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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?

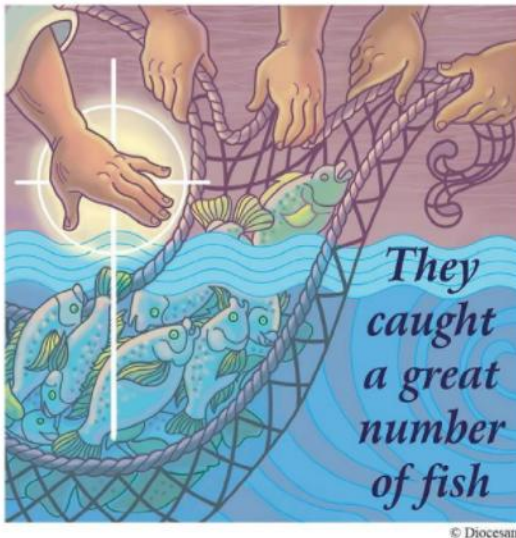
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

Today is World Marriage Day. Therefore, there will be a blessing for married couples and engaged couples at all the Masses this weekend.

This Sunday we will celebrate the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The children have been learning about how we celebrate as a family and as God’s people. This rite reinforces what the children have been learning and how important it is to attend Mass every Sunday. They will also receive a lit candle which represents the “Light of Christ” that was given at baptism and reminds us that Jesus is the “Light of the World.” Please continue to keep these children and their families in your prayers during these months of preparation.

Please note the announcement elsewhere in *The Theresean* concerning the Arts & Environment Commission. We all know that the Church was beautiful during the Christmas season. The Arts and Environment ministry is part of the Liturgy Commission and contributes to our spirit of worship in a unique way. Holly Hodges has been serving as chair of this ministry since 2021 but is leaving the parish and is looking for an immediate replacement. It’s a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish and make our church home beautiful for the Lord! If you have any interest or

questions about the time commitment, responsibilities, or training timeline, please contact Holly at happyholly97@gmail.com or text her at (317) 513-2129.

The LF Athletic Association and LF PPS hosted the annual Reverse Raffle and Bingo Night on Saturday, February 1. The night was a huge success with well over 200 people at the event! Thank you to all who attended or encouraged friends and family to attend. Thanks to all the hard-working volunteers from LF Athletics and LF PPS who made the night possible, especially Drew Torzewski and the group leadership from Jessica Freudenstein and Mandie Wade. This year’s final profit will be determined soon and will be equally split to benefit the Little Flower Athletic Association and the Little Flower PPS.

Congratulations to Little Flower parishioners and/or alumni who earned second quarter high honors or honors at Scecina Memorial High School:

Grade 12

Lorena Alvarado
Ivan Martinez
Dominic White

Grade 11

Joseph Cheever

Rain Davis
Kate Erdosy
Leah Gunn
Lilly-Mae Laurenzana
Jacob Minton
Jackson White

High Honors

Grade 10

David Moreno-Jerez
Tyrese Range
Payton Roadley
Sebastian Rodriguez

Grade 9

Aryel Adair
Giovanni Bruno
Sky Davis
Andrew Kennedy
Ruben Montano
Liam Turner

Grade 12

Dean Cheever
Kameryanna Miller

Grade 11

Jasmine Bennett-Phelan

Adyson Daniel
Cassie Henley
Addison Hubbard
Hannah McMahon

Honors

Grade 10

Sean Bruno
Jose Raul Irene-Nunez
Ayden Steinmetz

Grade 9

Sophia Cougan
Steven Culbertson-Monday
Elizabeth Lopez-Valladares
Daniela Quinonez

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to *Judy Corpuz* on the death of her sister, **Carol Price**, who passed away January 24 and whose funeral liturgy was held at St. Mark on January 30.

We extend our condolences to *Teena Soto* on the death of her husband, **Joe Soto**, who passed away on January 29 and whose funeral liturgy will be celebrated here on February 11. Joe was a man of great faith and for many years he took care of all the roses on our property and he and his wife, Teena, counted the weekly collection. Please keep all of Carol’s and Joe’s families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Carol and Joe eternal life.





For the Week of February 10 - 16, 2025

- 10 February Monday**
5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Justin Mendoza
- 11 February Tuesday**
11:00 a.m. Joe Soto Funeral Mass
- 12 February Wednesday**
11:30 a.m. Bobbie Lawless by Marie Martin & Theresa Madden
- 13 February Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Anna Nguyet Chu by Sam T. Chu
- 14 February Friday**
9:30 a.m. For Blessings, Grace & Guidance for Elizabeth Rancourt by Robert & Mary Rancourt
- 15 February Saturday – The Vigil of the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Carol Walker by Gloria Lee
- 16 February The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9:30 a.m. Mary Helen Eckrich by Ladies Club
6:00 p.m. For the People

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 - May 2024	497
June 2024 - December 2024	485
January 2025	472
February 2025 (thru Feb. 2)	527
All Christmas Masses	1,198



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 12 following 11:30 a.m. Mass (NOTE TIME CHANGE). This month our kindergarten students will be with us. They will be “helping” us put puzzles together. Please plan on joining us. You may call Jeannie, 317-357-8352, in the parish office, if you plan on attending.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 9 -16, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure	Check after all	Masses
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Illumination- First Communion
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	1 st Communion Prep for older children
	School	10:30 a.m.	OCIA for Children
Monday			
Tuesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	100 th Year Committee Meeting
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women’s AA Workshop
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Little Stories
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Committee
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:00 p.m.	Senior Prom
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
	Youth Room (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group



**Readings for February 15 and 16
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jeremiah 17:5-8
I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021625.cfm>



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Arts and Environment Ministry Chair Needed

We all enjoyed seeing the church decorated for the Christmas season, but did you ever wonder who decorates Little Flower throughout the entire liturgical year? The Arts and Environment ministry is part of the liturgy commission and contributes to our spirit of worship in a unique way. Holly Hodges has been serving as chair of this ministry since 2021 but is leaving the parish and is looking for an immediate replacement. It's a wonderful opportunity to serve the parish and make our home beautiful for the Lord! If you have any interest or questions about the time commitment, responsibilities, or training timeline please contact Holly at happyholly97@gmail.com or text her at (317) 513-2129.



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, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dennis Debruhl, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Karen Lientz, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Richard Mattingly, 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, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzi

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 Murphy
4723 E 12th St., 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 AAMDS Poland. 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**, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT., 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of February 1 and 2	\$	7,401.16
Electronic Contributions 1/24 – 1/31	\$	3,372.35
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	419,313.10
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	412,300.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	7,013.10

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,520.00
January Contributions	\$	2,264.00
February Contributions	\$	507.00

Coming Soon!

Watch your mail for information about our annual stewardship drive. The year's intention weekend will be February 22/23.



Chuck Lofton to address Catholic Business Exchange

Chuck Lofton, Broadcast Meteorologist at WTHR-TV, will address the February Catholic Business Exchange. His topic will be: Finishing Strong.

The event is February 21, at the Northside Events and Social Club. Mass is offered at 7 a.m. and the program will be finished by 9 a.m. Cost for the program includes a great breakfast and is \$20 in advance for members and \$25 for non-members. Registration is required by 4 p.m., Tuesday February 18. To register, pay online and for more information, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.org.

FESTIVAL NEWS

**Summerfest 2025
May 30 – June 1**

The next leadership meeting is Wednesday, February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Calling all volunteers – the Silent Auction needs your help! In a typical Festival year we reach out to 400+ area businesses and ask for donations. Would you be willing to make **just 10 phone calls** to area businesses for the Silent Auction? We have the businesses and their contact information identified, and we have prepared a script for you to use. Many hands make light work! Please contact Elizabeth Mann at 463-206-5196 if you can help. Thank you!

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IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**



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People from our pews tell what really matters. Personal/up close and candid! True anecdotes that go deep into the soul Parishioners, real people, sharing their joy, their sorrows, and their faith. Come and see what it is all about.

- 2/13 Recognizing God’s Love
- 3/13 Forgiveness
- 5/15 How I Came to Know Jesus
- 5/25 Mary and Me

7:00 p.m.
Little Flower Sanctuary

Bishop Brute Days JR
JULY 7

Spending time with other catholic young men who love Christ makes all the difference in the world! It is a special grace to spend three days with our seminarians and priests!

- Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration
- Meet Seminarians & Priests
- Good Food & Fellowship

Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary 2500 Cold Spring Road Indianapolis, IN 46222
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JULY 8-10

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- Games
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- Meet Seminarians & Priests
- Field Trip

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You're Invited

- WHO: All parishioners over the age of 55
- WHAT: Cupid's Bingo
- WHEN: Saturday, February 15, following 5:00 p.m. Mass
- WHERE: Duffey Hall (School Cafeteria)
- WHY: The 8th grade class has planned an evening of fun for all in attendance; including a spaghetti dinner, bingo, and maybe even dancing!!
- RSVP: Reservations are needed for food preparation.
Peggy Clegg: pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352



The Invite Commission is hosting the:

Little Flower, Little Stories Series

February 13th Little Stories about
Recognizing God's Love!

Join us for stories sharing personal experiences about Recognizing God's Love. Stories are accompanied by musical selections. Programs will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the church and will last one hour.

Guest Speakers Include:

- Cassie Echegaray
- Rick and Michelle Fischer
- Dick and Peggie Kramer
- Mark Misner
- Maurice & Ashley Roberts
- Rose and Bernie Sponsel
- Renee Sutherland
- Mandie Wade





LITTLE FLOWER 101 FOR BEGINNERS!

Our course provides prospective new families with the chance to explore and gain a deeper understanding of the Little Way, our house system, student life, and the academic programs we offer.




Included in the course is a personalized tour of the Little Flower Catholic School.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
8:30AM- 10:30AM



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