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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?

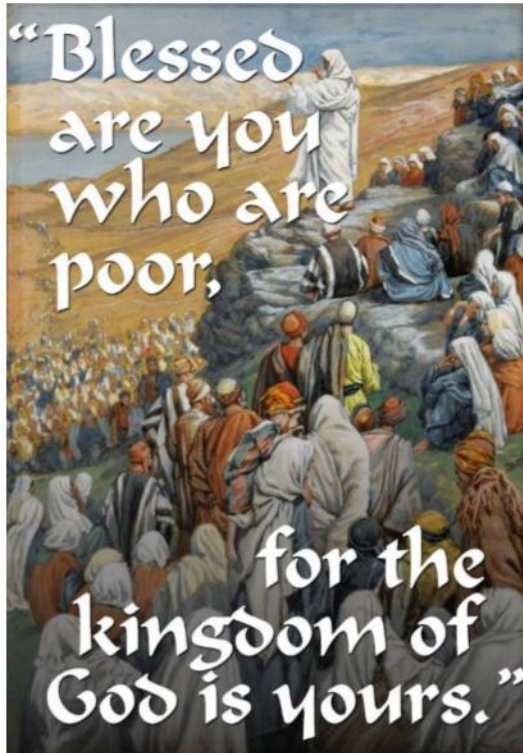
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This Monday, February 17, is Presidents' Day. People of my age and older remember when we celebrated Lincoln's birthday on February 12 and Washington's birthday on February 22. It seems that each year we had a free day from school on one of those dates. After several holidays were moved to Mondays, the celebration of Washington's birthday on the third Monday of February morphed into Presidents' Day. In honor of Presidents' Day, Little Flower School will be closed on Monday.

Monday is also the optional memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order. The Servite Order promotes devotion to our Lady of Sorrows. As some of you may remember, for many years, Little Flower parishioners attended Sorrowful Mother Novena devotions on Friday evenings at 7:00 p.m. This devotion began at Little Flower on April 24, 1959. Little Flower was featured in the *Sorrowful Mother Novena Notes* of May 15, 1959. There was a picture of our filled church and a picture of Fr. John. According to the article,

On Friday, April 24, over a thousand parishioners of *St. Therese of the Infant Jesus* Parish in Indianapolis joined our kneeling ranks. Under the leadership of Father Brissette, and guided by the manly holiness of their Pastor, Father John C. Riedinger, the throngs pictured here enrolled in our Fatima Crusade for Peace and the Conversion of Russia. We are proud to welcome newest Novenites from Indiana—always an ardent supporter of Our Novena and its varied activities.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are: 1. The Prophecy of Simeon [Lk. 2: 25-35]; 2. The Flight into Egypt [Mt. 2: 13-15]; 3. The Child Jesus Lost in the Temple [Lk. 2: 41-50]; 4. Mary meets Jesus carrying the cross [Lk. 23: 27-29]; 5. Mary at the foot of the cross [Jn. 19: 25-30]; 6. Mary receives the body of Jesus [Ps. 130]; and 7. Mary witnesses the burial of Jesus [Lk. 23: 50-56].

Saturday is the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle. A chair is a symbol of teaching authority. Tuesday would be an appropriate day to pray for Pope Francis. This prayer comes from the former Sacramentary:

Father of providence, look with love on Francis our Pope, your appointed successor to St. Peter on whom you built your Church. May he be the visible center and foundation of our unity in faith and love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

In the pre-Vatican II Liturgy, there were two feasts of the Chair of St. Peter. On January 18, the Church celebrated the Feast of St. Peter at Rome. On February 22, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Antioch. Before moving to Rome, St. Peter was bishop of the Church of Antioch. However, until the 16th century, February 22 was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome!

Finally, Valentine's Day was the anniversary of the death of Msgr. Stanley (Duke) Manowski, a priest of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. He liked brain teasers. This was one of his favorites for school children: "A man had 3 children and 23 horses. When he died, he left one child $\frac{1}{2}$ of his horses, another child $\frac{1}{3}$ of his horses, and the last child $\frac{1}{4}$ of his horses. How many horses did each child receive?"

Have a wonderful week!



Save the Date! FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT (EXCEPT
GOOD FRIDAY) BEGINNING MARCH
7!**

COORDINATED BY THE MEN'S CLUB



Club 53

**Let's
Glow
Crazy!**

Saturday, April 26, 2025
6:00 p.m. | Scecina Gymnasium
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Club 53 Early Bird Tickets

Scecina Memorial High School's signature event, **Club 53**, is back with the theme "**Let's Glow Crazy!**" Get ready for an electrifying evening featuring delicious food, drinks, live entertainment, exciting games, and a **\$10,000 reverse raffle**. Join us on **April 26, 2025**, for an unforgettable night! Visit [scecina.org/club-53-ticket/](https://www.scecina.org/club-53-ticket/) to request your tickets.



For the Week of February 17 - 23, 2025

- 17 February Monday**
5:30 p.m. Gertrude “Ricky” Greene by Bridge Club
- 18 February Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Steve Braun by Stephanie Braun
- 19 February Wednesday**
9:30 a.m. Barb Mathews by Cathy & Mark Kippert
- 20 February Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Justin Mendoza
- 21 February Friday**
No Mass
- 22 February Saturday – The Vigil of the 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Helena Rikke by Monica & Richard Huber
- 23 February The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Carol Walker by Ladies Club

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. 9)	496
All Christmas Masses	1,198

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

February 16 -23, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Men’s Club
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Meeting
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:30 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group
Stewardship Intention Weekend			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	First Communion Class for older Children
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	Duffey Hall (school café)	3:30 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Chili Cook off

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Make a note now to pick up your Lenten reflection book when you come to Mass on the weekend of March 1 and 2. Little Books of the Diocese of Saginaw provides various devotional books for Catholics. They provide reflection readings and scriptures to urge readers to spend some quiet time with the Lord. For many years, the parish has made these books available as just one way to help parishioners observe the Lenten Season. These reflections only take about 5 to 10 minutes each day.

**Readings for February 22 and 23
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23I
Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022325.cfm>

Share Your Faith!



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, Maximus Lopez, 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, 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:

Margaret Brown
726 Caryle Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46201

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of February 8 and 9	\$	8,945.63
Electronic Contributions 2/3-2/7	\$	9,712.74
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	437,971.47
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	425,600.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	12,371.47

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$	2,520.00
January Contributions	\$	2,264.00
February Contributions	\$	1,688.00

Thank you for your continued contributions to the Home Improvement Fund. Here are a few ways we've recently made some necessary improvements without impacting our regular operating budget:

- *Installed a new water heater in the rectory.
- *Purchased a new web-based control program for the HVAC system in the school.
- *Refinished the floor in the parish center kitchen.
- *Purchased new wireless microphones for priest's use at Masses.

Our annual stewardship mailing should have arrived in your mail. Please plan to complete your online stewardship commitment form or a paper form by next weekend, February 22/23.

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.

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.



WHAT "IS" LITTLE FLOWER/LITTLE STORIES???

POSSIBLE POWERFUL PERSONAL
 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.

- 3/13 Forgiveness
- 5/15 How I Came to Know Jesus
- 5/25 Mary and Me

7:00 p.m.
 Little Flower Sanctuary

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!



Looking for a new way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, car-pooling the kids, and trying to keep up with your house, pool, and yard? Tell him or her they are still Number 1 in your life . . . share a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Our first Weekend in 2025 will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 25 - 27. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: *“Having had over twenty years of marriage behind us, we thought we could learn little and improve little. We learned much and are still improving.”*

**Ladies Club
 UPCOMING
 EVENTS**

Please join the Ladies Club for a special event. We will be **visiting the Sisters of St. Francis in Oldenburg on Tuesday, March 4.** We will depart from our parking lot at 9:30 a.m., have lunch at the Brau Haus in Oldenburg, and then join the Sisters for a tour of the Convent. The tour is free; but a free will offering is encouraged to help support the community. We will be back at Little Flower no later than 4:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, if you are interested in joining us. We hope you do.



The Ladies Club will be celebrating **St. Patrick's Day** at our meeting on **Thursday, March 6.** We are excited to have some of the Richens-Timm Irish Dancers joining us. **They will perform at 6:30 p.m.** We will be serving corned beef and cabbage, side dishes, and

desserts. Please feel free to bring your favorite side dish, or dessert but it is not obligatory. We hope you will join us to celebrate a little bit of Irish.



**Registration is now open for the 6th annual
 St. Vincent de Paul 5K Run/Walk
 April 26, 2025, 9 a.m. at White River State Park!**

The Love Your Neighbor 5K raises funds for SVdP Indy's multiple programs for the unsheltered—including the organization's new supportive housing unit: *the Love Your Neighbor Center*. Highlights of the 5K run/walk include:

- **Back again - Indy Fuel's Mascot Nitro onsite from 8-9 a.m.**
- 1-Mile Family Walk for those with children
- Beer Garden (age 21+, bring your ID) & Root Beer Garden (all ages)
- Trophy Presentation following race.
- **Wear your best "love" outfit** – red, pink, hearts and tutus welcome!
- Trophies for the best individual and group outfits!

Have fun while helping others & join us for this event! Visit: www.svdpindy.org/neighbor to register, donate or sponsor. Questions? Darlene Sweeney dsweeney@svdpindy.org.

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