

# ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Mass** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM  
Weekdays and Holy Days:  
Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

### Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

### 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.

## The Theresean

**OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**  
**PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316**

**SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702**

The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.  
Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM.  
Contact the school for more information.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:45 PM to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held on most Sundays during the year. Baptisms are held after the 9:30 am Mass. If you prefer to have your child's baptism scheduled during Mass, you may request this at the time you return the baptism information form. 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.

### 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 late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

As good as it is to be away on vacation, it is always good to return home. Little Flower has now been my home for 21 years. Because I go to a lake, I am always asked if I fish. I do not fish. However, I read novels. I took several boat rides. However, this year I skipped the wave runner. Most importantly, I was able to spend quality time with the family I was visiting, their other guests, and their neighbors.

Thanks to all who gave me cards and/or presents on the occasion of my 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest on June 29.

**Please note the announcement elsewhere in *The Theresean* about our annual back-to-school blessing for students beginning new academic years.**

Monday is the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene. St. Mary Magdalene is sometimes called the “apostle to the apostles” because she was the first to witness to the risen Christ.

Thursday is the Feast of St. James, Apostle. This St. James is often referred to as St. James the Greater as opposed to the other apostle named James, referred to as St. James the Lesser. This St. James is called the Greater because he followed Jesus before the other St. James. He is the brother of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. They were the sons of Zebedee.

Friday is the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a good day for all of us to pray for all parents. However, someone suggested to me that July 26 should be the official Grandparents Day. If your grandparents are still alive, you might want to give them a call on Friday. If they are deceased, you might want to say a special prayer for them.

Have a wonderful week.



The Ladies Club is having a **Mum Sale August 5 - 25**. There are forms at all the doors of church and you may also get a form from Jeannie in the Parish Center. **All orders and money must be returned by Monday, August 26 to the parish office.** The pickup date is Monday, September 9.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, August 19 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 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until November.



We extend our sympathy to *Marylyn Blackwell* on the death of her husband, **Merrill Blackwell**, who passed away on July 8<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on

July 12<sup>th</sup> and to *Georgiann Georgescu* on the death of her husband, **Paul Georgescu, Sr.**, who passed away on June 4<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Both Merrill and Paul were very involved in our parish in their younger days. We also extend our condolences to *Maureen (Joe) Battles* on the death of Maureen's sister-in-law, **Jessie White**, to *Jeannie (Ed) Zimmerman* on the death of her aunt, **Evelyn Parisot**, and to *Ginger Garcia* on the death of her father, **Vennis Francis Campbell**. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Merrill, Paul, Jessie, Evelyn, and Vennis into his eternal glory.



**For the Week of July 22-28, 2024**

- 22 July Monday**  
5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
- 23 July Tuesday**  
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Carol Freeland
- 24 July Wednesday**  
5:30 p.m. Helena Rikke by Ron & Jacqueline Klinker
- 25 July Thursday**  
11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass – Jane Bell
- 26 July Friday**  
No Mass
- 27 July Saturday – The Vigil the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. Bobbie Lawless by Jerry & Joan Bullock
- 28 July Sunday – The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:30 a.m. Mary Sharp by Ron Sharp  
6:00 p.m. For the People

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

July 21 - 28, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

The next issue of the parish newsletter, “The Little Flower Garden” will be distributed in mid-August. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, or activities should be emailed to [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@yahoo.com) by **Monday, July 29**. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Parish Picnic will be on **Sunday, August 25, following 9:30 a.m. Mass.** It will be right here on the parish grounds, so you won’t have far to travel! Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us for some good food, good fellowship, fun and games. You won’t want to miss it! There will be more information in the upcoming issues of the *Theresean*.



Little Flower Catholic School currently has an opening for a licensed teacher in Fifth Grade. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please send resume and contact information to [kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org).

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of July 13 and 14	\$	8,662.90
Electronic Contributions 7/8 – 7/12	\$	2,970.19
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	28,576.78
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	26,000.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	1,976.78

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$	2,572.75
June Contributions	\$	2,543.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$	1,542.00

**Little Flower Euchre Nights**

Sponsored by the Little Flower Men’s Club

**Who:** Ladies and Gents at least 21 years of age  
**Where:** Little Flower Parish Center – St. Patrick Room  
**When:** The following Thursday nights from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

**July 25  
August 8 & 22**

Little Flower Euchre Rules will be handed out when you register.  
 Questions – contact Chris Johnson (317) 513-8168 or [johnsojc@iupui.edu](mailto:johnsojc@iupui.edu).



Our beloved parish will be turning 100 in 2025! The executive committee is planning several ways for us to celebrate this milestone. One big event will be our 100<sup>th</sup>

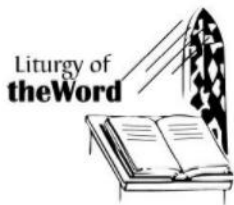
Anniversary Gala! **Save the date – September 13, 2025.** More information to come as plans are confirmed. There are cards at the church doors you may pick up and put on your fridge so you don't forget!

**Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)**

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023 - December 2023	480
Christmas Mass Attendance	1,027
January- April 2024	500
Easter Vigil/Easter Masses	806
May 2024	537
June 1-23	464
July 1 - 14	442



**This year we will continue to offer our annual back-to-school blessing for students beginning new academic years. We will welcome all elementary school students in addition to our high school and college students, and those who have entered or are entering training in trade programs. We will offer this blessing at all Masses on the weekend of July 27 and 28. Please try to make this a priority for your family.**



**Readings for July 28, 2024**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 2 Kings 4:42-44  
 Ephesians 4:1-6  
 John 6:1-15  
 To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072824.cfm>



**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, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszcynski, Karen Lientz, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Joe Shaler, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

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:

**Bill Schlosser**  
**Bridgewater Healthcare**  
**14751 Carey Road, Rm 5010, Carmel, IN 46033**

**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 with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – nephew of Mike Haigerty.
- Javier Estrada** – United States Navy, serving in Dalgren, VA. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.
- Jared Cox** - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wemsing.
- Juan Santiago** - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.
- Zach Meyer**, Marine Reserve in South Bend, son-in-law of Dave and Dora Hughey.
- Ian Carter**, serving on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Aircraft Carrier in the Persian Gulf, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).**



### Kroger Community Rewards

Our second-quarter earnings from The Kroger Community Rewards Fundraiser are \$672.75, with 232 households participating between 04/1/2024 to 06/30/2024. You could help Little Flower School earn up to \$50,000 every three months! How? By shopping at Kroger and using your

registered Kroger Plus Card. To register your Kroger Plus Card, go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). You will first sign in to your Kroger account or register for a new account. After you log into your account, **please enter our organization number CP031**. The more you spend at Kroger, the larger the check Little Flower will receive. Note: It will be necessary for you to re-register for this program every year. Thanks in advance!



come and join our annual

**Save the date!**

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Hosted by Little Flower Catholic Church & School  
1401 N. Bosart Ave.  
317-357-8352

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024**  
**5:30-7:00 p.m.**

Free light supper, **FOOD TRUCKS**, Free school supplies, **LIVE music**, games for kids of all ages and loads of fun!

**See a fire truck and police car up close and meet our neighborhood IFD and IMPD members.**



### What is OCIA? (formerly called RCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process established for the universal Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. This initiation process also involves the parish community experiencing a renewal in faith as it prepares and welcomes new members into the Church. OCIA speaks of conversion as a "spiritual journey." Centered on fostering a deep relationship with Jesus and the Church he founded, this journey takes place through distinct stages over a period of time suitable to bring about a thorough catechesis, significant experience of the parish community, and commitment to the liturgical and moral life of the Catholic faithful. The OCIA process is a restoration of the ancient catechumenate, arising within the first three centuries following the era of the apostles. It was the early Church's way of Christianizing the pagan Roman Empire. The Second Vatican Council called for the restoration and use of this venerable and powerful method of initiation for the worldwide Church.

**Our sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 3,  
from 7 – 8:30 p.m.**

The OCIA Team is looking for volunteers who would like to help welcome new individuals that are interested in learning more about our Faith. Please email or call Lisa at [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org), or 317-357-8352, ext. 105, if you are interested in knowing how you can help!

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