

# PEACE *Light of*

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**

<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.

ADVENT

Peace

**Dear Parish Family,**

Our Advent Penance Service will be this 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.

Wednesday is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. Although the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast day of the United States, Pope Pius XII declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the patroness of all the Americas.

Thursday is the feast of St. Lucy. St. Lucy was a martyr and is the patroness of those afflicted with diseases of the eyes.

Friday is the feast of St. John of the Cross. He was an ally of St. Teresa of Avila in founding the reformed or Discalced Carmelites friars. He is the author of *The Dark Night of the Soul*. Our St. Therese was a Carmelite. As deep as her faith was, she suffered many dark nights of the soul, times when she could not feel the presence and the love of God.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**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.**



We extend our condolences to *Judy Nichols and her entire family* on the death of her husband, **Donald Nichols**, who passed away on November 29 and whose funeral service was celebrated here on December 4. We also remember our parishioner,

**Anna Miller**, who passed away on November 26 and whose funeral services were held on November 30. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Anna and Don eternal life.



We will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus at all the Christmas Masses. Some suggested items are newborn and size 1 diapers, wipes, hygiene products (shampoo, lotion, etc.), bath towels, washcloths, burp cloths, bottles, sippy cups, pack-n-play sheets, receiving blankets, developmental toys, teething

rings, socks, and clothing size 0-3T, especially winter attire. Please bring your gift unwrapped to any of the Christmas Masses. Thanks in advance!

**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.

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

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 - 16, 2012**

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| <b>10 December</b> | <b>Monday</b>   |
| 7:00 a.m.          | Communion Service   |
| 5:30 p.m.          | Communion Service   |
| <b>11 December</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  |
| 8:30 a.m.          | Communion Service   |
| 5:30 p.m.          | Deceased Members of Charles and Rita Ernestes Family by the Ernestes Family |
| <b>12 December</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>  |
| 7:00 a.m.          | Communion Service   |
| 11:00 p.m.         | Adventuresome Group – Francis Klain and Terry Turpin Klain by Eliner Klain  |
| 5:30 p.m.          | Communion Service   |
| <b>13 December</b> | <b>Thursday</b>   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | Communion Service   |
| 1:30 p.m.          | Crestwood - Rev. Stephen Cervio   |
| 5:30 p.m.          | Communion Service   |
| <b>14 December</b> | <b>Friday</b>   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | Anna Miller by Joe and Gloria Coyne   |
| 5:30 p.m.          | Communion Service   |
| <b>15 December</b> | <b>Saturday</b>   |
| 8:30 a.m.          | Communion Service   |
| 5:00 p.m.          | <b>Vigil of – Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>Glady Maddox by Ladies Club     |
| <b>16 December</b> | <b>Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent</b>                                      |
| 8:30 a.m.          | In Thanksgiving of 40 years of Marriage for Steve and Rebecca Arvin         |
| 10:30 a.m.         | For the People  |
| 6:00 p.m.          | James Hayes, Sr. by Family  |

*The Week Ahead*

December 9 - 16, 2012

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
	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
<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service and First Reconciliation
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Planned Giving Committee
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:15 p.m.	Bible Study
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
	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
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses		
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



Confirmation Candidates and team only for Session 3 on Sunday December 9 from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parish center. The next session will not be until Jan. 13.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Prepare this week for the 3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18A

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3: 10-18

Rejoice! The Lord is near, but to see Him we must open our eyes to His signs. John the Baptist tells us what to look for in a person living in expectation of the coming of the Lord. This is a week of rejoicing which springs from hope and faith. We are called to be a people of Joy.

### Practice

Take a walk through your neighborhood and enjoy the Christmas lights in the homes of your neighbors. They remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. He came to help us see how we should live according to God's plan. If you have no lights on at your home consider putting at least one electric candle in a window to share your faith and joy in the coming of Christ.

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, 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, Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Masses on Saturday, December 29 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 30 - 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 Monday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and

Tuesday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

### Parish Office Information

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



Attention all boys 5th-8th grade interested in wrestling and either members of the parish or students at the school, there will be two open gym nights for tryouts, on Monday, December 10 and Tuesday, December 12, from 5-7 p.m. Also, anyone interested in coaching, please contact Ann Sutton, at [annmsutton03@aol.com](mailto:annmsutton03@aol.com) or call her at 317-979-9830. All coaches must undergo a background check and attend Virtus training. Thank you.

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 Connel**

**St. Paul Hermitage**

501 N. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beech Grove, IN 46107



The Eastside Catholic School Partnership (ECSP) announces a new website, [www.ecspindy.org](http://www.ecspindy.org), to serve

as a resource about the partnership and its four member schools-Holy Spirit, Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Secina Memorial High School. The site contains information about the ECSP, a profile of each member school, links to school websites, as well as eastside community resources, events, and news. Also available on the website under "About us" is the 2010-2012 ECSP Accountability Report, which outlines ECSP activities since its launch in 2010.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of December 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 13,499.46
Electronic Contributions 11/24- 11/30	\$ 1,174.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 318,550.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 303,348.46
<b>Year - To - Date DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ - 15,201.54</b>

### Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions	\$ 2,003.25
November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 999.00

### STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Our Steward(s) of the Month for October is The Mages Family. Dan serves as an usher, Jacob as a Eucharistic Minister, and Caroline as a server. Dan and Joanne serve as a marriage preparation sponsors couple and are spearheading an effort to bring Christ Renews His Parish to Little Flower. Joanne is a children's liturgy volunteer and a past officer of the PTO. Dan and Joanne are also both active volunteers in the Athletic Program at Little Flower and at Summerfest. One of the Mages family can be found volunteering at almost any major parish event.

Our Steward of the Month for November is Anna Marie Gutierrez. Anna Marie is an active member of the Ladies Club as its second vice president and prepared the soup for the recent soup supper, and previously for the fall card party. She is an active "seller" for the annual bedding plant sale, and always participates in the fish fries by bringing her sugar cream pies. Anna Marie also serves as a Eucharistic Minister, a church cleaner, and as a member of a funeral luncheon team.

The Mages Family and Anna Marie will share the "Steward of the Month" parking space for the next several weeks. Thanks for all you do for Little Flower!



(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, December 16 in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. New members are welcome.

### LADIES CLUB NEWS

The Ladies Club thanks all those who supported their Christmas Bake Sale & Raffle, either by baking, buying or both. It was most appreciated! Raffle winners drawn by Fr. Bob were:

- Ed Wernsing-Basket filled w/Home Canned Goods
- Lois Irwin-Hand Crocheted Afghan
- Laura Brown-Partylite Porcelain Holly Leaf Tea Set
- Pam Costello-Christmas Wreath

Members of the Little Flowers Ladies Club will be collecting money for church decorations celebrating the Christmas season after all Masses on Dec. 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 \$50 per person.



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