

# HOPE

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

[www.littleflowerparish.org](http://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.

<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</b>	<b>Fax 357-5316</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>353-2282</b>	<b>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.		

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#### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Liturgy Commission	Maureen Sweeney
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Stewardship Commission	Caitlin Hannon
At-Large Member	Bill Belles
At-Large Member	Mike Perron

#### 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.

#### 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.

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Dear Parish Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

As most of you know, we lost our beautiful blue spruce that sat between the church and the parish center during the storms on Sunday, November 17. A picture of the tree can be seen at <http://ureport.theindychannel.com/media/4977703>. We also lost a smaller tree. At a meeting this past week at Seccina, Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, an alumna of Little Flower, talked about being without electricity for nine hours after the storm. She told us that she had friends in the Philippines whom she called to find out if they were all right. They said they were. They had been promised that electricity would be restored by Christmas Eve! On this weekend after Thanksgiving, let this be one more reminder of how blessed we are.

Today marks the First Sunday of Advent. In the midst of Christmas shopping and Christmas parties, I hope that we do not forget the meaning of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas.

Tuesday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Also, it is the first anniversary of the installation of Archbishop Tobin as Archbishop of Indianapolis. It would be a good day to pray for our Archbishop and our Archdiocese.

Please mark your calendar. Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette. We will celebrate the sacrament with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. Several priests will be there to help with confessions.

As Christmas approaches, I must ask a favor. As more of you have learned about my love of (or addiction to) dark chocolate, you have given me more and more candy, including some expensive candy, for Christmas. Because of a minor health issue, I have to give up most of my candy. Thank you for your consideration.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences *Clara Donahue* on the death of her sister-in-law, **Helen Lustig**, who passed away. Please keep all Helen's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Helen into his eternal glory!

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:

**DeEtte Bennett**

**5910 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Apt. 113, Indianapolis, IN 46219**

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 2-8, 2013

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|-----------|-----------------|--|
| <b>02</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Monday</b>  |
|           | 7:00 a.m.       | Communion Service  |
|           | 5:30 p.m.       | Communion Service  |
| <b>03</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | President John F. Kennedy by Mary Catherine Barton   |
|           | 5:30 p.m.       | Communion Service  |
| <b>04</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | Alkhaid Alialy by Haydee Gloria  |
|           | 5:30 p.m.       | Communion Service  |
| <b>05</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | Communion Service  |
|           | 5:30 p.m.       | SK George R. Haddin by Knights of Columbus Bishop Chatard Assembly   |
| <b>06</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Friday</b>  |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | Walter & Anna Bordenkecher   |
|           | 5:30 p.m.       | Communion Service  |
| <b>07</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Saturday</b>  |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | Communion Service  |
|           | 5:00 p.m.       | <b>Vigil of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>For the Intentions of Pauline Graf by Ralph and Diane Fernley |
| <b>08</b> | <b>December</b> | <b>Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  |
|           | 8:30 a.m.       | Amy Spalding by the Spalding Family  |
|           | 10:30 a.m.      | William Dalton by Dennis and Noreen Murphy   |
|           | 6:00 p.m.       | For the People   |

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 1-8, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	First Sunday of Advent		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	John XXIII	6:30 p.m.	Annual Fund Cabinet
	Duffey Hall (School Cafe)	6:30 p.m.	First Communion Parent Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Bear Scouts
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	PTO Board
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2900
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	Ladies Club collecting for Christmas Flowers after all Masses.		
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Prep



**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](http://HearGodsCall.com) or by calling the vocations office (317.236.1490) by 12/12 in order to guarantee a spot.

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 13,500.00</b>
<b>Collection of November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>check back next week</b>
<b>Electronic Contributions 11/18 - 11/22</b>	<b>check back next week</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual as of 11/18</b>	<b>\$ 274,832.02</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget as of 11/18</b>	<b>\$ 283,500.00</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit as of 11/18</b>	<b>\$ -8,667.98</b>

**Home Improvement Fund**

<b>August Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,941.25</b>
<b>September Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,888.75</b>
<b>October Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,213.85</b>
<b>November Contributions (as of 11/18)</b>	<b>\$ 1,793.75</b>

**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.**



Confirmation candidates and team (no sponsors) will meet for Session 3 on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the parish center from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm.

**Next weekend, December 7 and 8 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, using the envelope provided in your envelope packet. They have given us so much now is the time for us to say thank you.

**Youth News - grades 8 thru 12**

**YOUTH CHOIR** will sing at the 6pm Mass on 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's been quite some time since we have had youth room open....please plan to attend!

**HELP NEEDED**

The Little Flower Athletic Commission is currently seeking persons interested in coaching volleyball this year. All interest parties should contact Sarah Stevenson at [sjstevenson@prodigy.net](mailto:sjstevenson@prodigy.net) or 946-3194.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

This Sunday's readings remind us that our ways are not necessarily God's ways. God invites us to climb the LORD'S mountain so that he may instruct us in his ways. The way of the LORD is a way of peace. St. Paul reminds us that many sins infringe on the peace of others. Moral living is the way to peace.

**Readings for the week:**

Sun.	IS 2:1-5	ROM 13:11-14	MT 24:37-44
Mon.	IS 4:2-6		MT 8:5-11
Tues.	IS 11:1-10		LK 10:21-24
Wed.	IS 25:6-10A		MT 15:29-37
Thurs.	IS 26:1-6		MT 7:21,24-27
Fri.	IS 29:17-25		MT 9:27-31
Sat.	IS 30:19-21, 23-26		MT 9:31-10:1, 5A, 6-8

**THIS WEEK:** Offer the welcome of Christmas today—this week. Treat friends and family with warmth and joy. Look for ways to verbally affirm those around you. Make time each day for the Scripture of the day.



**First Communion** 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).



**LADIES CLUB NEWS**

**Ladies of the Parish!** The Ladies Club pitch-in dinner and Christmas Party is Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. The Little Flower children's choir will be entertaining us! Please join us for a pleasant and relaxing evening before the shopping season takes over!

Members of the Ladies club will be at the doors of the church after Mass December 7 and 8 accepting donations for church Christmas flowers.

Attention bakers – the Ladies Club Annual Bake sale will be the weekend of December 14 & 15. We need lots of goodies to sell. Whether you're a candy maker, pie or cake baker, bread or cookie maker we can use all of the above. Someone will be in the back of church after 2:00 p.m. on December 14 to drop items off. Your generosity is much appreciated. If you have any questions please contact Michele Reese at 356-6716.

**NEW ROSARY WEBSITE:** [therosary3.com](http://therosary3.com) takes you to a quiet place within; away from the noise and din of life, and all its distractions ... into the presence of God.

# Scecina's "Crusaders for Life"



Friday, December 13th, 2013

Scecina Cafeteria

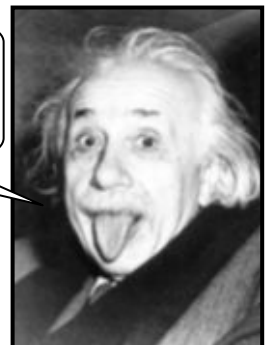
6:00 pm dinner with trivia to begin at 7:00 pm

\$20 per person (includes dinner)



"Albert! We should go to this Scecina Trivia Night! Wanna be on my team?"

"OK!"



Help our "Crusaders for Life" club raise money for the annual trip to Washington D.C. for the March for Life.

No more than 8 per team, 10 rounds of questions  
Top teams choose prizes

To secure your team a spot contact **Jim Maslar** with the number of team members and team name. Spots are limited so reserve early!! [jmaslar@scecina.org](mailto:jmaslar@scecina.org) or 356-6377ext.1203





# **Little Flower Christmas Party**

**Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
After the 10:30 am Mass  
In the School Cafeteria**



Meat, potatoes, vegetable,  
salad, drinks and tableware  
provided -  
**Bring a dessert to share!**

## **FEATURING**

**Visit with Santa and craft project for the kids  
Door Prizes  
Band Concert following the Party  
Lots of Holiday Cheer!  
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