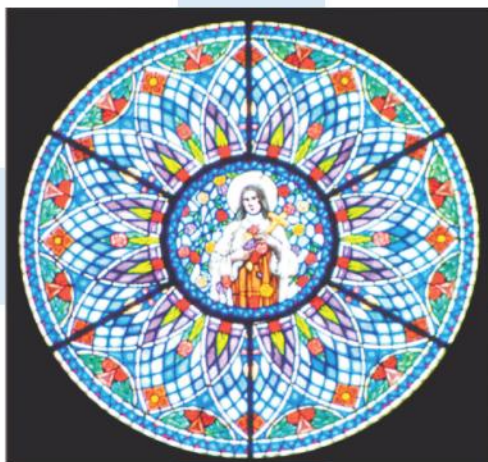


Second Sunday of Advent

ST. TERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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At-Large Member	Mike Perron
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At-Large Member	Cindy Woods

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM
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.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
	Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
PARISH CENTER	357-8352 Fax 357-5316
SCHOOL	353-2282 Fax 322-7702
	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 10:30 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 every other month. 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 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,

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a Holyday of Obligation. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is also the patronal feast day of the United States. Tuesday also marks the beginning of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

Mary Jane Render
Westside Village Health Care Center
8616 West 10th Street, Apt 103, Indianapolis, IN 46240

2015 Christmas Giving Tree

If you were able to take a tag(s) from the Giving Trees last weekend, Please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to church on the weekend of DECEMBER 12/13. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office by DECEMBER 7. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 14. Thank You.

A Big THANK YOU from SVDP!

Thank you for the donations of food this year for our Thanksgiving bags. We helped 64 families in our area. They also received a Kroger gift card.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 10:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (beginning at 9:30 P.M.)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25
9:00 A.M.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekends of **December**

26/27, and January 2/3 we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- For December 26/27 bulletin - all submission must be in by 11 a.m. on Thursday, December 17.
- For January 2/3 bulletin - all submissions must be in by NOON on Monday, December 28.

These deadlines are firm and there will not be any variation. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF December 7-13, 2015

07	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
08	December	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Jerry Jett by the Jett Family
	6:00 p.m.	Theresa Long by Jim Fleack & Cathy Mayfield
09	December	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	For the People
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
10	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	James Davis by the Seay Family
11	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Al & Sadie Shikany by Joe Shikany
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
12	December	Saturday-Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Zachery Johnson by Bill & Joanne Johnson
13	December	Sunday-3rd Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Charley Withem by Ann & Joe Bordenkecher
	10:30 a.m.	Catherine Bowron by Jim & Loretta Miller
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

The Week Ahead

December 6-13, 2015

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after 8:30	10:30 a.m.	Masses
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir practice & sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open
	St. Patrick	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos/Bears Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
	@ the Irish Mutt	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Tuesday	Holy Day - The Immaculate Conception		
	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	PTO Board
Thursday	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	6:00 p.m.	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Church		Wedding
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
	Giving Tree Gifts returned at all Masses		
	Ladies Club Donations for Christmas Flowers after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	1:00 p.m.	Band Concert
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Thank You
for your *Prayers*
Support and Generosity.
deeply appreciated.

The Family of Catherine O. Bowron would like to thank the ladies of the parish who provided and served us food after her Funeral Mass on September 21. Your kindness and generosity are



We extend our condolences to *Sharpy Romeril* on the death of her uncle, **Francis Gremore**, who passed away on November 24 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 28. Francis was 92 years young and a former parishioner here. We also remember our parishioner, **Paul Yanich**, who passed away on November 26 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 30. Paul was 87 years young and a parishioner since 1979. He was a very faith filled man and usually attended the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday evening. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Francis and Paul into his eternal glory.

Please Note: The Parish Office will close at noon on Wednesday, December 16.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, December 7, at 7 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 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the end of February.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of November 21 and 22	\$	9,240.25
Electronic Contributions 11/16-11/20	\$	7,076.64
Collection of November 28 and 29	\$	8,495.35
Electronic Contributions 11/23-11/27	\$	1,323.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	273,659.58
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	297,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 23,340.42

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,316.33
September Contributions	\$	2,058.58
October Contributions	\$	2,271.93
November Contributions	\$	2,107.58



On Sunday, December 13 Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL) and team, will gather for Session 3, in the Parish Center, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Trivia to benefit March for Life trip

A Trivia Night at Seccina on Dec.11 will help raise funds for the Crusaders for Life club's trip to Washington, D.C., for the March for Life. The night starts with pizza for each team at 6 p.m. and the trivia contest will be from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Get your teams ready! Teams should consist of six to eight people. There will be 10 rounds of questions. 21 and older; \$10 per person. Contact Kara Anthony to register by Dec. 10: kmccarthy@seccina.org or 356-6377 extension 1203. Register early, as space is limited.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on December 6, meeting in Church at 5 p.m. The next practice is Sunday, December 20, in Church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM will be open for pizza on Sunday, December 6 following the 6 p.m. Mass, until 8:30 p.m.



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 9** following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. We will have our annual Christmas Party. Feel free to bring a friend. There will be surprises for everyone. Fr. Bob will read a Christmas story to the Kindergarten classes. You may call the Parish Center, 357-8352 to RSVP.

★ TAKE NOTE:

Next weekend is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescriptions medications, nursing care and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. (www.retiredreligious.org)

~~~~Girls Volleyball Coaches Needed~~~~

The Little Flower Athletic Commission is currently looking for volunteers to coach Girls Volleyball teams. Anyone interested needs to have experience with volleyball.

The season starts this month and continues until the end of February. If you are interested please contact, Sarah Stevenson at [317.946.3194](tel:317.946.3194) or sjstevenson@prodigy.net.



St Vincent Hospital, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Health Ministry, will be sponsoring **The Empty Chair Workshop: Coping with Grief and the Holidays** on December 7, 2015, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street. In Jewish faith traditions, an Empty Chair and place is set at the family table to signify the absence of one honored and loved. It reminds us not only of the loss, but also encourages us to embrace the significance and love the absent loved one brought to our lives. When we have experienced a recent loss, the holiday can be painful and emotionally overwhelming. Learn how to survive and get through a difficult time by hearing from others and sharing your experience. Registration is not needed and there is no cost to attend. For more information contact Joni LeBeau, RN FCN, Coordinator of Health Ministry, 236-1475.

**Please consider remembering
Little Flower in your estate planning!**



Little Flower Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 13
After the 10:30 a.m. Mass
In the School Cafeteria**



Meat, potatoes, vegetable,
salad, drinks and tableware
provided.

Bring a dessert to share!

FEATURING

Visit with Santa and craft project for the kids

Door Prizes!

Band Concert following the Party!

Lots of Holiday Cheer!

Come celebrate with your parish family!



Hosted by the Parish Life Commission

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archdiocese of Indianapolis
1400 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367
317-236-1403

November 13, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This annual appeal benefits some 33,000 senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and religious order priests, -- women and men who have consecrated their lives to serving God and the Church.

During this Year of Consecrated Life, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to recognize the special witness that consecrated women and men offer our Church and the world. In a letter marking the inauguration of this special year, he wrote, "I ask the whole Christian people to be increasingly aware of the gift which is the presence of our many consecrated men and women." He goes on to note the spiritual influence that religious such as Saint Benedict and Saint Teresa of Avila continue to have on our Church and faith today.

As we reflect on the saints of the past, many of us may also recall women and men religious whom we would consider saints in our day. With gratitude, we remember the Sister who patiently helped us learn our multiplication tables or the Brother who coached our high school team, teaching us that faith must be lived out even on the basketball court.

Today, many of these Sisters, Brothers and religious order priests, these saints in our midst, are elderly. While some continue to volunteer ministry, others are frail and need care. Most worked for years for small stipends, leaving their religious communities without adequate savings to meet growing needs of retirement and eldercare.

So I ask you to join with Pope Francis in acknowledging the gift of consecrated life. Please pray for God's blessing on all religious and give generously to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sincerely yours in Christ the Redeemer,

Most Reverend Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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