



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 1, 2026**

## 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

### Office Address

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### Parish Office Hours

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

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## Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

### Saturday, February 28

*Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48*

8:00am: Otto Martinec †

4:30pm: Ali Nikolai

### Sunday, March 1 | Second Sunday of Lent

*Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*

9:00am: Joseph & Jacqueline Czarnecki

11:30am: Elizabeth Schmeer †

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

### Monday, March 2

*Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38*

8:30am: Healing of Beth Bettcher

### Tuesday, March 3

*Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12*

8:30am: Vincent Dinh †

### Wednesday, March 4

*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28*

8:30am: Family of Roy & Laurie Miller

### Thursday, March 5

*Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31*

8:30am: Natalie Cecilia Romani Schoenadel †

### Friday, March 6

*Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*

8:30am: Healing of Ali Nikolai

### Saturday, March 7

*Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*

8:00am: Bob Bramer & Cliff Perras †

4:30pm: St. Therese, Little Flower Parish Family



## We have a Deacon!

This week I received a letter from Bishop Rhoades assigning Deacon Paul Stoyell-Mulholland to our parish. I am grateful to Deacon Paul and his wife Barbara for accepting to serve at our parish. We welcome them to St. Thérèse, Little Flower and wish them many blessings as they serve our parish. Those who experienced the ministry of Deacon Greg Gehred would already be familiar with the ministry of a deacon. But I am aware not many of our parishioners know who a deacon is and what they can and cannot do. Let me explain:

### Who is a deacon?

A deacon is an ordained clergy who has received the sacrament of Holy Orders. Holy Orders is “holy” because it has a sacred character and is “ordered” because it is structured, tiered with increasing levels of responsibility. For instance, a deacon can preach and baptize, but cannot offer Mass or hear confessions; a priest can offer Mass and hear confessions, but cannot ordain; a bishop can ordain, and perform every priestly function because he possesses the fullness of Holy Orders. These ministries give “holy order” to the Church.

The above sums up the three degrees of the sacrament of Orders. Bishops, as successors of the apostles, enjoy the fullness of the sacrament. They occupy the third degree of the sacrament of Holy Orders. Priests occupy the second degree of the sacrament of Holy Orders. They are collaborators with the bishops, and like bishops, are configured to Christ the head. They share in the offices of teaching, sanctifying and governing the people of God. For their part, deacons occupy the first degree of the sacrament of Holy Orders and are configured to Christ the servant.

A deacon could either be transitional or permanent. A transitional deacon is a seminarian training to become a priest. Ordination to the diaconate is the step before being ordained to the priesthood. On the other hand, a permanent deacon is not necessarily on the path to becoming a priest. He may be either single or married and could take up secular employment. Deacon Paul is a permanent deacon.

A deacon is not like other liturgical ministers like altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion or lectors. Whereas these are commissioned to function in these capacities, a deacon is ordained by a bishop. An altar server or lector may rescind their commission and no longer serve as such. A deacon, because he is permanently configured to Christ the servant by the sacrament of Holy Orders, cannot rescind his ordination. He may decide not to exercise this ministry, but the sacrament of Holy Orders validly received cannot be undone.

A deacon’s ministry is tripartite in nature: Word, Liturgy and Charity. A deacon assists in the proclamation of the Gospel, preaching, leading the universal prayer at Mass, preparing the altar for the liturgy of the Eucharist, the distribution of Holy Communion and in the ministry to the poor as described in Acts 6:1–6.

### What can deacons do?

Certain sacraments are reserved for bishops or priests and some others are shared with deacons as the ordinary ministers. A deacon can baptize, witness marriages (with delegation from the proper pastor), preach during a liturgical celebration, expose the Blessed Sacrament for adoration and bless the people with it, distribute Holy Communion (but cannot consecrate it), and conduct funerals. Deacons have the power to impart many (but not all) types of blessing in accord with the liturgical books.

### What can a deacon not do?

A deacon, because he is not a priest, cannot celebrate Mass or consecrate bread and wine to become the Body and Blood of Christ. He cannot hear confession or absolve anyone of sins. A deacon cannot administer the anointing of the sick. These are reserved to priests as the ordinary ministers.

Finally, the above in no way exhausts who a deacon is and what this ministry entails. However, it gives some picture of the things our deacon, Paul, would be doing here at our parish. He will be a great help to me in sharing the pastoral responsibilities and I look forward to getting to know him and his family better and benefiting from his ministry. I ask that you all make them welcome.

With blessings from my heart,  
Fr. Julius

## Spreading the Fire of God's Love Come Holy Spirit!

Consultation: Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30pm | Peyton Center, Gym

Your voice, your experiences matter. We want to hear how the Holy Spirit has worked through you as members of the Church, the Body of Christ. We want to hear how the Church has served and prepared you to go out and make disciples of all nations. Join us for these conversations in the Spirit as you listen and share.



## Meet Deacon Paul!

Hi, I'm Deacon Paul Stoyell-Mulholland. I was ordained a Permanent Deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on June 13, 2020. Not long after ordination, my wife Barb and I moved to Linthicum, Maryland where I served the pastorate of St. Philip Neri and St. Clement I in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

Barb and I have been married for more than 41 years, and we've been blessed with four grown children and five wonderful grandchildren. Our two oldest, Brian and Erin, have made their homes in South Bend – and they're also the parents of our grandchildren! That's what led us to move here to South Bend: to be near our family and share more everyday moments with them.



and Erin were born in Ithaca, NY; our daughter Casey in Peachtree City, GA; and our youngest, Clare, in Flemington, NJ.

After 35 years of working in the field of Labor Relations, I will soon be stepping into retirement with a grateful heart, looking forward to serving wherever I can. Barb and I are truly excited to be part of the Little Flower community, and we can't wait to grow in faith and friendship with all of you.



Over the years, our family has lived in ten different cities – definitely not the original plan we thought we had! But through all those moves, we've come to realize the only plan which really matters is God's plan, and He always knows what He's doing. Brian

## Lent at Little Flower

### Fridays During Lent

Join us as we meditate on the Passion of Christ every Friday at 5:30pm with the Stations of the Cross. Followed by Soup Supper where we gather as a community to socialize and grow in relationship with one another.

### Lenten Parish Mission: School of Prophetic Ministry

March 20-21

God is always speaking to you. Come and learn how to recognize his voice and the language of the Holy Spirit. Once we know how to hear God's voice for ourselves, we can share it with others and help them to hear all that He wants them to know.

*Want to know more about what's  
happening this season?*

*Visit*

[littleflowerchurch.org/upcomingevents](http://littleflowerchurch.org/upcomingevents).

## School of Prophetic Ministry

Friday, March 20-Saturday, March 21

We pursue the ministry of Jesus from a position of love for God and others; we desire to minister the authentic good for others without any concern for self and personal ambition.

"And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing." ~1 Cor 13:2

**Receive even more at the School of Prophetic Ministry.**

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## Lector Trainings

**Saturday, March 7 from 9:00am-12:00pm | Holy Cross, South Bend**

New and current lectors are invited to attend a free training offered by the diocesan Office of Worship. Register by March 4, advanced registration is required.

*For details and to sign up, visit [diocesefwsb.org/trainings](http://diocesefwsb.org/trainings).*

## Return Mass & Stations of the Cross

**Thursday, March 12 at 7:00pm | Christ the King Parish, South Bend**

All are invited to a special Mass and Stations of the Cross to pray for the return of adult children and other loved ones to the faith. Following Mass, at around 7:40 pm, participants will pray the Stations of the Cross with reflections written for this intention. All are welcome to attend the Mass and/or Stations.

*Registration is appreciated but not required: [ablazemission.org/return](http://ablazemission.org/return).*

## Ava's Grace Healing Retreat

**Saturday, March 28 from 10:00am-5:00pm | St. Felix Catholic Center, Huntington**

The Ava's Grace Healing Retreat is a free, daylong retreat for those who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss. If you have lost a baby before or after birth, you are not alone. Participants will be invited into a prayerful day of healing that includes witness talks, couple conversation, small group discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and a pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady on the retreat center grounds. Lunch will be provided. While the retreat is geared toward couples, individuals are welcome to attend.

*To register, visit [diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace](http://diocesefwsb.org/avas-grace). For more information contact Lisa Everett at [leverett@diocesefwsb.org](mailto:leverett@diocesefwsb.org)*

"Jesus told me that I please Him best by meditating on His sorrowful Passion, and by such meditation, much light falls upon my soul. He who wants to learn true humility should reflect upon the Passion of Jesus. When I meditate upon the Passion of Jesus, I get a clear understanding of many things I could not comprehend before."

~Jesus to St. Faustina (267)



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Fridays in the  
Upper Room  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
March 27, April 10,  
17, & 24



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## Breakfast with a Saint Family Prayer Breakfast

*Meet Pope St.  
John Paul II*



**Saturday, March 7 at 8:30am  
Peyton Center, Gym**

We are excited to have families join in on the socialization, prayer, food and education on our Catholic Faith.

This month our Prayer Breakfast will feature Lenny Strzelecki who will speak on the prison ministry. If you are able, please bring a dish to share.

## Ways to meet God this week

### SUNDAY

#### Blood Pressure Screenings

Following morning Masses

#### Small Group Bible Study

10:10am | Peyton Center, Room 1

#### Becoming Catholic

4:00pm | Peyton Center, Room 5

### MONDAY

#### That Man is You (TMIY)

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

### TUESDAY

#### Food Pantry

Tues & Thurs | 1:30pm-3:00pm  
Payne Hall

#### Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00pm | Peyton Center, Rooms 2/3  
*Interested in Joining? Contact Brian Peterson  
at [council17043@indianakofc.org](mailto:council17043@indianakofc.org).*

#### Young Mom's Book Study

7:30pm | Tuesdays  
*\*Email [Abby@LittleFlowerChurch.org](mailto:Abby@LittleFlowerChurch.org) for  
location*

### WEDNESDAY

#### Synod Consultation

6:30pm | Peyton Center, Gym

#### Ablaze Young Adult Group

*will be attending the Synod*

### THURSDAY

#### Fit for Life

Tues & Thurs | 8:00am  
Wellness Center

### FRIDAY

#### Gospel of Mark Scripture Study

10:00am | Peyton Center, Upper Room

#### Fridays During Lent

Stations of the Cross | 5:30pm  
Soup Supper | 6:00pm

### SATURDAY

#### Family Prayer Breakfast

8:30am | Peyton Center, Gym

#### Rosary Before Mass

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the Month

## St. Therese at Our Lady of the Road

Second Saturday of the month | 7:30am-10:00am & 9:00am-11:30am

St. Therese Little Flower will be providing volunteers to help prepare and serve breakfast at Our Lady of the Road (OLR) every second Saturday of the month. We will ideally provide 15-20 volunteers each month. OLR staff will oversee and direct our efforts to ensure they are fruitful.

There are two shifts each Saturday - early and late shift. Breakfast is served at 9:30, so all shifts overlap for that hour. The early shift is from 7:30-10am and will focus on preparing breakfast, serving guests coffee, and serving breakfast. The second shift is from 9-11:30 and will help serve breakfast and then wash dishes and clean up.

We are currently recruiting volunteers for next weekend March 14, April 11, and May 9.



To learn more and sign up scan the QR code or visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A44A9AE2CAAF85-61954316-ourlady>

"We are working for 'a new heaven and a new earth, wherein justice dwelleth.' We are trying to say with action, 'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' We are working for a Christian social order...Our rule is the works of mercy, it is the way of sacrifice, worship, a sense of reverence." -Dorothy Day

## Are you Searching for Peace?

### The Light is on for YOU!

Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm

Are you searching for peace and forgiveness in your life? On Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 p.m., parishes across the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend are offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time, or just find it difficult to get to an existing confession time, our doors will be open for you to return to the mercy and forgiveness of the Father.

Learn more at [diocesefwsb.org/light](http://diocesefwsb.org/light).

## St. Therese, Little Flower Memorial Association

You must have noticed some names and intentions listed in the back of our bulletin every week. These are persons and intentions we are praying for throughout the year. We also offer Masses for their intentions. The requestors of these prayers make an offering of \$72 annually which goes to support the publishing of our weekly bulletin and our parish community. For our part, we as a community offer prayers for them throughout the year. The intention year runs from March through March. This is a wonderful opportunity to remember loved ones and to pray for various intentions.

Please complete the application to the right and return it to the parish office, or in a sealed envelope dropped in the collection basket, with your offering of \$72.00 in cash or check by March 1. Checks should be made payable to Little Flower Catholic Church. Please include "Memorial Association" in the memo line. Additional applications can be found at the entrance to the Church.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (574) 272-7070.

## Spreading the Fire of God's Love

Come Holy Spirit!

### Reflection Books are available for pickup in the back of Church

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### Memorial Association Application

Memorial Listing Name

Contact Information  
Your Name

Address

Phone Number

## 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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