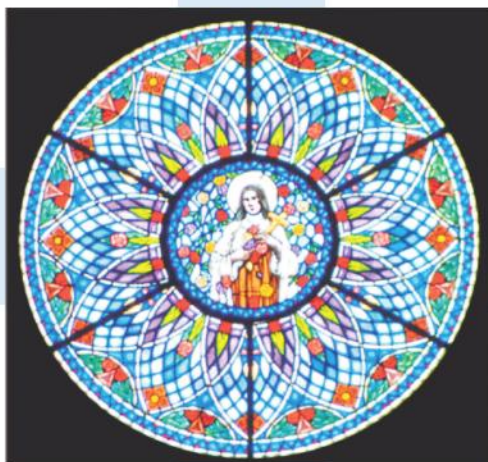


Fourth Sunday of Advent

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At-Large Member	Mike Perron
At-Large Member	Brad Ringer
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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
PARISH CENTER	Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
	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 Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Thursday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Friday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m.

Please note that the first Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25.

Thanks to the Parish Life Commission and all those who assisted them in hosting such a wonderful Christmas Party. Special thanks go to the 8th graders who decorated the trees, the Junior High students and parents who helped set up the cafeteria, Kirk and Eileen Wall and their daughter Jennifer Holle, chefs extraordinaire, and to all those that helped with clean up! Finally, thanks to all who attended.

Also, last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, representing the Thie family, Dr. Martha Thie presented the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards to nine Little Flower School students. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check to each student, and the inscription of their names on a permanent plaque outside the main office of school. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

6th Grade

Sydney Anderson
Alex Dohleman
Mya White

7th Grade

Aidan Battles
Elijah Clegg
Allie Minton
Julia White
Audrey Williamson

8th Grade

Emma Stayton

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

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 weekend of **January 2/3** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted by **NOON on Tuesday, December 22.** This deadline is 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 21-27, 2015

21	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Elizabeth & Anthony Mauer
22	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Beth Anne Rago by Bernie & Rose Sponsel
23	December	Wednesday
	8:30 a.m.	James Davis by the Seay Family
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
24	December	Thursday
	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan "Dan Bowron by Patricia Bowron
	5:30 p.m.	Theresa Long by Mary Carson
	10:00 p.m.	Laura Williams
25	December	Friday
	9:00 a.m.	For the People
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
26	December	Saturday-Vigil of the Holy Family
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Greeson by Barbara Greeson
27	December	Sunday-Feast of the Holy Family
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Charley Withem by Martha Haddin
	6:00 p.m.	Art Meier

The Week Ahead

December 20-27, 2015

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	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
Monday			
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	Parish Office Closed		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Merry Christmas		
	Parish Office Closed		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 12 and 13	\$	11,849.83
Electronic Contributions 12/7-12/11	\$	1,809.67
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	305,874.99
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	324,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 18,125.01

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	\$	1,792.58

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:

Tom O'Gara

1406 N Riley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201



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.

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.



On Sunday, January 10, Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL), and team will gather for Session 4 in the parish center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

All the submissions for our new pictorial directory were sent to the directory company on November 10. We have not yet received a copy. When we do, it will need to be proofread and returned to the company for printing. We anticipate delivery of completed directories in mid to late February. All who had their photograph taken for the directory will receive a free copy.

If you had your photograph taken but did not order any pictures, you still receive a free 8x10. Those photographs are available in the parish office. You may want to call the office at 357-8352 to be sure your photo is there before coming in to pick it up. The parish office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

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

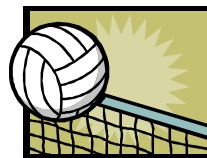
Pray and share with Sisters from different religious communities in the Indianapolis area as you discern your vocation. This weekend is a great opportunity to serve and be a part of community life, while asking questions about discernment and getting answers in real time. For single women 18-40. Sponsored 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>.

Please join us!

7-Week study using Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si; On Care for Our Common Home

Where: Little Flower Parish Center/St. Patrick Room
When: Thursday, January 14, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(we do not meet the 1st Thursday of each month.)
Cost: \$20.00
Registration: Call Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 or email moodyak1@yahoo.com by January 11, registration is limited.

Healing Hidden Hurts is a confidential ministry for women suffering from abortion loss. Debbie Miller has 17 years experience helping women find freedom from guilt, grief and shame. If you think about your abortion often and struggle with the painful memories, I would LOVE to help you! Call for FREE, confidential help at (317) 490-1267 or check out the witness films on our website at www.healinghiddenhurts.org God wants to Heal your Hidden Hurts, why not start today!



Little Flower Athletic News

GIRLS 56 Volleyball Tryouts will be December 29 & 30 at 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Attendance is mandatory. Questions? Please contact Sarah Stevenson at 946-

3194 or sjstevenson@prodigy.net.

BOYS Volleyball Practice will be December 29 & 30 from 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Please contact Sarah Stevenson with any questions.

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