

# 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,

I hope you had a wonderful Labor Day weekend.

Please be reminded that OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation, formerly RCIA) for adults begins this Tuesday, September 10, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, becoming Catholic, or receiving First Communion or Confirmation is welcome to come.

Wednesday is the 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of 9/11. This week we want to pray for all those who lost their lives or were injured on 9/11 and their families. This week we want to pray for all the firefighters, police officers, and others who responded to the tragedy. This week we want to pray for peace, justice, and freedom for all the peoples of the world. This week we want to pray that all religions of the world foster peace, justice, and freedom

Saturday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. This Feast celebrates both the finding of the true cross by St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, in 320 and the dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

Have a wonderful week.

*fr. Bob*

## IN SYMPATHY

We extend our condolences to *Ginger Garcia and her family* on the death of her niece, **Chrissy Swindle-Neu**, who passed away on August 25. Please keep all of Chrissy’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Chrissy into his eternal glory.

### Save the Date!

**Saturday, October 5 - Annual Parish Feast Day and Parish Appreciation**

Mark your calendars to attend the Parish Appreciation dinner in Duffey Hall following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All are invited!



## STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Next weekend, stop by the gathering area after Mass and visit a ministry that helps keep Little Flower thriving! Next weekend we are highlighting the following ministries:

**Invite Commission  
Ladies Club**

### Little Flower Adoration Chapel

Would you like to spend a quiet hour with Jesus? What a great way to start your day! We have expanded the hours for the Exposition of the Eucharist on Wednesdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in addition to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Parishioners from Little Flower and other East Deanery Parishes are welcome to spend time in the chapel daily. Park your car on 13<sup>th</sup> Street in front of the rectory. Follow “Daily Mass Entrance” sign to enter the church. To gain entry into the church you must visit our Parish Office to receive a code to open the door. The chapel is on the left side as you enter the Church. You can sign up for a specific hour every week by contacting the Little Flower parish office at 317-357-8352, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you need the code to access the church please come in person to the parish office.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### For the Week of September 9 - 15, 2024

- 09 September Monday**  
5:30 p.m. Sr. Mary John Tintea by Jane Gilmore
- 10 September Tuesday**  
5:30 p.m. Martha Haddin by Family
- 11 September Wednesday**  
11:00 a.m. Bobbie Lawless by Consuelo Quiroz
- 12 September Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. For the Deceased Members of the Little Flower Class of 1966
- 13 September Friday**  
9:30 a.m. For Blessings, Grace & Guidance for Claire Rancourt by Robert and Mary Rancourt
- 14 September Saturday – The Vigil the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. Helena Rikke by Ladies Club
- 15 September The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**  
9:30 a.m. Brother Edward Dailey by the Tuttle Family  
6:00 p.m. For the People

# THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

September 8 - 15, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Lawn (or café if rain)	4:30 p.m.	LF Youth Group
Monday	Front of Church	3:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Mum pick up.
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA (formerly RCIA)
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	Off Site	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
	Novena Flower Collection		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

### 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-June 2024	469
August 2024	501



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, September 11, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** This month Barb Miller will be our guest speaker, and she will be talking about how to avoid scams. Please bring a friend and join us for lunch! You may call the parish office, 317-357-8352 to let us know you are coming.

**ATTENTION ALUMNI!** On Saturday, November 2 we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni! Details to follow.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of August 31 and Sept 1	\$	8,733.20
Electronic Contributions 8/26-8/30	\$	3,272.85
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	116,726.84
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	119,700.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 2,973.16

### Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$	2,378.00
August Contributions	\$	2,650.75
September Contributions (to date)	\$	659.00



## Religious Education

We are currently enrolling for our Religious Education Program for children attending public schools. We offer classes for grades kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. **Classes will begin September 22.** We will meet most Sundays from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Please call Lisa at 317-357-8352 ext. 105 or email [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) if you have any questions or would like to register.



Our first confirmation class will begin Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the parish center. Eligible candidates (those that have completed baptism, communion and reconciliation sacraments) that are freshman in

high school to 17 years of age are invited to attend. Please call the parish center or Michele Rosenbaum (317-443-7342) for further assistance. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare for this last sacrament of initiation!



*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, Beccah Lowe, 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, 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:

**Sandi Adkins**

**446 N Bosart Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201**

### **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 Wernsing.

**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.

**Lexi Robertson**, basic training at Great Lakes Naval Base, granddaughter of Barb Bruce

**Riley Allstatt**, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

**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).**



### **First Eucharist and Reconciliation**

Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Reconciliation will begin in the fall for children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Children who attend Little Flower School will prepare during school. Watch for more information through school.

**If you have a child that is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who attends public schools and needs to be enrolled in our Sacramental Program, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or email [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) to register. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 22, from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

**If you have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above who has not made their First Eucharist, please contact Lisa at 317-357-8352, ext 105 or [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) as soon as possible.**

A requirement for First Eucharist is to be a baptized Catholic and a member of our parish. If your son or daughter has not been baptized in the Catholic Faith, please contact the parish center for more information. Generally speaking, at least one parent of a child being presented for Baptism must be Catholic.

## **CIRCLE CITY IRISH FESTIVAL RAFFLE**

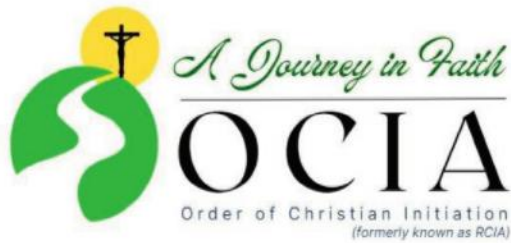
**SEPTEMBER 20 & 21  
AT HOLY ROSARY**

Come join us for a family friendly event filled with Irish culture, markets & shopping. Purchase tickets for a chance to win in their Festival Raffle.

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## Little Flower Catholic Church

4720 E 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Are you:

- Searching for a deeper relationship with Jesus?
- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Curious what Catholics believe and how we worship?

**Our OCIA (formerly RCIA) class  
is forming NOW!**

**Tuesday evenings 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Beginning September 10, 2024  
in the Parish Center.**

During these sessions, we will cover the four cornerstones  
of our Catholic Faith:

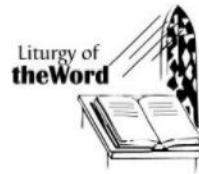
- ❖ What We Believe (Creed)
- ❖ How We Worship (Sacraments)
- ❖ How We Live (Morality)
- ❖ How We Pray (Spirituality)

For more information or to register please contact

Lisa Gibbons by email

[lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org)

or call 317-357-8352 ext. 105.



**Readings for September 15, 2024**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 50:5-9a

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091524.cfm>



**We have focused on building weekend Mass attendance back  
to pre-pandemic levels and now is a good time to think about  
building the adult choir back to those levels.**

**It's not too late to think about joining the adult choir this fall.**  
The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays  
from September through May. Practices are held on most  
Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M, and our first  
practice for the new year was on Tuesday, September 3. **It is  
not too late to join us! Please come to our next practice on  
Tuesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. in the Church.**

We could use some new voices in ALL voice sections.

There is no audition needed and no minimum skill level  
required. Many of our members started with no previous choir  
experience or music-reading ability. Please start to give some  
serious thought to see if God is calling you to serve in this  
important ministry. It's a significant commitment, but one that  
can be satisfying as we hear the fruits of our labor nearly every  
weekend.

If you have questions or if you plan to join us as a new member  
please e-mail Gavin at [gcraig@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:gcraig@littleflowerparish.org) .



### **Novena Flower Collection**

There will be a collection after  
Mass next weekend,  
September 14 and 15, for  
Novena Flowers.



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