ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis. Indiana 46201 www.littleflowerparish.org

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.

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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.

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 357-8352 Fax

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

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 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

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.

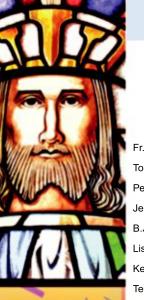
INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 <u>lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org</u> by noon on Monday.









Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Solemnity of Christ the King, the final Sunday in this Church year. In today's Preface, we are told that Jesus came to establish "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace." As we commission all of our Liturgical Ministers except Eucharistic Ministers today, we want to thank them for their generous service to our community. They do so much to make our Liturgies beautiful.

This Thursday, November 28, is Thanksgiving Day! Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will no other Masses or Communion Services on Thursday. Little Flower School will anticipate the celebration of Thanksgiving with an all-school Mass on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

We all have much for which to be grateful. The three best ways to give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving Day are to celebrate Eucharist as a family, spend quality time with our family, and share some of our blessings with those in need.

There will be a collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of the tough economic times, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stretched thinner than ever with more people in need and possibly fewer donations. You are also invited to bring food to donate. It may be placed on the steps around the altar. You are also invited to bring food for your own dinner. Please do not place this food on the steps. You will be invited to bring it forward to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Because of Thanksgiving, the parish offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29.

Some of you are probably wondering why we are having so many extra envelopes and second collections this month and next month. This weekend there is a second collection to support the Archdiocese for Military Services. The Archdiocese only notified us about this collection a few weeks ago. Next weekend, November 30 and December 1, there will be a second collection for the survivors of the typhoons in the Philippines. Obviously, this was a tragedy that only happened recently. An envelope December 7-8 collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious can be found in your packet. This is the usual weekend for this collection. Finally, Fr. Mike Barton, a son of the parish and a Camboni missionary, is on leave from Africa. He will speak about his work on the weekend of December 14-15. Just as we supported Fr. Dave in the past, we now want to help Fr. Barton in his missionary work. Therefore, there will be a second collection that weekend. Although all of them represent good causes, please do not feel obligated to give. We realize that each of us only has so much to give to various charities.

Next Sunday marks the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the new Church Year. The Liturgy Committee has suggested that we need to make one change in our posture at Sunday Mass. In most parishes, at the end of the Preparation of the Gifts, parishioners stand when the priest says, "Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptance to God, the Almighty Father." Beginning next Sunday, we will begin standing at that invocation. For my part, I will try to remember to invite you to stand either by word or gesture.

Finally, we are looking to add two to four new at-large members to the Parish Pastoral Council. The Council typically meets every other month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. According to our constitution, "every person who is a Catholic, eighteen years or older, and a registered member of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Parish is eligible to serve as a member of the Council... The term of office of all at-large members selected to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council shall be three years.No member may serve more than two consecutive terms." If you might be interested in serving or have any questions, please contact me before Friday, December 13. New members will be chosen from those who volunteer or who have been suggested by Parish Council members.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Men's Day of Reflection with Archbishop Tobin Saturday, December 21, 2013 - 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join the Archbishop, vocations director, and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis this December for Mass, discernment talks, a Holy hour, lunch, and fellowship with other men who are thinking about a vocation to the diocesan priesthood and want to know more. Ages 18-50 years old welcome. Please RSVP at HearGodsCall.com or by calling the vocations office (317.236.1490) by 12/12 in order to guarantee a spot.

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We extend our condolences to *Patti Hammons* on the death of her sister, **Judy Tiger**, who passed away. Please keep all of Judy's family and friends and prayers during this difficult time. May God

in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Judy into his eternal glory!

Adoration Chapel

As we come to the end of the Year of Faith & draw closer to Thanksgiving, it is an appropriate time to show our gratitude to God, without whom, as Fr. Bob said in his homily, we would cease to exist! Currently we have multiple hours open. Please consider taking an hour in the Chapel. The blessings received are immense. If interested, call Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546(h) or 727-2395(cell). Thank you, and God bless.

Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25-December 1, 2013 25 November Monday

| November | wonday |
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| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | James Gilday |
| November | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Catherine Quill by Mary Pat Flaherty |
| November | Wednesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of Haydee Gloria |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| November | Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving |
| 9:00 a.m. | Mary Ann Hutchinson by Bob and Bobbie Lawless |
| November | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| November | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of the 1 st Sunday of Advent |
| | Cindy Hood Bouggy by Terri Downs |
| December | Sunday – 1 st Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30 a.m. | Deceased Members of the Withem Family by the |
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| 10:30 a.m. | Zac Clegg by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Elson |
| 6:00 p.m. | For the People |
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| November 24-December 1, 2015 | | | | | |
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| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP | | |
| Sunday | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy | | |
| | School | 9:30 a.m. | Religious Education | | |
| | Duffey Hall | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee & Donuts | | |
| | Parish Center | 7:15 p.m. | Confirmation Prep | | |
| Monday | St. Therese | 6:00 p.m. | Prayer Group | | |
| | Duffey Hall | 6:00 p.m. | Journey Into Advent | | |
| | Holy Family | 7:00 p.m. | CRHP Women's Team | | |
| Tuesday | Church | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Christmas Choir | | |
| Thursday | Happy Thanksgiving | | | | |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 p.m. | AA | | |
| Friday | Parish and School Closed | | | | |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Group | | |
| Sunday | First Sunday of Advent | | | | |
| | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy | | |



Christmas Choir begins Nov. 26! Our practices are on Tuesday nights from 7 - 9:00 p.m. Our practice dates are: November 26, December 3, 10, 17

Returning singers must make it to three rehearsals (special arrangements made for our college students, of course); new singers will need to make it to 4 rehearsals. We also ask that you commit to singing at least 2 of our 3 Masses:

- Tuesday, December 24:
- 10 PM: arrive 9:10 PM
- Sunday, December 29: 10:30 AM; arrive 10 AM Sunday January 5:
 - 10:30 AM; arrive 10 AM

Help us make this the best Christmas singing ever! Call Teresa Eckrich 443-2425 if you need some more details.

Next weekend, November 30 and December 1 there will be a second collection for the survivors of the recent typhoons in the Philippines. We have seen the reports of the significant devastation and been made aware of the need for our support. Please be as generous as possible.



Attention Second Grade Parents who have enrolled their child in the First Communion Program at Little Flower. There will be a parent meeting on Monday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall (school cafe). This meeting is an important meeting to

attend as there will be vital information shared concerning our sacramental program for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. This meeting is for Little Flower School Parents and Sunday morning Religious Ed parents. If you have any questions please call Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



SAVE THE DATE: The Parish Life Commission will host "Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun on Monday, November 25, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on December 1. The

evening will begin with dinner (pizza). The evening is free, but reservations are needed. Please call the Parish Center if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 357-8352.

The Little Flower Athletic Commission is IMPORTANT currently seeking persons interested in coaching NOTICE volleyball this year. All interest parties should contact Sarah Stevenson at sistevenson@prodigy.net or 317-946-3194.



Our parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 8 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends over a nice lunch. The menu will be meat, potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls and beverage. Every family is asked to bring a dessert to share. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for photos. Following lunch,

members of our school band will show off their musical talent with a concert. Watch the bulletin for more details. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!

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:

Mary Jane Render/Westside Village Health Care Center, 8616 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46234



Ladies Club Announcements

Thank you to everyone who donated personal grooming items for the Sock Stuffing. Your generosity provided 72 homeless individuals with a Christmas Stocking!

The Fall Soup Sale was a success. Thank you for placing an order. Enjoy!

Happy Thanksgiving to our parish family.



Our new hymnbooks have arrived and are being prepared with the dedication labels. They will be in our benches Thanksgiving morning. If you would like one of the old ones they will be in the main gathering area on the First Sunday of

Advent. Those not taken on December 2 will be given to causes that have asked for them-or the ones in very poor condition will be recycled.

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

| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,500.00 | | | | |
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| Collection of November 9 th and 10 th | | 7,587.56 | | | | |
| Electronic Contributions 11/4–11/8 | | 1,644.00 | | | | |
| Collection of November 16 th and 17 th | | 10,967.82 | | | | |
| Electronic Contributions 11/11–11/15 | \$ | 4,485.14 | | | | |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual | \$ | 274,832.02 | | | | |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget | \$ | 283,500.00 | | | | |
| Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit | \$ | -8,667.98 | | | | |
| Home Improvement Fund | | | | | | |
| August Contributions | | 1,941.25 | | | | |
| September Contributions | | 1,888.75 | | | | |
| October Contributions | \$ | 2,213.85 | | | | |
| November Contributions | \$ | 1,793.75 | | | | |

PLEASE NOTE!

In October, only the annual appeal for the Archdiocese, "Christ our Hope" took place. The mailing and card you received was only for your annual support of the archdiocese. Please take special care to be sure you don't mistake this for the card for parish support. Your parish commitment card will come early next year. If you have not already done so, please return you archdiocesan card for "Christ Our Hope" in the collection basket as soon as possible.



Confirmation candidates and team (no sponsors) will meet for Session 2 on Sunday, November 24 in the parish center, from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Youth News - grades 8 thru 12

<u>YOUTH CHOIR</u> will sing at the 6 p.m. Mass on November 24 and December 1, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 after Mass until 8:30 p.m. It has been quite some time since we have had youth room open....please plan to attend!

SCECINA TRIVIA NIGHT/PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISER

Special Event

Scecina Memorial High School's "Crusaders for Life" are planning a trip to Washington, DC, to participate in the National March for Life. In order to raise funds toward the trip, they are sponsoring a **Trivia Night in the**

Scecina cafeteria on Friday, Dec. 13, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. and trivia from 7-9:30 p.m. Each trivia team can have 6-8 members for a 10 round game - the cost per person is \$20 (includes dinner). Please pre-register to secure your team a spot. Send your team name and the number of members to Jim Maslar at jmaslar@scecina.org or call 356-6377 ext. 1203. The top three teams will choose from an assortment of prizes at the end of the night!



We Need You!

Positions are open on the Funeral Luncheon Committee. We are looking for Team Leaders and Volunteers to bring food when needed for a funeral luncheon.

Team Leader Qualifications:

Desire to help fellow parishioners following the death of a loved one and must be available during the day. No prior experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

Duties Include: Making phone calls to request food donations Setting up for the luncheon Serving the meal Cleaning up following the luncheon

Volunteer Qualifications:

Desire to help your fellow parishioners. Ability to prepare a favorite dish or dessert. Willingness to buy a dessert or other food item if cooking is not your thing.

Duties Include: Preparing or buying food when available Bringing food item to the Parish Center

Benefits Provided for Team Leaders and Volunteers:

Meeting new people in the parish Making new friends Supporting fellow parishioners Sharing your talents

Contact: Please contact Pat Gandolph at 357-5757 if you are interested in helping or if you have any questions.



Happy Thanksgiving

THE STAFF OF LITTLE FLOWER PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING



Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am, so that we might together give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been given.

Bring some food that you plan to use as part of your Thanksgiving Meal. Keep your food with you during mass, and you will be asked to bring it forward for a blessing during Mass.

Donations of non-perishable food will also be accepted by the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

The Thanksgiving Day collection will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in their work during this busy season. View these Sponsors @ TheCatholicDirectory.com



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