

Little Flowers Girls' Club®
GROWING HOLIER, ONE VIRTUE AT A TIME

GIRLS IN GRADES 1-4 (ST. HENRY PARISH)

GIRLS WILL LEARN ABOUT FEMALE SAINTS, VIRTUES, AND SCRIPTURE VERSES
THROUGH CRAFTS, GAMES, AND SONGS.

OCTOBER-MARCH ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 6:30-8:00PM
IN THE ST. FRANCIS CHURCH BASEMENT
(TEA PARTY CELEBRATION WILL BE APRIL 8TH.)

THE CLUB IS MODELED OFF OF ST. THERESE THE LITTLE FLOWER. THE GIRLS
WILL LEARN THAT THE "LITTLE WAY" OF ST. THÉRÈSE IS A SIMPLE APPROACH
TO THE SPIRITUAL LIFE THAT SEEKS TO DO ORDINARY THINGS WITH
EXTRAORDINARY LOVE.

THERE WILL BE A \$25 FEE TO COVER COST OF SUPPLIES, AND WE ASK THAT
YOU PROVIDE A 3 RING BINDER WITH A CLEARVIEW POCKET COVER.

Scan the QR code to sign up!
If you have any questions, please contact
Kelly Poling at kellyannpoling@gmail.com or
419-852-1420.

Please sign up before August 15th.





St. Thérèse of Lisieux ~ The Little Flower

Therese Martin was the last of nine children born to Louis and Zélie Martin on January 2, 1873, in Alençon, France. However, only five of these children lived to reach adulthood. Precocious and sensitive, Therese needed much attention. Her mother died when she was 4 years old. As a result, her father and sisters babied young Therese. She had a spirit that wanted everything.

At the age of 14, on Christmas Eve in 1886, Therese had a conversion that transformed her life. From then on, her powerful energy and sensitive spirit were turned toward love, instead of keeping herself happy. At 15, she entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux to give her whole life to God. She took the religious name Sister Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Living a hidden, simple life of prayer, she was gifted with great intimacy with God. Through sickness and dark nights of doubt and fear, she remained faithful to God, rooted in His merciful love. After a long struggle with tuberculosis, she died on September 30, 1897, at the age of 24. Her last words were the story of her life: "My God, I love You!"

The world came to know Therese through her autobiography, "Story of a Soul". She described her life as a "little way of spiritual childhood." She lived each day with an unshakable confidence in God's love. "What matters in life," she wrote, "is not great deeds, but great love." Therese lived and taught a spirituality of attending to everyone and everything well and with love. She believed that just as a child becomes enamored with what is before her, we should also have a childlike focus and totally attentive love. Therese's spirituality is of doing the ordinary, with extraordinary love.

Therese saw the seasons as reflecting the seasons of God's love affair with us. She loved flowers and saw herself as the "little flower of Jesus," who gave glory to God by just being her beautiful little self among all the other flowers in God's garden. Because of this beautiful analogy, the title "little flower" remained with St. Therese.

Her inspiration and powerful presence from heaven touched many people very quickly. She was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 17, 1925.

"My mission - to make God loved - will begin after my death," she said. "I will spend my heaven doing good on earth. I will let fall a shower of roses." Roses have been described and experienced as Saint Therese's signature.

