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## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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### 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.

LIVE, LOVE, LEAD LIKE JESUS



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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.

You who  
dwell in the  
shelter of the  
Most High,  
who abide in  
the shade of  
the Almighty,  
Say to the  
LORD, "My  
refuge and  
fortress, my  
God in whom  
I trust."

Psalms 91:1-2

WEEK 1

<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>	<b>Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM</b>
<b>PARISH CENTER</b>	<b>Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b>
	<b>357-8352 Fax 357-5316</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>353-2282 Fax 322-7702</b>
	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 is provided to Little Flower Parishioners at a reduced rate. Call Jackie Montrie at 616-0029 or Mark Williams at 364-8184.

### 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Although most of us think of Lent as a time to do penance, we often forget the reasons why we do penance. Lent is a time of conversion, a time of turning away from sin and selfishness and a time of turning toward God and others in love. It is also a time of renewal, a time to renew our faith by growing in our knowledge of God and deepening our relationship with God. Pope Benedict XVI has designated this year as a Year of Faith. Perhaps this Lent our primary focus should be on our growth in faith and our practice of our faith.

During Lent, our RCIA catechumens, candidates, and *confirmandi* begin their final preparation for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist which they will receive at the Easter Vigil Liturgy. This weekend at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate the Rite of Sending. We, as a community, send them to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election this Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. At the Rite of Election, Bishop Coyne will, on the basis of the testimony of their sponsors and catechists and on the reaffirmation of the intention of the catechumens and candidates themselves, declare them ready to take part in the sacraments of initiation.

Thanks to all who attended the Archbishop's East Deanery Mass here at Little Flower on Tuesday, February 5. Special thanks go to all those who worked so hard to prepare and execute our Liturgy, the dinner for the Archbishop and priests of the deanery, and the reception after Mass. The contributions of many people, such as our music ministers, were visible to everyone; however, many people worked behind the scenes and were not seen at all. Although the Mass and reception were deanery efforts, much of the work, especially the behind the scenes work, fell to us as the host parish. As usual, we outdid ourselves. I am convinced that the Archbishop saw Little Flower at its best.

Special thanks to Peggy Clegg, Theresa Slaton, and the Little Flower School Eighth Grade Class for hosting our annual Senior Prom for those 55 and over. Also, thanks to Don Nevins who served as chef for the evening, Sandy Clegg who served as prom photographer, and to the eighth grade parents who helped set up, serve, and clean up.

Instead of a king and queen, this year a prom prince and princess were crowned. Congratulations to Princess Pat Reese and Prince Kirk Wall. Last year's king, Tom O'Gara, reminded me that since only a prince and princess were chosen, he was still king. Although this year there was more dancing than in previous years, bingo remained most people's favorite along with some card playing. All the seniors very much enjoyed the eighth graders who were their hosts.

Also, thanks to all who attended our parish town hall meeting for the Year of Faith. Special thanks to Mark Erdosy who facilitated the meeting with the help of Marian University San Damiano Scholars Matt Cannaday, Andrea Fleak, and Kelli Hoehn students.

Last Monday's announcement of Pope Benedict's resignation was a surprise to almost everyone. Until the election of the new Pope, we need to pray that the Cardinal-Electors will be guided in their choice by the Holy Spirit. Two of my classmates from Rome will be among the Cardinal-Electors: Cardinal Raymond Burke and Cardinal James Harvey.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**LENTEN BABY BANKS**

Baby Banks will be at the doors of Church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Seventy-five percent of the monies collected will support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. Twenty-five percent will be directed to the Holy Family Shelter.

**MASS INTENTIONS****FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18 - 24, 2013**

- 18 February Monday**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Helen Collins by the Reese Family
- 19 February Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Susan Dugan by Family and Friends
- 20 February Wednesday**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Catherine Quill by Claire Wise and Family
- 21 February Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
1:30 p.m. Greentree - Christopher Gilday by Doris Gilday  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 22 February Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Walter and Anna Brodenkecher  
5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 23 February Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of Second Sunday in Lent**  
Fr. Dave Sullivan
- 24 February Sunday – Second Sunday in Lent**  
8:30 a.m. Florence Burke by Frank and Mary Skinner  
10:30 a.m. For the People  
6:00 p.m. Ed and Helen Fillenwarth by the Fillenwarth Family

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH** February 17 - 24, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	New Parishioner	Registration after all Masses	
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Sending – RCIA
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	SS Peter/ Paul Cathedral	2:00 p.m.	Rite of Election - RCIA
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Seasons of Hope
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2441
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:15 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Brownies #2900
	Holy Family	3:00 p.m.	Daisy #799
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
<b>Saturday</b>	Parish Center	4:45 p.m.	Market Day
	Gym	7:45 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	12:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Style Show and Brunch
	Perfect North	6:00 p.m.	Youth Snow Tubing Trip
<b>Sunday</b>	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Prep



Confirmation Candidates and team only will meet for Session 6 on Sunday, February 24, from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parish center.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Additional Opportunities for Confessions During Lent:** Concerning the Year of Faith, Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The Year of Faith...is a summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the one Saviour of the world." As Catholics, we express and celebrate our ongoing conversion to the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of the Year of Faith, besides regularly scheduled confessions and Lenten Penance services, there will be an additional opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on several Lenten Wednesdays. One priest will be available from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on February 20 at Holy Spirit; on February 27 at Little Flower; on March 6 at St. Michael, Greenfield; on March 13 at St. Philip Neri; and on March 20 at Our Lady of Lourdes.



Next weekend (February 23/24), before and after all of the Masses, parishioners will have an opportunity to sign and send postcards to their U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. The message on the cards urges our federal elected officials to support and strengthen existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion and to reject attacks on our religious freedom. **Government must not force Americans to violate their religious and moral beliefs on respect for life when they provide health care or sponsor or purchase health coverage.** If each of us takes just a few moments to sign the postcards, together we can send an important message to our nation's Capitol on respecting life and religious freedom. This postcard campaign, "**Project Life and Liberty**" is being sponsored by the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities and the U.S. Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on Religious Liberty with the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment. Catholic churches throughout the nation will be participating in the campaign.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of February 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,000.72
Electronic Contributions 2/4 - 2/8	\$ 1,872.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 457,050.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 439,628.19
Fiscal Year - To - Date DEFICIT	\$ - 17,421.81

Just reminder that you can set up your regular donation to the parish to come out of your bank account or be charged to your credit card automatically. You can pick up a form at the church doors, e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org), or go to our website at [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org), click on "get involved and give back" in the top menu bar, then go to the online donation page.

#### Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91
December Contributions	\$ 2,053.25
January Contributions	\$ 1,875.25
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,506.75



## FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
NO PRICE INCREASE THIS YEAR!  
PLEASE INVITE NEIGHBORS, FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS

**Ladies Club reminder:** Just a reminder that we are counting on parishioners to provide those yummy desserts for the Lenten Fish Frys. Bring your desserts to the kitchen anytime after 3 p.m.

### OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

#### Today's Readings (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Second Reading: Romans 4: 1-3

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

**Reflection:** In the second reading pay close attention to the repetition of the words "believe," "faith," and "saved." All people are offered salvation through faith. The Gospel follows Jesus' Baptism and must be seen in connection with it. At His Baptism the Holy Spirit of God descended on Him and remained guiding all of His actions. Today's Gospel says Jesus is led into the desert to be "tempted." The Greek word here can also be translated as "tested" or "proved." This was a test of fidelity and commitment to who He is as Son of God and to the use of the extraordinary powers God had bestowed upon Him. Jesus is faithful. Note how He uses the Scripture to support Him in His fidelity.

**Practice:** Create a Lenten prayer space in your home. Violet cloth or ribbon can remind you of the season. A small bowl of sand may remind your family of Jesus' temptation in the desert and His faithfulness to His mission. Add an alms box (bank) or basket to hold money saved by simplifying your diet and activities. Read the upcoming Gospel each week and decide together on a symbol of its message to add to your prayer space. Gather here for prayer mornings and evenings.

#### Next Week's Readings

To help prepare more fully for Sunday Eucharist during Lent, here are the Sunday Readings for next Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent.

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

### Ladies Club News

Join us for the Little Flower Ladies Club Style Show & Brunch on Saturday, February 23, at 12 p.m. **Tickets available for sale after all Masses on February 16 and 17.** See latest styles by ReTulle for ages from 6 to 60. Flyers available at the doors.

Time is running out to get your tickets ordered for the April 25 performance at Beef and Boards of Menopause the Musical. \$50pp includes dinner. Contact Judy Jones 353-8734 to arrange payment.

The Little Flower Ladies Club is selling bedding plants. Any questions contact Rita Chapman, e-mail: [midwestmrs@att.net](mailto:midwestmrs@att.net).

### Youth News - grades 8 thru 12

#### YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, February 17

Practice in Church from 7 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

New members are welcome!

Sunday, February 24

Sing at 6 p.m. Mass, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

**ANNUAL SNOW TUBING TRIP** - We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday, February 23 (weather permitting!) We will leave LF PROMPTLY at 6:00 p.m. and return slightly after midnight. Reservations by Wednesday, February 20 are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$25.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips were sent home with Little Flower 8th graders on January 28 and were mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office. Call Tom at 357-8352 for more information! **I need parents to volunteer to drive.** Please call Tom if you can help. **The trip will be cancelled if sufficient reservations are not received by the deadline or if sufficient parent volunteers are not available !**

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

**Margaret Horning**

**4821 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218.**

She will be 100 on February 20.



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