

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.

Lk 13:7

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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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.



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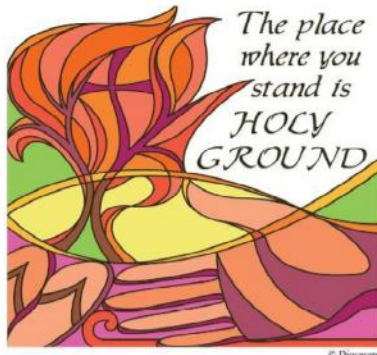
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.



Dear Parish Family,

This weekend at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the First Scrutiny with our Elect, our former Catechumens and Candidates, and our Confirmandi. At the First Scrutiny, the former catechumens are anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, and all the

Elect are presented with the Ten Commandments.

Next week’s Scrutiny will take place at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, and the following weekend’s Scrutiny will take place at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is “to uncover, then heal all that is weak, sick, and sinful in the hearts of the elect” so that it can be healed; and what is honorable, strong and holy, so that it can be strengthened” (OCIA, 141).

This Tuesday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. On this Solemnity, we celebrate God’s invitation to Mary to become the mother of His Son and Mary’s yes to the angel Gabriel.

This week’s all-school Mass will be Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. because of Bill Schlosser’s funeral on Friday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend Bill’s funeral.

Finally, congratulations to 8th grader Isaac Lathrop who last Saturday won the Leo Mahoney Award for CYO wrestling. Also, congratulations to his father Jeff Lathrop who was named CYO Wrestling Coach of the Year.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We remember our parishioner, **Bill Schlosser**, who passed away on March 14 and whose funeral liturgy will be celebrated here on Friday, March 28 at 10 a.m. Bill, who was married for many years to **Ann O’Neill**, was very active in the Men’s Club, especially with the

Fish Frys, and other parish ministries, until his health declined. He enjoyed working with people, attending Mass and being a part of Little Flower Parish. We extend our condolences to **Steve and Michele Rosenbaum and their family** on the death of Steve’s mother, **Marilyn Rosenbaum**. Please keep all of Bill’s and Marilyn’s families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Bill and Marilyn into his eternal glory.

† † † Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 24 - 30, 2025

- 24 **March Monday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by the Legion of Mary
- 25 **March Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Mary Helen Eckrich by Sheryl Meuchel
- 26 **March Wednesday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Carol Radke by Michael & Linda Jerrell
- 27 **March Thursday**
9:30 a.m. John Bruce by Family & Friends
- 28 **March Friday**
10:00 a.m. Bill Schlosser Funeral Mass
5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross & Communion Service
- 29 **March Saturday – The Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Lent**
5:00 p.m. For the People
- 30 **March The Third Sunday of Lent**
9:30 a.m. Elaine Jerrell by Mark & Kathy Kazmierski
6:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Robert Mike Hundley by the Commiskey Family



Washing of the Feet
“Put your right foot forward” on Holy Thursday and represent your entire Little Family on April 17, 2025. If you have ever hoped to be invited to do so, this is your opportunity! Call Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352, Ext. 105, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org, or

Dick Kramer at 317-965-1869. **If you are interested in helping out, please respond by Monday, March 24.**



Members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SVDP) are called to journey toward holiness through serving Christ in the poor and one another. The Little Flower conference makes home visits to those who have requested financial assistance, furniture, appliances, household items and other basic needs. Housing aid and utility assistance are also available. The Little Flower official neighborhood is bounded roughly by Sherman Drive to I-70 to Arlington to 10th Street. This is made possible by donations. **When a month has 5 Sundays (like March) a special envelope is available for donations to SVDP to be placed in the collection.** For those that contribute electronically, that option is now available. Please prayerfully reflect on your ability to help in this service.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 23 - 30, 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)	10:40 a.m.	Bible Overview
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday			
Tuesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee – (Ministry chairs only-plan Holy Week)
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Ladies AA Workshop
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall (school café)	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	OCIA 2 nd Scrutiny
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 29/30, 2025
 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/033025.cfm>

Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road
Fatima Council's Dinner with the Knights will be on Monday, March 24 at 6:30 p.m. featuring Spaghetti and meatballs or meat sauce, breadsticks, salad and a dessert. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 5 -12, and children under 4 are free. Please join us for a great evening.



The Ladies Club meeting is on **April 3** and will be held in the Church. Fr. Bob will be giving us a tour of the Church beginning at 6:30 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of March 15 and 16	\$ 4,442.67
Electronic Contributions 3/10-3/14	\$ 4,368.29
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 497,764.78
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 492,100.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 5,664.78

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 2,264.00
February Contributions	\$ 2,210.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,202.40

If you did not complete your online stewardship intention card or return your paper version yet, please do so as soon as possible. Online forms are on our website, or paper copies are available at the Church doors.

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 3/5)

Parish Goal	\$ 60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged	100
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 25,105.00

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



The Little Flower

Ladies Club Bedding Plant Sale
 Begins March 1. Orders will be due NO LATER THAN March 31, and the delivery date will be May 3. Order forms are at the doors of the Church.

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 - February 2025	481
March 2025 (thru 3/16)	506

Third Sunday Of Lent



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, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, 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:

Ray and Hazel Quinn
1167 N Gladstone 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 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 in the United States Navy in Oak Harbor, WA, 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.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2025 – “Cheers to 100 Years” May 30 – June 1

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

WE NEED YOU! Below are some booth chair positions that need to be filled for this year’s festival:

* **Set up/Tear down** – we need someone to coordinate the set up and tear down process. Email Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org if interested.

* **Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Pulled Pork** – we need someone to be in charge of the cooking and scheduling for this booth. Email Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if interested.

Used Book Sale – Donate your used books to the festival! You may bring your donations to the Parish Center during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m. M-F).

The Silent Auction team needs your help! Contact Elizabeth Mann (463-206-5196) or edeputy1@yahoo.com if you can donate!

Are you an artisan or just plain crafty? Consider donating a unique, one of a kind, or handmade item. It can be a very special way to share your talent with our parish and help us reach our fundraising goal at the same time.

Can you or your employer offer new goods or services valued in excess of \$25? Consider donating them!

Are you a Colts or Pacers season ticket holder? Consider donating a pair (or more) of your tickets for just one game next year.

Do you have a timeshare or vacation property? Consider donating a week this year.

Are there gift cards lying around that you will never use? Let us put them to good use as an auction item!

SPONSORSHIPS ARE CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVAL. AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships start at \$250.00 and higher levels are also available with more benefits. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Angie at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Angie and she will mail information to them. **Our best chance of getting new sponsors will be you asking them to help!**

Just Desserts Ladies!



The Ladies Club provides the desserts each week for the Fish Fry! All Ladies of the Parish are members of the Ladies Club, so bring your sweets to the school cafeteria after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Thanks in advance and for all of your help in years past!



Come One! Come All!
 Please join us on Fridays during Lent through **April 11** for a wonderful Lenten meal!
 Serving takes place from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
 Drive-thru carryout service is available!
 Invite your family and friends to help make our Fish Fry a success!

The Parish Life Commission will once again host a **Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 17**. Dinner will be served from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Watch the Theresean for more information!



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, April 28 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 June.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



Vacation Bible School
June 23 – 27, 2025
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.

For children entering Pre-4 to 4th grade in the fall. Spend the week making friends, playing, making fun crafts, and most of all seeing Jesus in everything we do!

Please contact the parish office at 317-357-8352, or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register your child, or if you are interested in volunteering.

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER CALENDAR - 2025

Friday, March 28, April 4, April 11
 Stations of the Cross and Communion Service at 5:30 p.m.
 Fish Fry in Social Hall: 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

April 12/13 – Palm Sunday
 Regular Mass Schedule
 Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m.
All children invited to participate in procession with palms

April 17 – Holy Thursday
 Soup Supper in Duffey Hall
 Serving 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. - All are welcome!
 Adoration Chapel closes at 5:00 p.m.
 Mass at 7:00 p.m. including commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers
 Eucharistic Adoration in Church after Mass ending with Night Prayer at 9:00 p.m.

April 18 – Good Friday
 Living Stations of the Cross at 9:30 a.m.
 Living Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 7:00 p.m.

April 19 – Holy Saturday
 Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass or confessions

April 20 – Easter Sunday
 Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 Adoration Chapel reopens after 10:30 a.m. Mass -- *There is NO 6:00 p.m. Mass*

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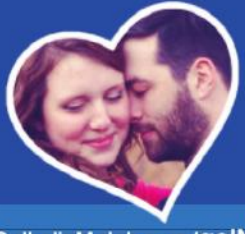
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