



ST. THÉRÈSE
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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 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

4:00pm-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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Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Saturday, October 11 | St. John XXIII, Pope

Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Lk 11:27-28

8:00am: Marietta Recio †

4:30pm: Butch & Demy Torres †

Sunday, October 12 | Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

9:00am: Matthew Vu Phong Pham †

11:30am: Anne Sandra Tito

8:00pm: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family

Monday, October 13

Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

8:30am: Elmer Boll †

Tuesday, October 14

Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

8:30am: David Kroll †

Wednesday, October 15 | Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

8:30am: Otto Martinec †

Thursday, October 16

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54

8:30am: Marici Chit †

Friday, October 17 | Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

8:30am: Alta Koppff Himmelfarb †

Saturday, October 18 | Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

8:00am: Beacon Nursing Staff

4:30pm: Kael Fulnecky



State of the Parish Address & Listening Session *Come, Listen & Be Heard!*

Dear parishioners,

May the peace and blessing of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

I wish to invite you to the State of the Parish Address/Listening Session on October 16, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. This would be an opportunity for me and my staff to present to parishioners the current state of our parish, and to give an account of our stewardship.

Last year when we had the first edition of the State of the Parish Address, we had a lot of data to share, and did not have time for a listening session. We followed that presentation with a published report for parishioners' benefit. We have since received feedback from parishioners and are happy to include a listening opportunity to this year's edition. This would allow me and my staff to receive feedback from parishioners on how the parish is fulfilling its mission of evangelization and making disciples, and how we can improve as we strive to fulfill the mandate of Jesus, to "Go make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19-20).

SCHEDULE FOR THE EVENING:

6:00pm - 6:30pm - Potluck-style dinner

6:30pm - 7:00pm - State of the Parish Address

7:00pm - 8:00pm - Breakout Listening Sessions

We invite you to bring food to share with fellow parishioners. You may sign up at the table in the back of the church.

In preparation for this evening, I would like to invite you to fill out the Missional Health Assessment, which was informed by our parish mission and vision, and rooted in the mandate to evangelize, make disciples and serve the poor. This would only take about 3 - 5 minutes. Thank you.

I look forward to spending the evening with you and hearing from you. **Come listen, and be heard!**

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

Fr. Julius

Listen & Be Heard
STATE OF THE PARISH
address & listening session
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
6:00PM

Ways to meet God this week

SUNDAY

Parish Rosary Mission

Following all Masses

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Atria Levels I & III

Our Lady of Guadalupe Auditions

1:00pm | Peyton Center, Gym

Missionary Families of Christ

1:30pm | Payne Hall

Becoming Catholic

4:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 5

MONDAY

Men's Prayer Group

6:00pm | Peyton Center,
Rooms 2 & 3

TUESDAY

Food Pantry

Tuesday & Thursday | 1:30pm

Knights of Columbus Rosary

6:30pm | Grotto, Notre Dame

Young Mom's Book Study

7:30pm - 9:00pm

*Contact Abby@littleflowerchurch.org

WEDNESDAY

Encyclical Discussion Group:

Salvifici Doloris

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Rooms 2/3

Ablaze Young Adult Bible Study

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 1

THURSDAY

Fit for Life

Tuesday & Thursday | 8:00am
Wellness Center

State of the Parish Address

Thursday, October 16 | 6:00pm

FRIDAY

Gospel of Mark Scripture Study

10:00am | Peyton Center, Upper Room

SATURDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

10:00am | Level II Atria

“PRAY, HOPE, AND DON’T WORRY; WORRY IS USELESS.

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QR Code.



Hallow's Daily Miracle



Curious to hear how God is at work in the world today? Check out Hallow's Daily Miracle stories and hear amazing stories of hope and joy. It is a great practice as we continue this Jubilee Year of Hope to remind ourselves to hope in the loving, merciful, and awesome power of God.

Do you enjoy praying for other people? *We want to know who you are!*

We want to grow our intercessory prayer ministry and gather prayers for those who ask. When we practice intercessory prayer, we are bringing the needs and asks of others to God. God already knows what we need and when we ask God to help us, we honor him and we participate in the mediating power of Christ.

We not only want to say prayers for these petitions but we want to keep track of how God is working in their lives. We want to hear the victories and glorify God accordingly. Oftentimes, when we are asked to pray for someone, we don't follow up on their intentions to appropriately rejoice with them.

In today's readings, we hear the story of Naaman the Syrian who is healed and comes back to the prophet Elisha glorifying God. Then we hear about Jesus healing ten lepers, one, after being healed, returns to Jesus glorifying God. We don't know what happens to the other lepers.

God is still working today. It may be in a moment of healing or it could be in how he places people in our lives to be present at just the right time. In this society, God working may be called coincidence or luck. When we choose to see with eyes of faith, we can see God at work in our lives and glorify Him.

Choosing to See with Eyes of Faith

In February, my then-five-month-old baby boy, was having stomach issues and had to go to the doctor - he couldn't keep anything down. They ran a bunch of tests and came to the conclusion that it could only be resolved with surgery and that surgery needed to happen TODAY. When we heard this, we immediately called Fr. Julius for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and started sending out the prayer requests to absolutely everyone we could think of. We took him to the Hospital and waited for them to admit us, getting texts back of support and prayer.

After waiting for almost five hours, they finally admitted us. They ran more tests and we waited more hours only to be told we were getting an ambulance ride to Indianapolis. The pediatric surgeon we were waiting to see was unavailable and the next closest was in Indy. So the paramedics came, my son and I started the three hour, middle-of-the-night ambulance ride to Indianapolis while my husband buttoned up the house, packed bags, and drove out to meet us, narrowly avoiding a speeding ticket on the way.

My son and I arrived in Indianapolis to be admitted for more tests and sleepless hours of frustrating crying and endless bouncing. He was hungry but still couldn't eat because of the tests. They ran some new tests and reran some old tests. And we waited. There was only so much I could do. Eventually my husband arrived. About an hour after, they discharged us from the hospital saying that my son didn't need surgery - he just had a stomach bug and acid reflux. We were LIVID. All this aggravation and waiting and testing and driving for a *stomach bug*.

We dutifully visited our regular doctor when we got home, as instructed. At that appointment, it was revealed to us that the pediatric surgeon had been on vacation and the other pediatric surgeon in South Bend was sick. So we had to go to Indianapolis. Not only that, the hospital in Indy couldn't access the cloud servers to view the test results from the tests done in South Bend - that was why so many tests were rerun. Then they had to run more tests because some were inconclusive. What he said next flipped this whole frustrating saga on it's head. He said how lucky we were that the regular surgeons were unavailable so that they had to send us to Indianapolis. It was also very fortunate they reran the tests; imagine opening up a five month old for a *stomach bug*! He explained that some tests are harder than others to gage what is going on because there is a lot of room for human error when looking at imaging on a tiny, squirming, crying baby.

As my husband and I were reflecting on this with each other and all those we had asked for prayers, someone shared with us that it wasn't just "luck" or "a coincidence" for these circumstances. This was a miracle. Maybe God allowed the wait time to work a miracle of healing in my little boy. Maybe it was a miracle of God putting people where they needed to be and technology not working as it should. Either way, in choosing to see these sorrowful and testing 24 hours with eyes of faith, we see God at work in our lives for the better. In this miracle, God revealed His power and glory to us and we are privileged to witness and attest to His goodness.

~Kelly Russell, Pastoral Associate for the Mission

GOD IS MERCIFUL AND HE WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYER.” ~PADRE PIO

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving for September

Adult Collection	\$21,081.00
Loose Collection	\$10,117.38
Online Giving	\$16,355.00
Total Collections	\$47,553.38
Budget	\$52,083.33
Difference	-\$4,529.95
Capital Improvements	\$555.00
Food Pantry	\$1,110.00
Whatsoever You Do	\$2,304.00

Thank you for your sacrificial generosity.

Baptism Prep

Are you expecting a child? Do you have a child who isn't baptized? Register for our baptism prep program! You will work one-on-one with Amelia Schade, our Director of Catechesis & Family Ministry for lively conversations about the faith and watch videos to prepare for your child's entry into the Catholic Church.

Questions? Email Amelia at Amelia@littleflowerchurch.org



Mary's Way Dinner

Sunday, October 19 | 1:00pm

Queen of Peace Parish, Mishawaka

You are invited to the fifth annual Mary's Way dinner. Hear from our parishioner, Catherine Odell about Marian Apparitions entitled, "Those Who Saw Her."

Cost: \$25 per person includes dinner buffet, materials

Contact Patti Grenert at (574)286-1158 to register.



BACK FROM THE DEAD

Cemetery Walk

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As you walk through the cemetery, you'll encounter martyrs, saints, and more who have come back from the dead to tell their stories.

Where: St. Vincent Cemetery

When: October 24th & 25th

Time: 7:00 - 9:30pm

Reserve your free spot to visit the cemetery!

Contact (574)262-1505 or akaczanowski@stthomaselkhart.com

"The Dead would like to have some words with you...."

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The healing hand of Christ is a sign of the presence of God; that same hand is extended to us in this sacrament now, to console and strengthen us.

Oftentimes when we are sick in the hospital, or about to go into surgery, we are so worried about many things, our loved ones, the bills, not to mention making sure there are enough tissues nearby for the next time we need one. So frequently, we forget to call on the Divine Physician!

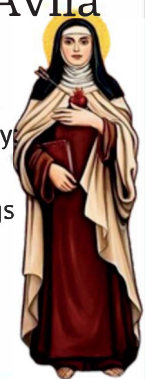
In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. A careful judgment about the serious nature of the illness or surgery is sufficient.

When the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is given, the hoped-for effect is that, if it be God's will, the person be physically healed of illness. But even if there is no physical healing, the primary effect of the Sacrament is a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. So next time, call a priest!

Prayer from St. Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away;
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks
nothing;
God alone suffices.
Amen.



PARISH NEWS

Actors Needed!

Sunday, October 12 | 1:00pm

Peyton Center, Gym

Auditions for "Our Lady of Guadalupe" play are almost here! The dates for the play are Saturday evening, December 13 and Sunday afternoon, December 14.

Questions? Contact Carolyn Hine-Edington at 574-329-2977 or carolynnhinejohnson@gmail.com

World Mission Sunday

October 18 & 19 | Special Collection

Support the global church in her missionary efforts throughout parts of Asia, Africa, Pacific Islands, Europe and Latin America. The funds raised foster the proclamation of the Gospel, building of churches and schools, and provision of food and medical care for vulnerable communities. The theme for this year is "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples" in reference to the Jubilee Year of Hope. Let us remember to be generous in prayer as well as in treasure for these missionary efforts.

State of the Parish Address & Listening Sessions

Thursday, October 16 at 6:00pm | Ven. Patrick Peyton Center Gym

Curious to know how our parish is growing? Want to share your experiences of parish life? Mark your calendar to join us for the State of the Parish Address to learn more about how our parish is doing this year and how our staff is trying to support you. We also want to hear from you at our Listening Sessions during the address. We want to know what our parishioners are experiencing so that we can better serve you and your family and help you grow in your relationship with Christ.

October

16

SAVE THE DATE



Encyclical Discussion Group: Salvifici Doloris

Wednesdays, October 15, 22, 29 | 6-7 PM

Ven. Patrick Peyton Center, Rooms 2/3

Join our encyclical discussion group, where we'll begin by discussing Salvifici Doloris, JP II's 1984 Letter on the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering. Please bring your own text and read on your own time. We will discuss two chapters at each session.

Questions? Email kristin.m.soukup@gmail.com or smpiecuch@gmail.com.



Annual Bishop's Appeal

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Your spare change can cause ripples of change across the diocese! The Annual Bishop's Appeal supports Catholic youth formation and education, education for seminarians and care for retired religious, Catholic Charities and parishes experiencing financial need. Your spare change supports the Body of Christ across South Bend and Fort Wayne.

Dear parishioners and friends, I prayerfully invite you to consider a donation to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Our parish has a target of **\$70,778.63** for this year. Your donations are greatly appreciated. **You have donated \$22,220; that is 31% of the way there!** When you make a gift to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, you invest in the ministries and initiatives of the Diocese, inviting 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**.



Return your pledge card by Sunday, Nov. 2 and you will be entered into a drawing for this amazing basket! The drawing will be on November 4 and the winner announced across our media platforms. Basket Items include: Portrait of Pope Leo, 2 Barnaby tickets, Handmade Jesus Christ doll, Wooden Crucifix, Seroogy's Fudge, Pray for Us book by Meg Hunter Kilmer, Puzzle of the Last Supper, Psalms 46:10 Tote Bag, Prayer Clock, Rosary, and a Patrick Peyton Comic Book!



A PARISH THAT EXTENDS THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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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