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May your *Holy Spirit* of
Wisdom, Consolation, and Peace
Surround us as the smoke of this,
Your Holy Fire.

The Church is known for her use of smells and bells to engage the faithful through all of their senses in prayer. Incense is a beautiful tradition of the Church and brings those gathered to prayer through their sense of smell. It recalls the book of Revelation 8:3-4 which describes the incense always burning before the throne of God in Heaven. The incense was offered in combination with all of the prayer of the holy ones. When incense is lit here on Earth during the Mass, the prayer above is prayed silently by the priest. The incense is then used to transport us all into Heaven before the throne of God as we offer the Sacrifice of the Mass to the Father. Additionally, singing the Holy, Holy, Holy calls to mind the song of the angels in Heaven before God. All this to help us transition the focus of the Mass from a posture of receptivity and learning with the Liturgy of the Word, to a posture of prayer and praise in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Our Mission:

St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish exists to **rescue** people from the poverty of an identity outside of **Jesus**.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil

4:30pm

Sunday

9:00am, 11:30am, 8:00pm

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:30am

Saturday

8:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Weekdays

5:00 am - 10:00 am

7:00pm-10:00pm

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

Adoration Chapel Hours

Monday-Friday 5:00am-10:00pm

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am - 9:30am

Saturday

8:30am - 9:30am

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Mon - Tues 9:00am - 4:00pm

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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday, August 23

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

8:00am: Ellen Emerick

4:30pm: David Shock †

Sunday, August 24 | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

9:00am: Matthew Vu Phong Pham †

11:30am: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

8:00pm: Anne Sandra Tito

Monday, August 25

1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

8:30am: Codty Pierce †

Tuesday, August 26

1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

8:30am: Christ Child Society

Wednesday, August 27 | Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

8:30am: David Shock †

Thursday, August 28

1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

8:30am: Roger & Mary Lou Mawby †

Friday, August 29 | Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

8:30am: Roger & Mary Lou Mawby †

Saturday, August 30

1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

8:00am: Virginia Tamayo †

4:30pm: David Shock †

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I have a few important updates for you about life at the parish.

Parish Census Results

Thank you for your responses to our parish census. We have updated our databases with the information you submitted, removing from our active record names of parishioners who have moved away, registered elsewhere, or gone to their eternal reward. With your help we also have identified some parishioners who are in Nursing homes or homebound. We now have a better picture of the number of registered and active parishioners. As of date we have 473 families (not counting dependents). This was a necessary and long overdue project. Your responses made completing this task possible. We are also grateful to our staff and office volunteers for their work on this project.

Naming our Parish Center

Thank you to all who participated in the fun activity we put together at the picnic to select saint names for our classrooms. The decision to name the classrooms after saints is to promote devotion to these saints and to grow our love and connection to our heavenly brothers and sisters after whom these classrooms will be named. We are in the process of making room name plates, and procuring photos of these saints.

Our parish center, which until now was known simply as parish center, will be named after Venerable Patrick Peyton. Fr. Peyton, popularly known as "The Rosary Priest" was one of two seminarians who found the Notre Dame house in the area of what came to be the original Little Flower parish. He committed himself to catechizing the new-discovered community and preparing them to be constituted into a parish. It was after Patrick Peyton that Fr. Payne, the pioneer pastor of our parish, was sent to shepherd the people of the new-found-community, later known as Little Flower, now St. Thérèse, Little Flower Parish. We are grateful to Fr. Peyton for his labor in the founding of our parish. While we cannot dismiss the fact that Fr. Payne built our parish to what it is today, we acknowledge the contributions of Fr. Peyton.

Holy Cross Family Ministries, an organization founded by Fr. Patrick Peyton, is hosting a Rosary Rally on the campus of Notre Dame in honor of the 75th anniversary of Fr. Peyton's first national rosary rally. This will take place on September 7 at 1:30 p.m. I highly encourage all our parishioners to participate.

Annual Financial Report

For the purpose of propriety and responsible stewardship, the pastor and the parish Finance Council are required by canon law and the customs of our diocese to provide parishioners with an annual financial report. We are grateful to you for your financial contributions to the parish, enabling it to carry out its mission. It is incumbent on the parish to give account of our stewardship to parishioners and other donors.

The parish, as well as the diocese, operates a fiscal year that runs July 1 - June 30. Sometime in the Spring of this year the diocese migrated to a new Payroll system. This transition caused a delay in computing the numbers, and we are late in making this report available to parishioners. This is being resolved, and we hope to soon publish our annual report for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

Parking Lot Repair

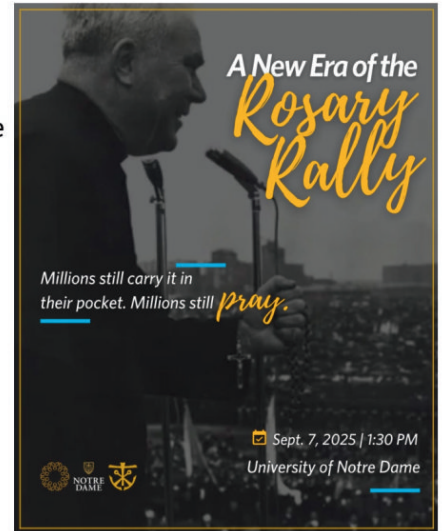
As many of you would agree, our parking lot requires some work. We are particularly mindful of the safety of our parishioners and your vehicles. In consultation with the Finance Council, we have gotten quotes from several construction companies and approved the most affordable and highly recommended company. Renovations will begin in the Fall.

State of the Parish Address

Finally, I am inviting all our parishioners to a Listening Session in late September or early October (still working on a specific date). This session would afford me the opportunity to present the state of the parish and also consult with you on certain areas of our parish life. It would be most helpful that most, if not all, our parishioners are able to attend. Please look out for dates in the bulletin.

May Jesus bless you, and may Our Lady protect you!

Fr. Julius



THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.

Welcome new parishioners!

Last Sunday, August 17, we had our new parishioner brunch to welcome 11 new families to our parish!

Welcome Julia Orisich, James Powell, Jodie Spradlin, Daniel & Rhonda Lusk, Lisa Slomka, Mike & Shirley Kucharski, Rigo & Shazanna Molina and their two kids, Marie Dix, Joshy & Geetha Mukkadackal and their two kids, Alanna O'Shea, and Tom Miller!

We are grateful to have you join our parish family. As registered parishioners, we are able to better help you grow in your faith journey as you help our parish family grow through your presence and talents.

If you or anyone you know is a regular attendee at St. Therese, Little Flower, or an irregular attendee who are looking for a home parish, we invite you to register and join us officially.

Families with children who are turning 18 should also encourage their adults to register in the parish on their own to renew their commitment as adult members of the parish family.

If you have any questions about parishioner registration or would like to register, please email webforms@littleflowerchurch.org.



Learn about Iconography & Meet the Artist

**Sunday, September 14 | following 9:00am Mass
Parish Center Gym**

Dive into the rich symbolism & learn about the prayerful process of "writing" an icon. Meet the iconographer, Angelo Martinez, who created and donated our beautiful icon of the Crucifixion for our adoration chapel. Angelo will offer a presentation during coffee and donuts.



MARK: The Gospel Through the Eyes of Peter

Imagine Mark sitting at Peter's feet, writing down all that he had to say about the life and teachings of Jesus.

We sometimes call St. Mark's Gospel "the Gospel of Peter" because Mark put into writing the preaching of St. Peter. Mark's Gospel is filled with concrete details of an eyewitness. It tells us, from the point of view of Peter, what it was like to be with Jesus during the years of the Lord's public ministry. In studying this Gospel, we too can become disciples of Jesus through the eyes of Peter.

FRIDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY

Beginning September 19, 2025
10:00 AM ~ 12:00 PM

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Celebration of Our Lady of Peñafrancia

Saturday, September 6 | during the 4:30pm Mass

Join the Filipino American Community in celebrating our Blessed Mother's birthday in her title of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. We will pray the ninth day of the novena and the Holy Rosary beginning at 4:00pm. Reception to follow in Payne Hall.

All are welcome!



Scan the QR Code to learn more about this devotion.

Liturgical Ministries

We are always looking for new liturgical ministers to train in service of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. If you are interested in getting a deeper look at the Mass and serving in this way, contact Sherice Perras at sperras7@gmail.com.

Service Opportunities include:

- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Care of Sacred Linens
- Mass Coordinators

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Patrick Peyton

Dear Jesus, Father Peyton devoted his priestly life to strengthening the families of the world by calling them to pray together every day, especially the Rosary.

His message is as important for us now as it was during his life on earth.

We beg you, therefore, to hasten the day of his Beatification, so that your faithful people everywhere will remember his message that the family that prays together stays together, will imitate him in his devotion to your Mother and ours, and will be inspired by his holy life to draw ever closer to you with childlike confidence and love.

Amen.



Knights of Columbus Mums Fundraiser

Help us “grow” good works this fall! Why wait for the leaves to turn? 🍂 Get ahead of the game and the neighbors—secure your gorgeous mums now at a price that’ll make you smile: only \$12 for an 8-inch beauty (try finding that price in October)!

Brighten your porch and a neighbor’s life—your purchase supports Knights of Columbus charities like Women’s Care Center, Gibault Children Services, Special Olympics, and more.

♥ Here’s how to “mum and get it”: **Pre-order after Mass on Aug. 23/24 & Aug. 30/31** or order online with the QR code. Pickup: Saturday, Sept. 13, 10:00am–12:00pm Upper Parking Lot

🌸 Be the first on your block to “fall” for these mums. Order now and watch the compliments bloom!



Ways to meet God this week

Knights of Columbus Mum Pre-Sale

Following all Masses
Back of the Church

Parish Rosary Mission

Saturday | 4:00pm
Sunday | 8:30am & 11:00am
Church

Small Group Bible Study

Sunday | 10:10am - 11:25am
Parish Center, Room 1

Missionary Families of Christ

Sunday | 1:30pm
Payne Hall

Becoming Catholic

Sunday | 4:00pm
Parish Center, Room 5

Men's Prayer Group

Monday | 6:00pm
Parish Center, Rooms 2/3

Knights of Columbus Rosary

Tuesday | 6:30pm
St. Therese Garden

Fit for Life

Tues & Thurs | 8:00 – 10:00am
Wellness Center

Young Mom's Book Study

Tuesdays | 7:30pm - 9:00pm
*Email Abby@littleflowerchurch.org
for location

Ablaze Young Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays | 7:00pm -8:30pm
Parish Center, Room 1

Prayer Ministry

Thursday, August 28 | 11:00am
Holy Cross Rehab & Wellness Center
*Questions? Email
Joe@LittleFlowerChurch.org.

Prison Ministry

Thursday, August 28 | 6:00pm
*Contact Lenny Strzelecki at
lenstrz@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Breakfast with a Saint

Bl. Michael McGivney

Saturday, September 13
8:30am – 10:30am

*Come and enjoy Food,
Fellowship, Prayer and
Education about our faith!*



Join us for a revamp of the Men's Prayer Breakfast! We are excited to have families join in on the socialization, prayer, food and education on our Catholic Faith. We will have guest speakers as well as learn about the Saints that we will name our rooms in honor of!

Annual Bishop's Appeal

Prayerfully consider supporting the Annual Bishop's Appeal

Dear parishioners and friends, in the coming weeks, you will be invited to prayerfully consider a donation to this year's Annual Bishop's Appeal. When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, inviting thousands of Catholics in northeast Indiana to encounter Christ in the church and each other. To learn more or donate online, visit diocesefwsb.org/aba.

Scan the QR Code to donate online. When you arrive at the pledge page, please attribute your gift to **Little Flower South Bend**.



FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sacrament Preparation
Middle & High School Faith Formation

Register now at
littleflowerchurch.org/childrens-religious-education-program

Men's Prayer Group

BECOMING A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

Monday, September 15 | 6:00pm

The Men's Prayer Group is transitioning from learning about the Rosary to *That Man is You* (TMIY). The new series begins Monday, September 15. TMIY is an interactive men's program that combines science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of men fully alive. By honestly addressing the pressures and temptations that men face in modern culture, TMIY works to form men capable of transforming homes and through the family, transforming society.

Questions? Contact
Ben Janczewski at
wyotechben@gmail.com

Scan the QR Code to register.



Blood Pressure Screenings

September 6 & 7, following all Masses

Vestibule of the Church

The Ministry of Blood Pressure Screening is dedicated to empowering our community by providing accessible blood pressure screenings and promoting heart health awareness. Through early detection and education, we aim to reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and its devastating consequences.

Questions? Contact Lucy Ostrowski at lhost1@comcast.net.



Fit for Life

Tuesdays & Thursdays | 8:00 – 10:00am
Wellness Center



Did you know your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? Join our Fit for Life group and find a community to accompany you on as we work to ensure our bodies are able and ready to move when the Spirit calls us to action. Open to all! All you need to bring is a water bottle and a willing spirit.

Questions? Contact Anita Golba at (574) 233-6660.



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Outreach Ministries

Financial Assistance

Through our Whatsoever You Do Outreach Program we provide financial assistance to help with utilities to our community.

If you are in need of financial assistance, please go to our website:

<https://LittleFlowerChurch.org/outreach>

Food Assistance

Our Parish Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm-3:00pm.

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