sing the Alleluia!

For Reflection:

1. Reflect on a few Scripture passages which proclaim, "Thanks be to God" (e.g., Romans 7:25, 1 Corinthians 15:57, 2 Corinthians 9:15). Compare St. Paul's cause for thanksgiving with your own reasons for gratitude. Consider adding "Thanks be to God" to your public ways of expressing joy and gratitude in daily life.

2. Psalms 105, 106, 107, 118, and 136 (among others) all begin by inviting us to "Give thanks to the Lord." Try beginning your next time of prayer with thanksgiving.





On the weekend of **November 21 and 22**, as we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, there will be a special blessing for all liturgical ministers (lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, eucharistic ministers, and arts and environment ministers).

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.



Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline

Our bulletin company has been alerted by UPS and FedEx that both companies expect to be pushed to capacity this holiday season, if not beyond. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the change for the Thanksgiving schedule:

• November 28/29 bulletin submissions are due by **Wednesday, November 18, by noon.**

Please watch the bulletin for further information on the Christmas deadline schedule.





A big THANK YOU to our amazing Confirmation candidates who rolled up their sleeves and put their faith into action during their Day of Service! From cleaning out the parish and rectory basements to writing heartfelt letters to our shut-ins and filling holy water bottles, they did it all with helping hands and generous hearts! What a wonderful example of faith, service, and teamwork! We are so proud of you!







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 17** from 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please enter door #11 or #13.

Our topic is:

The Liturgical Year/Advent

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



We would not expect a car, or a house heating/air conditioning system to run for years without any servicing, so why do we expect our marriage relationship to keep running smoothly without a little maintenance? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives married couples the tools to keep their relationship in top running condition. Apply now at WWME.org to attend our next experience Dec 11-13 at Drury Plaza Hotel in Indianapolis/Carmel.

Quote from a couple who made a Marriage Encounter Weekend: "This Weekend was the most joyous and most stimulating time of our lives. We have had the chance to see how each of us needs to be loved and to give love."

Men's Retreat in Person and on Zoom
DECEMBER 4-5

Pursuing the King and His Kingdom

God's pursuit for us is relentless. What must we do to open our hearts to receive him? How can we seek Him who longs for us?



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GRUPO EN ADVIENTO EN ESPAÑOL LECTIO DIVINA



La Hna. Maité estará comenzaremos un Grupo para estudio de las lecturas del domingo el 29 de noviembre a las 10 am en la Cafetería del Colegio. Compartiremos café y el evangelio del domingo utilizando el método de Lectio Divina.
Trae tu Biblia si quieres, lápiz y cuaderno, proveeremos material en papel.

Noviembre 29 | Diciembre 6 | Diciembre 13 | Diciembre 20
en esta fecha hablaremos de necesidades para ver cómo podemos servir a la comunidad empezando el 10 enero.
Para más información llama 317-357-8352 o email: OfficeManager@littleflowerparish.org.



Journey into Advent
Faith, Family, and Fun

Who: Families, especially those with young children
What: Join us for a family Advent evening and pizza dinner!
When: Monday, November 23, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Where: School cafeteria
Why: Gather with families and friends as we get ready for Advent, which begins on November 29.

Create an Advent calendar with your family and enjoy counting down the days until Christmas!

Come as you are—the evening is free! Please reserve your spot by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 23, so we can order enough pizza for everyone. To let us know you're coming, contact Peggy Clegg at (317) 357-8352 x106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

ALL ARE WELCOME—JOIN US!

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