

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Your brother was dead
and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.

Lk 15:32

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?

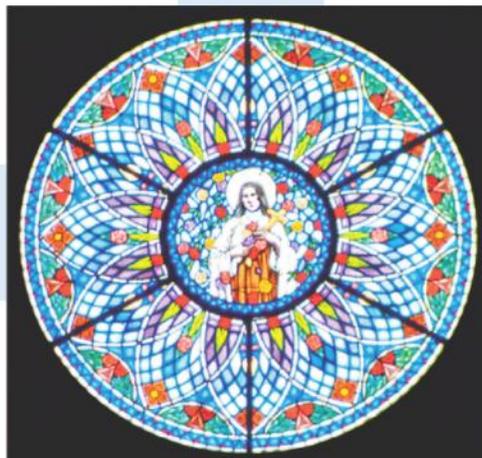
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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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At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
At-Large Member	Katie Leszczynski
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum
At-Large Member	Catharine Diehr

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,

Today we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the mid-point of Lent. The Fourth Sunday of Lent was traditionally called Laetare Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means rejoice. Therefore, priests are invited to wear rose vestments. This might be a good day to review for ourselves how we are doing keeping our Lenten promises.

This weekend at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Second Scrutiny with our Elect, our former Catechumens, Our Candidates, and our *Confirmandi*. At the First Scrutiny, the former catechumens were anointed with the Oil of Catechumens, and all the Elect are presented with the Ten Commandments. During the Second Scrutiny, all the Elect receive the Nicene Creed.

Holy Week, the holiest week of the year for Catholics, is only two weeks away. Please note the Holy Week schedule elsewhere in *The Theresean*.

It's been two weeks since we launched our fund-raising drive for pew refinishing. To date we have raised \$10,395.00. We are hoping to raise \$80,000 to \$100,000. Last weekend, I suggested that we all give some thought to where our sacred places are. As I mentioned, Little Flower has been a sacred place in the lives of many of our parishioners and parish families. One way to recognize the sacredness of this church in our lives and the lives of those who have gone before us is through support of this project. If you have misplaced your original mailing, you will find all the information on our parish website. There is a link from the main page. Please remember that all gifts, regardless of size, will be appreciated.

For the last several years, the *Invite* Commission has been one of our most active Commissions. When I first came to Little Flower, I suggested that the two things missing in our parish council structure was evangelization and community outreach. When Cindy Woods returned home to Little Flower, she and Cac Diehr assumed responsibility for these two essential ministries. They have done an excellent job. At this time, Cindy has decided to retire from *Invite*. I am extremely grateful for all she has done. I hope many of you will take the time to thank her. Fortunately, Cac will continue to do what she has been doing.

We have received fewer than 100 completed stewardship cards from parishioners. By filling out a Stewardship card, you help populate a database that helps us best plan for, and utilize, the time, talent, and treasure of all our stewards at Little Flower.

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.

Finally, I apologize for falling behind in posting my Sunday homilies to our website. All of them have now been posted.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, April 9, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** This month the 5th grade class will be joining us, and they are planning a special activity for us to do together. Please call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending. Feel free to bring a friend. The more the merrier.



The Little Flower Gabriel Project is seeking a new coordinator! This small but committed team is looking for a new coordinator to take the lead on volunteer management, communications, and development. Please reach out to Joanna Slisz at slisz.joanna@gmail.com if you are interested.



We remember our parishioner, **Mary Jane Render**, who passed away on March 18 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on March 24. Mary Jane was a

woman whose faith never wavered even in the face of adversity. Although she has been unable to attend Mass since about 2009, she did enjoy receiving Communion at Westside Village Healthcare where she resided until her death. Please keep all of Mary Jane's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary Jane into his eternal glory.

The Gabriel Project is an active and vibrant parish ministry serving the local community. We provide practical and material help to new and expectant mothers and their children. We also activate our parish community to help in many ways such as donating baby supplies, staffing shopping days, and helping organize our storage unit.

††† Masses For The Week

For the Week of March 31 – April 6, 2025

- 31 March Monday**
5:30 p.m. LF Class of 1966 by Becky Mouser
- 01 April Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Stacey Brown by Michael & Linda Jerrel
- 02 April Wednesday**
5:30 p.m. Judy Steffy by Ladies Club
- 03 April Thursday**
No Mass
- 04 April Friday**
5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross & Communion Service
- 05 April Saturday – The Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Lent**
5:00 p.m. For the Intentions of Mary Jo Carrico by a Friend
- 06 April The Fifth Sunday of Lent**
9:30 a.m. Mary Helen Eckrich by the Routh Family
6:00 p.m. For the People



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.

Due to spring schedule conflicts, the remainder of the Little Flower/Little Stories series has been cancelled. Thank you to the many people who have contributed by attending and/or participating in the programs with a story or music. The Invite Commission will discuss the future of the program at its next meeting.



HOLY WEEK ADORATION

Starting on Monday of Holy Week the Eucharist will be exposed during the day through Holy Thursday in the Adoration Chapel at Little Flower Church.

Schedule

Monday April 14, 6 a.m. -9 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 16, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 17, 6 a.m. – 5 p.m.

How to Sign – Up

Visit our website at www.littleflowerparish.org for an on-line link to the sign-up or call the Parish Office at 317-357-8352. If you are attending, please contact the Parish Office for the entry code to the church.

Adoration FAQ

- **Can I attend if the sign-up is full?**
Yes! We need at least two adorers per hour, but we would love to have many more. Just show up!
- **What should I do when I walk in the chapel?**
Genuflect or bow and then sit or kneel to pray.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

March 30 – April 6, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
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	St. Therese	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	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	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Easter Flower Collection after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	First Communion Class for Older Kids
	School	10:30 a.m.	OCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	OCIA 3 rd Scrutiny
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group



Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 5/6, 2025

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Philippians 3:8-14
- John 8:1-11

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/040625.cfm>



**FOOD DRIVE
SATURDAY
APRIL 26, 2024
10 AM – 1 PM**

In front of the Church
By The Invite Commission

Can you help? Donate a bag of non-perishable food, baby items (diapers, wipes, baby food), cleaning supplies, or personal hygiene items.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of March 22 and 23	\$ 5,813.25
Electronic Contributions 3/17-3/21	\$ 9,042.64
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 512,620.67
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 505,400.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 7,220.67

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 2,264.00
February Contributions	\$ 2,210.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,564.40

NOTE: WE HAVE RECEIVED LESS THAN 100 COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARDS FROM PARISHIONERS. By filling out a Stewardship card, you help populate a database that helps us best plan for, and utilize, the time, talent, and treasure of all our stewards at Little Flower. 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.

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 3/23)	515



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!

WELCOME / REGISTRATION April 5 & 6, 2025

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower? Are you considering joining us? If so, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish! Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the WELCOME TABLE in the gathering area for registration forms. Forms are also available if your address or contact information has changed. You may also register at www.littleflowerparish.org



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, Tom McAndrews. 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:

Tom McAndrews,
1335 N Linwood 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 Liliانا 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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FESTIVAL NEWS

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

The next leadership meeting is **Wednesday, April 23 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!**



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.

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!

LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER CALENDAR - 2025

Friday, April 4 and 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*

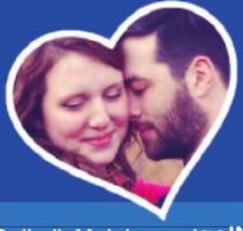
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