FIFTH SUDDAY OF TO ENTY

Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.

Jn 8:7

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5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

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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 the Fifth Sunday of Lent. This weekend at the Sunday 6:00 p.m. Mass we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with all those who will receive Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Last Sunday the Elect were presented with the Nicene Creed. During the Third Scrutiny, all the Elect receive the Our Father.

This coming Friday is our last Lenten Fish Fry. Every year at the last fish fry, someone tells me that he/she wishes that this was not the last fish fry of the year. Because it is the last one, I encourage you to come to the fish fry either to dine in or to carry out. Also, please encourage everyone you know to come.

This Saturday, April 12, will be the last scheduled confessions before Easter. Confessions will be heard from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. There will be no confessions on Holy Saturday, April 19. If anyone would like to make an appointment for confession, please contact me. Also, for those who missed our Little Flower-Lourdes Penance Service, Holy Spirit's Penance Service will be this Thursday, April 10, at 7 p.m.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. For Christians, and especially for Catholics, Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year. On Palm Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate his Last Supper with his disciples during which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Priesthood. On Good Friday, we commemorate his Passion and Death. Finally, on Holy Saturday, we celebrate his triumphant resurrection from the dead and celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with our Elect.

There is no better way for us to enter into the mystery of Jesus' dying and rising than through celebrating the Triduum as a parish family. However, for those unable to attend, Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday will also be live streamed.

We are asking that no activities conflict with Holy Week services and activities. This would include 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. on Holy Thursday and from noon until the end of Good Friday.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will invite all children from toddlers through 8th grade to join in the procession around the church carrying palms. Please encourage your children to participate. Little Flower School students who participate will receive an out-of-uniform pass and a house point.

Have a wonderful week.



PEW REFINISHING PROJECT

All details are available at the link on littleflowerparish.org

http://www.littleflowerparish.org/get-involved-and-give-back/pew-refinishing-project/

Amount raised as of 3/31/2025 \$15,805.00

We are hoping to raise \$80,000 to \$100,000 from donations.

Don't forget. If you are over age 70.5 you can request your broker or financial advisor to make a donation directly from your IRA to Little Flower and you will not be taxed on the amount of your distribution. As always, please consult your broker or financial advisor for further information or advice.



We will have a Spring Cleanup Day on our grounds on **Saturday**, **April 12** (rain date April **26**), beginning at 9:00 a.m. If you don't mind getting your hands a little dirty to help make our campus more beautiful, come join us! There will be plenty of mulch to be spread, weeds to be pulled, and bushes to be trimmed. Meet by the

rectory garage. If you have garden tools, you're welcome to bring them, but we will have some as well. Please bring your own garden gloves if you need them.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

All Eucharistic Ministers who serve the parish at Mass or take communion to those who are homebound or in the hospital, will be commissioned/re-commissioned at Mass on Holy Thursday. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. Please plan to attend.



Next weekend, a representative of the *Holy Land Family* will be selling beautiful hand carved religious artwork made from

olive wood and mosaics to help the Christian families in the Holy Land who rely on the selling of their religious work to make a living. These families' livelihood have been largely affected due to the political conflict in the region. The Christian population in Bethlehem is decreasing and with the support to help these families continue their work, will help maintain their employment so that they stay in their homeland. We invite you to come and browse after each Mass, and we greatly thank you for your support! God Bless You.

All baby banks with donations for the Little Flower Gabriel Project should be returned to church during Palm Sunday Masses, April 12/13. Thank you for your generosity!

+++ Masses For The Week

For the Week of April 7 - 13, 2025

5:30 p.m. Souls in Purgatory by Justin Mendoza

08 April Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Carol Price by Judy Corpuz

09 April Wednesday

11:00 a.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by the Legion

of Mary

10 April Thursday

No Mass

11 April Friday

9:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Dwyer Family by

Robert & Mary Rancourt

5:30 p.m. Way of the Cross & Communion Service

12 April Saturday – The Vigil The Passion of the

Lord

5:00 p.m. Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family

13 April The Passion of the Lord (Palm

Sunday)

9:30 a.m. Craig Deputy by the Deputy Family

6:00 p.m. For the People



Readings for Palm Sunday April 12/13, 2025 Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14—23:56

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041325.cfm



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.



We remember our parishioner, **Mary Hook**, who passed away on March 20^h and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated at St Philip Neri on March 27. We

extend our condolences to *Jeff Usher* on the death of his sister, **Patricia "Jill" (Usher) Pedigo**, who passed away on March 26. We remember our former parishioner, **Mary Winters**, who passed away on March 27 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated at Holy Spirit on April 1. Mary was the hairdresser for many Little Flower parishioners, and she is the mother of *Fr. Darvin Winters*. We extend our sympathy to alumni *Mike and Peggy (Branson) Beltrame* on the death of their daughter, **Kate Beltrame** and to *Peggy Clegg, Steve & Amy Clegg, and Paul & Sandy Clegg* on the death of their cousin, **Terri Reese**. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome, Mary H., Jill, Mary W., Kate and Terri into his eternal glory.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

April 6 - 13, 2025

April 0 - 13, 2025				
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Easter Flower Collection after all Masses.			
	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 Students	
	School	10:30 a.m.	OCIA for Children	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	(school café)			
	Church	6:00 p.m.	OCIA 3 rd Scrutiny	
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group	
Monday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	100 th Year Planning	
	(Parish Center)		Committee	
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Invite Committee	
	(Parish Center)			
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	OCIA	
	(Parish Center)	7.00	CI	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome	
			Group	
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic	
	(school café)		Association Meeting	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
	(Parish Center)			
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary	
	(Parish Center)			
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry	
~ .	(school café)	2.00	0.074.7	
Saturday	Church &	9:00 a.m.	OCIA Retreat/Vigil	
	Parish Center		Practice	
	Garage	9:00 a.m.	Spring Clean Up	
		e Check after a		
	Olive Wood Sale 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	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	(school café)			
	Holy Family (Parish Office)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group	



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

Fifth Sunday Of LENT

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.

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.

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.



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!

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	515

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. Drivethru carryout service is available!

Invite your family and friends to help make our Fish Fry a success!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal 13,300.00 Collection of March 29 and 30 \$ 5,251.75 Electronic Contributions 3/24-3/28 \$ 3,380.35 521,252.77 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual \$ Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget \$ 518,400.00 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD 2,552.77

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions \$ 2,264.00
February Contributions \$ 2,210.00
March Contributions (to date) \$ 1,657.40

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.

<u>LENT, HOLY WEEK, AND EASTER CALENDAR - 2025</u> Friday, 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

April 21 — Easter Monday SCHOOL AND PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



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, Eileen Walters, Janet Wilkerson, Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzl

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:

Vicki Pedro 1932 N Layman Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.



FESTIVALNEWS

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.

Raffle News

Raffle tickets are available for parishioner pickup this weekend at all doors of the church. New this year – raffle envelopes are no longer labeled with names/addresses. You are free to take as many as you want for yourself, family, and friends. Please turn in your sold tickets and money in the collection or at the parish center. Do your best to make the raffle a success, since this is one of the primary income sources for Summerfest!

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!

Tip Board Donations – If you are willing and able to donate a higher-end bottle of spirits to be raffled off with our tip boards, please contact Kurt Schnell at 317-340-4640 or <a href="mailto:rightsquares-rights-nigh



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