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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

OFFICE HOURS:	Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
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SCHOOL	353-2282 Fax 322-7702
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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.

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.

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today we welcome members of the Thie family to our 10:30 a.m. Mass. 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.

Normally December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. However, this year the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence in the Church's liturgical calendar. Therefore, the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated throughout the world on Monday, December 9. On Monday, Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. However, although the celebration is transferred, the obligation to attend Mass is not. Therefore, tomorrow is not a Holyday of Obligation.

Pope Francis has called for an Extraordinary Synod of Bishops in October 2014 on the theme: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. As I mentioned in my homily a couple of weeks ago, the Vatican has asked the bishops of the world to seek the input of their people on family issues. Archbishop Tobin has decided to invite everyone in the Archdiocese to provide input.

If you wish to participate in the survey, you can go to the Archdiocesan website where you will have the option of completing the survey on line or to print a copy of the survey that you can complete and return to the Archdiocese:

<http://www.archindy.org/synod/index.html>

For those who do not have Internet access, if you wish to participate, please call the parish office, and we will be happy to print a copy of the survey for you.

The only challenge is the very short window to complete the survey. Consultation responses need to be returned by this Friday, December 13, 2013.

Finally, please mark your calendars. As is our tradition, our Advent Penance Service with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will be Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette. Several priests will be available for confessions.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Fr. Mike Barton, mccc, a son of Little Flower parish and a Camboni missionary priest, will preach at all the Masses next weekend, December 14 and 15. Fr. Mike was a 1962 graduate of Little Flower Catholic School. For the last 31 years, he has served as a missionary in Africa, 29 of those years in South Sudan. When he returns to Africa, his new assignment will take him to Ayod in Jongalei State in South Sudan where he will minister among the Nuer tribe. Coincidentally, December 14 will be his 38th anniversary of ordination. He was ordained in Little Flower Church on December 14, 1975 by Bishop Francis Shea of Evansville. There will be a second collection to assist Fr. Mike in his new assignment.

Rest in Peace

We remember our parishioner, **Gene Holdaway**, who passed away. Gene was 86 and a long time member of Little

Flower. While unable to attend church due to living in a nursing home, Gene's faith and trust in God was always evident. We extend our condolences to *Jeremy Rochford and his family* on the death of his father, **John "Chip" Rochford**. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Gene and Chip into his eternal glory!

**Masses For The Week****FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-15, 2013**

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| 09 December | Monday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Art Meier by Donna Selm |
| 6:00 p.m. | Living & Deceased Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer |
| 10 December | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Rosemary Maginn by Claire Wise & Family |
| 11 December | Wednesday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 11:00 a.m. | Alvina Wurz by Beverly Price |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 12 December | Thursday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 1:30 a.m. | Crestwood-Julia McNally |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 13 December | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Walter & Anna Bordenkecher |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 14 December | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Goerge Haddin by Charlie & Pauline Graf |
| 15 December | Sunday – 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30 a.m. | June Harris by the Harris Family |
| 10:30 a.m. | Rosemary Evans by the Ladies Club |
| 6:00 p.m. | For the People |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 8-15, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club collecting for Christmas Flowers after all Masses		
	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
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #2441
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	CRHP Women's Team
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Bear Scouts
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Webelos
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger/Wolf Scouts
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:45 p.m.	Market Day
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the Gathering Area		
	Ladies Club Bake Sale after all Masses		
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

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus at all the Christmas Masses. Some suggested items are bath soap, lotion, towels, and wash cloths, snow suits, 0-3 mo boys and girls clothing summer and winter, and bottles, and baby toys. 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: **Emma Shaughnessy/Greenwood Meadows**
1200 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, IN 46142

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of November 23 rd and 24 th	\$	7,903.30
Electronic Contributions 11/18 - 11/22	\$	2,074.00
Collection of Nov 30 th and Dec 1 st	\$	11,131.26
Electronic Contributions 11/25 - 11/29	\$	1,079.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$	297,019.58
Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	\$	310,500.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit	\$	-13,480.42

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,213.85
November Contributions	\$	2,023.75
December Contributions (to date)	\$	764.00

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

Our latest Steward of the Month recognition goes to the **Sidor Family**. Currently Scott is the Chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council and is active in the Athletic Commission as a coach. Daun is a past member of the School Commission and has recently taken a leadership role with our green thumb ministry. Annie is a server and a member of the children's liturgical choir. As one might assume, the whole family volunteers at the parish festival and other parish events as needed. The Sidors will have access to the Steward of the Month parking space until the next Steward of the Month is named. Thanks for all you do for Little Flower!



Confirmation candidates and team (no sponsors) will meet for Session 3 on Sunday, December 8, in the parish center from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2014.

Youth News - grades 8 thru 12

YOUTH CHOIR will practice for 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.. New members are always welcome.

LADIES CLUB NEWS

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.

With Gratitude!

Thank you from our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The food that was donated for Thanksgiving was distributed on Saturday, Nov. 23. We helped 60 families. They were very thankful for the food. Bless all of you.

Our Sincere Thanks

The family of Rosemary Evans wishes to thank Fr. Bob and Peggy Clegg for all the kindnesses they showed to our family during the recent passing of our Mother. The Mass was beautiful. We also thank all those wonderful ladies for the delicious Mercy Meal. What a beautiful send off for an extraordinary 103 year-old mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. The Evans Family

The Adventuresome Group will meet on **Wednesday, December 11, following the 11 a.m. Mass**. We will have our annual Christmas Celebration. The kindergarten class will be joining us! There will be surprises for everyone! Mark your calendar and plan on attending!



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This Sunday's readings present us with many unlike creatures getting along in God's Kingdom. As we focus on "welcome" this Advent, we need to focus on those who are not just like ourselves—especially those of a different ethnicity. "The shoot"—God's spirit among us—looks dead, but isn't. The allusion to being baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire points out to us the potential for powerful change and transformation.

Readings for this week:

Sun.	IS 11:1-10	ROM 15: 4-9	MT 3:1-12
Mon.	GN 3: 9-15, 20	EP 1:3-6,11-12	LK 1: 26-38
Tues.	IS 40:1-11		MT 18:12-14
Wed.	IS 40:25-31		MT 11:28-30
Thurs.	ZEC 2:14-17		LK 1:26-38
Fri.	IS 48:17-19		MT 11:16-19
Sat.	SIR 48:1-4, 9-11		MT 17:9A, 10-13

THIS WEEK: Consider what holds you back from being the best version of yourself. Take a step inward and be mindful of all that needs healing. Prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation next Monday (Dec. 16)



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 16. **THANK YOU** for your generosity and for helping us to get the gifts distributed on time.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Brycn Amar, son of Ashlea Gossett, who was baptized on Sunday, December 1, 2013.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Masses on Saturday, December 28 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 29 - 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 Tuesday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and
Wednesday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

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

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