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## 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

**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 in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" [Phil. 4:4-5]. As a sign of joy, the color of the day is rose.

Thanks to our Parish Life Commission for hosting our parish Christmas party last Sunday. Special thanks to those who helped the Parish Life Commission: Eileen & Kirk Wall, Mike Kanney, Sandy Clegg, and all those who helped in all kinds of small ways. Most of us probably do not stop to think about how much work is involved in hosting a Christmas party the size of ours. Certainly a good time was had by all. The children especially enjoyed talking to Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the conclusion of the party, many stayed for the Little Flower band concert in Riedinger Hall. Thanks to Miss Eckrich and the bands.

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 generally 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. This year we had ten winners. Congratulations to all ten.

**Eighth Graders**

Cassie Cecil  
Chris Duncan  
Samantha Mackell

**Seventh Graders**

Erin Arney  
Anthony Battles  
Henry Egan  
Caroline Mages

**Sixth Graders**

Caroline Downs  
Logan Moss  
Spencer Moss

Finally, beginning Monday, we begin our immediate preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas 2000 years ago. During the remaining days of Advent, let us not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**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

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17 - 23, 2012**

- 17 December Monday**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Paul and Dennis Clark by Josephine Clark
- 18 December Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m. Don and Kathryn Kidwell by Mary Catherine Barton  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 19 December Wednesday**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Don Nichols by The Spanish Choir of Holy Spirit
- 20 December Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
1:30 p.m. Greentree - Rev. Francis P. Kenney  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 21 December Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Jerry Erlenbaugh by Kathleen and Ray Okerson  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 22 December Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Living & Deceased Members of the Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
- 23 December Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 a.m. Florence Burke by Little Flower Ladies Club  
10:30 a.m. Catherine Quill by Claire Wise and Family  
6:00 p.m. For the People

***The Week Ahead*****December 16 - 23, 2012**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	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
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parish Center	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2441
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		

**IN SYMPATHY**

We extend our condolences to Agnes Evrard on the death of her brother, **John Minatel**, who passed away on December 2. Please keep all of John's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant John eternal life.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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!

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:

**Tom Griffin**

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

### 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.**

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of December 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 10,106.89
Electronic Contributions 12/1- 12/7	\$ 6,564.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 332,400.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 320,019.85
Year - To - Date DEFICIT	\$ - 12,380.15

#### Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions	\$ 2,003.25
November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,612.25

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like a donation to be credited in 2012, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> 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 2013.

### STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Nomination forms for our Steward of the Month recognition are available in the gathering area. Please nominate an outstanding Little Flower volunteer for this recognition. We have so many deserving folks that our nomination box should be overflowing!



**Confirmation** Candidates and team only will meet for Session 4 on Sunday January 13 from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parish center.



**Prepare this week for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading: Micah 5:1-4A**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10**

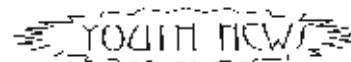
**Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45**

Mary's example in today's Gospel shows us the importance of preparing for Christmas through actions and attitudes of service. Paul tells the Hebrews that God desires not their sacrifices and burnt offerings but a humble and obedient heart. We are called to be servants of the Lord and of each other.

#### **Practice:**

**Begin setting up the crèche in your home but only put out the stable and an animal or two. Leave the crib empty. Add Mary and Joseph on Christmas Eve and the Christ Child on Christmas morning. Add the rest of the figures throughout the Christmas season with the Magi arriving on January 6th, the Epiphany. Invite someone who is alone to share Christmas dinner.**

Please see the insert in today's bulletin regarding the Better Buildings Near Eastside Neighborhood Sweeps Program for Improving Energy Efficiency. The program offers FREE services to help residents save money on utilities. The application process is quick and easy. Full application packets are available at the parish office.



(grades 8 thru 12)

### **YOUTH CHOIR**

**Sunday, December 16:** Practice - 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in church  
**Sunday, December 23:** Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church  
**Monday, December 24:** Sing at 5:30 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church  
**Sunday, December 30:** We won't sing this weekend.  
**Sunday, January 6:** Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church



What is a "Nun Run?" It is a 24 + hour experience during which single women ages 18-40 are invited to spend time with Sisters who are ministering in the Indianapolis area. At each stop, enjoy the Sister's cooking as you learn first hand how each Community is making a difference for the people of Indianapolis area and beyond. Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. The Nun Run is scheduled for February 8 - 9, 2013. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC at 812-963-7563 or email [sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org](mailto:sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org) to receive a brochure and to register. Sponsored by the Archdiocese and the Religious Communities of Indianapolis and surrounding area.



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