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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.

LIVE, LOVE, LEAD LIKE JESUS

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 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 by noon on Monday.

ADVENT

Hope

**Dear Parish Family,**

Congratulations to the Secena Crusaders for returning to the Class A State Championship Game in football for the second consecutive year. Special congratulations to our Little Flower parishioners and graduates who are members of the team. The entire Crusader family

can be proud of their success this year.

At each of the Masses last Sunday, we commissioned our Liturgical ministers except Eucharistic Ministers. At each Mass I was surprised at the number who came forward. Thank you for all you do to make our Liturgies beautiful.

This Monday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the principal patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Monday Archbishop Joseph Tobin will be installed as the Sixth Archbishop of Indianapolis. Please pray for him and for our Archdiocese.

Each year the Archdiocese hosts a Mass and reception for all couples married fifty years or more. From those who are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, the Archdiocese has chosen Frank and Mary Skinner to represent married couples at Archbishop Tobin's installation. Their December 1st anniversary was closest to the date of the Archbishop's installation.

This Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. December 8 is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States of America. Masses will be at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 7, and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8. The Saturday evening Mass is for the Second Sunday of Advent and does NOT satisfy the Holy Day Obligation.

Finally, our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will celebrate the sacrament with us. Our First Communion Class will make their first confession at this time. Several priests will be here to help with confessions.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

In Memoriam

We extend our condolences to *Paul Yanich and his entire family* on the death of his sister, **Gladys Maddox** (90), who passed away on November 19 and whose funeral

liturgy was held here on November 24. Gladys was a parishioner here for several years and was a faith filled woman, usually attending Mass with her brother, Paul. We also extend our sympathy to *Jack Mears and his entire family* on the death of his sister, **Pat Rickelman**, who passed away on November 22. Her services were celebrated at St. Ann Catholic Church. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Gladys and Pat into the kingdom of heaven.

Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes increased quantities and tighter deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekends of December 29/30 and January 5/6 we ask any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For December 29/30 bulletin** - all submission must be in by **Thursday, December 20 at 10 a.m.**
- **For January 5/6 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by **Thursday, December 27 at 10 a.m.**



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 - 9, 2012

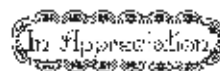
03 December	Monday
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
04 December	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	Paul Burch by George and Linda Skuns
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
05 December	Wednesday
8:30 a.m.	Walter and Anna Bordenbecher
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
06 December	Thursday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	William Graam by Mildred Mauer
07 December	Friday
8:30 a.m.	Christopher Gilday by Doris Gilday
6:00 p.m.	Anticipation Mass for Holy Day – Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland
08 December	Saturday
	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception -
9:00 a.m.	For the People
5:00 p.m.	Vigil of – Second Sunday of Advent
	Francis Klain and Terry Turpin by Eliner Klain and Family
09 December	Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 a.m.	Jean Kemmerer by The Fleak Family
10:30 a.m.	Jackie Squires VanSchaik by Larry and Carol Janousek
6:00 p.m.	For the People

The Week Ahead

December 2 - 9, 2012

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Bear Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2441
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:15 p.m.	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club Christmas
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Annual Fund Cabinet
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Duffey Hall	4:45 p.m.	Market Day Pick Up
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	1:00 p.m.	Band Concert
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 14.



Thank you for your donations of food for SVDP Thanksgiving help. We distributed 63 bags of food on Saturday, November 17.



Prepare this week for the 2nd Sunday of Advent

**Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6; 8-11
Luke 3: 1-6**

In next week's readings, Baruch's words come from the time of the Babylonian exile, indeed a time of mourning. Paul writes to his friends in Philippi, who have faithfully supported his ministry every day. Both of them tell of the kind of deeds required to wait, and faithfully prepare the way for the Lord to come. We are called as a people to wait in faithfulness.

Practice:

John the Baptist fed on locusts and wild honey. This week enjoy a special snack of apple slices dipped in honey. Be reminded of the sweetness of God's love and goodness. Make a game of counting your family's blessings. See who can think of the most.

LADIES CLUB NEWS

Ladies, please plan to attend the Annual LFLC Christmas Pitch-in and Party Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share as we enjoy infamous Steer In Beef and Noodles while being entertained by the "Kitchen Gadget Band". See you there.

The Little Flower Ladies Club wishes to thank those who made the **Harvest Soup Supper** a success and to congratulate the raffle winners: Dave Chapman- Notre Dame basket, Michele Goodrich- IU basket, Megan Reese- Notre Dame Throw, Bobbie Lawless-IU Throw and Anita Moody-Notre Dame Golf Goodies.

Members of the Little Flower Ladies Club will be collecting money for church decorations celebrating the Christmas season after all Masses on December 15 and 16. Your donation is appreciated.

Last Call for presale tickets for **Sister Act** at the Murat. \$40pp. Contact Judy Jones to make payment 353-8734. Makes a great Christmas gift. Tickets for **Menopause the Musical** at Beef and Boards also available \$50pp.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



Please return your giving tree gifts next weekend. The gifts should be wrapped with the original tag from the tree attached to the outside of the package. All gifts must be returned to masses next weekend or to the parish office no later than the end of the business day on Monday, December 10. THANK YOU for your generosity and for helping us to get the gifts distributed on time.

Our Sincere Thanks Tom and Joan Burke wish to thank Fr. Bob, Teresa Eckrich, and Sarah Eastes for the beautiful Mass in memory of our mother, Florence Burke. The homily captured her spirit, and the music and songs enriched the celebration of her life. We are very grateful!



Confirmation Candidates and team only for Session 3 of Sunday December 9, from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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:
Gene Holdaway,
Rosewalk Village, 1302 N Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of November 17 th and 18 th	\$ 8,965.92
Electronic Contributions 11/12- 11/16	\$ 4,483.14
Collection of November 24 th and 25 th	\$ 9,920.62
Electronic Contributions 11/19- 11/23	\$ 2,319.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 304,700.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 288,675.00
Year - To - Date DEFICIT	\$ - 16,025.00

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions	\$ 2,003.25
November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91

STEWARDSHIP INTENTION CARDS

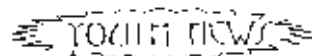
At this point we have only received 218 stewardship cards. This represents only 22% of the cards that were sent out. Thanks to those who have returned them. PLEASE, if you have not already done so, return your card this week. If you have misplaced the card sent in the mail, please get a replacement at any of the church doors and return it to us as soon as possible.

Families with children at Little Flower School, Scecina, or another archdiocesan high school - your card is required to maintain your preferred tuition rate and/or financial assistance. Please be sure it is submitted!

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Nominations for the Steward of the Month recognition are available in the gathering area. Please take a few minutes to nominate an outstanding Little Flower volunteer.

Next weekend is the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious Sisters and Religious Order Priests. Please share in their care and be as generous as possible. They have given us so much now is the time for us to say thank you. Please use the envelope provided in our regular envelope packet.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at Mass on Sunday, December 2, meeting in Church at 5 p.m. Also, there will be practice on Sunday, December 16 in Church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM will be open after Mass on Sunday, December 2 until 8:30 p.m.

NOTE: The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 12 following the 11 a.m. Mass.** We will have our annual Christmas celebration. There will be surprises for everyone. The kindergarten class from school will be there to serenade us! Fr. Bob will also read them a Christmas story! Please call the Parish Center if you plan on attending.

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