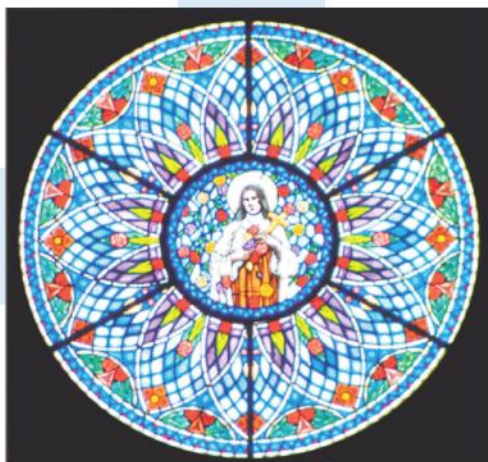


Third Sunday of Advent

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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,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near. As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose. Also, the third candle of the advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near*" [4:4-5].

Today we welcome members of the Joseph and Veronica Thie family to our 10:30 a.m. Mass. One of our traditions is to present the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards at the 10:30 a.m. Mass preceding the Christmas party. This award is awarded to nine Little Flower Catholic School sixth through eighth graders who demonstrate a commitment to academics and service. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check made out to the student, and the inscription of the student's name on the permanent plaque in the school.

The children of Joseph and Veronica Thie established this award to honor their parents. Joe Thie worked for many years at St. Vincent Hospital. After his retirement, he worked for many more years as part of Little Flower's maintenance staff, especially in the church. Both he and Veronica were involved in parish organizations and activities. They helped establish the Adventuresome Group.

Tomorrow is the 20th anniversary of the death of former pastor Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Fr. Robert or Fr. Bob was killed in a traffic accident returning home from an Penance Service. Fr. Robert or Fr. Bob served as associate pastor of Little Flower from 1958-1968 and as pastor of Little Flower from 1985-1995. Please remember Fr. Robert in your prayers today.

After the terrorist attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, the United States is faced with balancing the protection of the American people from terrorism and the desperate situations of Syrian refugees. On November 17 (prior to the San Bernadino killings), Bishop Eusebio Elizondo, Chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Migration, issued a statement on Syrian refugees. His full statement can be found at <http://www.usccb.org/news/2015/15-157.cfm>. On Tuesday, December 8, Archbishop Tobin announced that the Archdiocese has resettled a family of refugees from Syria. His statement can be found at <http://www.archindy.org/archbishop/syria-2015.html>. We all need to pray for the victims of terrorism and their families but also for all refugees from terrorism.

Due to the construction projects we have quite a few areas of new concrete on the property. This includes, the concrete pad outside the cafe (door #6), most of the sidewalk between the parking lot and church, and the front entrance of church including the south ramp leading to the front door.

Please be aware that during snowy or icy weather we will need to treat these areas with less product due to the harmful effects of ice melt on concrete less than one year old. There will be a mixture of ice melt and sand available at the front door of church. It needs to be used very sparingly. Also it will be important not to use other products, or even the product available for use at other doors on the newly treated areas. There will be shovels available at these locations as well, and keeping the areas clean with shovels is the best course of treatment. **Above all, please use extreme care this winter on these areas that may not be as clear as they have been in the past.**

As you can see from the weekly updates in the bulletin, we are still running a significant Sunday collection deficit at this time. As the end of the year approaches, please take a look at your weekly offering compared to what you had planned to give. If you have fallen behind and are able to make it up, the end of the calendar year presents an excellent opportunity to do so.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

Masses on Saturday, December 26 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 27 - 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE-SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Masses on Thursday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and
Friday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

Parish Office Information

The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25, and January 1.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF December 14-20, 2015

14	December	Monday	
	5:30 p.m.	For the People	
15	December	Tuesday	
	5:30 p.m.	Albert Clinton Hudson	
16	December	Wednesday	
	5:30 p.m.	Mildred Maurer	
17	December	Thursday	
	1:30 p.m.	Greentree – Mary Helen Arvin by the Family	
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service	
18	December	Friday	
	8:30 a.m.	S.K. Charles A. Withem by Knights of Columbus Bishop Chatard Assembly	
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service	
19	December	Saturday-Vigil of 4th Sunday of Advent	
	5:00 p.m.	Richard Hutchinson by John & Donna Withem	
20	December	Sunday-4th Sunday of Advent	
	8:30 a.m.	Dr. Terry Wayne Simmons by Joey Jacobs	
	10:30 a.m.	Adele & Charles Lawless by Bob & Bobbie Lawless	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People	

The Week Ahead

December 13-20, 2015

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	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		
	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
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos/Bear Scouts
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Parish Office Closed at Noon		
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	LF Kindergarten Christmas Program
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
Thursday	Holy Family	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	LF School dismissal at 1:00 p.m.		
	St. Therese	8:00 a.m.	SVDP
	Holy Family	Noon.	SVDP
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	8:00 a.m.	SVDP
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice

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

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 5 and 6	\$ 12,407.91
Electronic Contributions 11/30-12/4	\$ 6,148.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$ 292,215.49
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$ 310,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 18,284.51

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 2,316.33
September Contributions	\$ 2,058.58
October Contributions	\$ 2,271.93
November Contributions	\$ 2,107.58
December Contributions	\$ 1,492.25

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2015, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 26/27 or the Parish Office by December 31. Also, any donation received in the envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2016.

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:

Norb Arvin
1318 Bazil, Indianapolis, IN 46219



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.



Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Gabriel Project is collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus again this year at all the Christmas Masses. We will take any donations you have to offer our women and children, but we are especially in need of the following items:

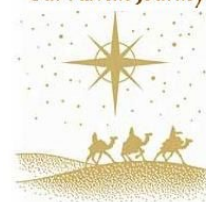
- Winter clothing for boys and girls, sizes 0-6 months
- Baby socks for boys and girls
- Receiving blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Baby wash, shampoo, and lotion
- Baby wipes

Thanks in advance for your assistance in helping the women and families we serve.

2015 Christmas Giving Tree

If you forgot to bring your gift(s) to Mass this weekend, please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 14. Thank You.

Our Advent Journey



YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 20: Practice - 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in church
 Thursday, December 24: Sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 3:15 p.m. in church.
 Sunday, December 27: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.
 Sunday, January 3: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

~~~~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.

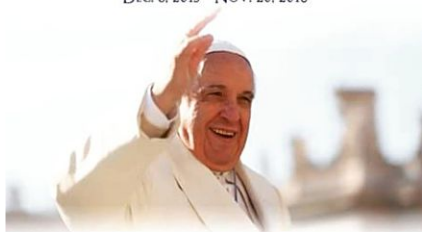
St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in downtown Indy is hosting the fourth annual Christkindl Village "Christ Child Village" on December 18-19. The festival will run from 5-9 p.m. on Friday, December 18, and 12-9 p.m. on Saturday, December 19 on the West block of Georgia Street and in the parking lot of St. John Catholic Church, located at 126 West Georgia Street, Indianapolis. At the festival there will be an outdoor live animal nativity, alpine slide for kids and adults, selfies with Santa, great German foods, beer, and gluhwein garden, hand crafted gifts, luminary walk, caroling, and great family activities. Admission is free and open to the public. Please contact office@stjohnsindy.org with any questions. This outdoor event is rain or shine with heaters provided on Georgia Street. More information at www.stjohnsindy.org.

Indy's Got Sisters! Retreat | Indianapolis, IN Feb. 19-20, 2016

Pray and share with Sisters from different religious communities in the Indianapolis area as you discern your vocation. This weekend is a great opportunity to serve and be a part of community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. For single women 18-40. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Vocations Committee. For more information, contact Sister Theresa Sullivan, D.C., at sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org or 812-963-7556. Visit to register: <http://called2.be/IGSFeb16>.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS

Annulment Support Group

Fr. Paul Koetter, pastor at Holy Spirit, Indianapolis, and two Field Associates of the Tribunal coordinate on-going open group for individuals in the Indianapolis Archdiocese seeking an annulment. If you need help getting started or have questions after filing, this group offers ongoing support and the opportunity to have your questions answered. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. For additional meeting locations and/or more information, please email Fr. Paul at pkoetter@holyspirit.cc.

Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil December 19, 2015

This event, which is held every 3rd Saturday of the month, begins with participants joining the St. Michael the Archangel Church congregation (3354 W. 30th St., Indianapolis, IN 46222) for the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass, participants will prayerfully proceed to the nearby abortion facility and pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. The devotions conclude between 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Those who do not process to the facility may remain in the church to pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This event is sponsored by the St. Michael's Parish. Contact Peggy Geis at peggygeis@att.net for more information

Please consider remembering Little Flower in your estate planning!

Birthline – Volunteer Opportunities

Birthline assists between 35 and 40 families each week by providing diapers, clothing and other baby items. Because of the increased number of families, more volunteers are needed to sort the donations and prepare the layette packages. Volunteer days are Monday or Wednesday. Contact Jená Hartman at (317) 236-1433 or jhartman@archindy.org to learn more! Start the New Year with volunteering for Birthline.

Catholic Charities Indianapolis

Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members who are caregivers of older adults. Meetings are open to adult family caregivers in the community and are a way to share and learn from each other. To confirm attendance or for additional information, please contact Monica Woodsworth at 261-3378 or mwoodsworth@archindy.org.

Date Monday, December 14, 2015, 5:30 – 7 p.m.
 Location: St. Mark Catholic School, 541 E Edgewood Avenue 46227
 Topic: pharmacist

Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

There is still one more opportunity to order Scrip this year for Christmas. Orders will be placed on Tuesday, December 15 by 10 a.m. and will be available for pickup on Friday, December 18. (Payment must accompany your order.) You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, or through School. Scrip Order Forms are at all the entrances of Church, in the school office, and on our website. We also have an assortment of gift-cards on hand to purchase in the Parish Office as well. If you have any questions please call Lisa at the parish office, 357-8352 ext. 33.

Laudato Si'



ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

7-Week study using Pope Francis' Encyclical

Where: Little Flower Parish Center, St Patrick Room

When: Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 pm

*Beginning January 14th (we do not meet the 1st
Thursday of each month)*

Cost: \$20/person

*Registration: Call Anita Moody-317-918-0997 or email
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