

# FAITH

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

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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.

<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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#### 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.

**Dear Parish Family,**

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m.

**Please note that the first Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m.** There will not be an 8:30 a.m. Communion Service on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.

Thank you for your generous support for Fr. Mike Barton's missionary work. His second collection totaled \$2,617.56. Pope Francis reminds us that we are all called to have a missionary spirit. Also, as members of Little Flower, it is important for us never to forget that St. Therese is the patroness of the missions.

Finally, with the end of the calendar year approaching, you will notice that our Sunday Collection shortfall when compared to our budget is approximately \$14,500.00. If you have fallen behind in your Sunday contributions and are in a position to catch up, please do so. That being said, many parishes are experiencing larger Sunday collection deficits than this. Thank you to all of you who are so generous and faithful in caring for our parish financially.

In this week's homily, I mentioned Pope Francis' devotion to Our Lady, Untier of Knots. I found this prayer to her:

Virgin Mary, Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and immense mercy that exists in your heart, cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain, and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the Evil One himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands, there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with your Son and my liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot. (Mention your petition here.)

I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all. You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution, and, with Christ, the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, O safe refuge.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 23-29, 2013**

- 23 December Monday**  
7:00 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Agnes Hagerty by the Spalding Family
- 24 December Tuesday-Christmas Eve**  
8:30 a.m. No Communion Service  
4:00 p.m. Sheridan "Dan" Bowron by Patricia Bowron  
5:30 p.m. Catherine Dangler by the Dangler Family  
10:00 p.m. John and Alvina Wurz by Diane Gray
- 25 December Wednesday-Christmas Day**  
9:00 a.m. For the People
- 26 December Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 27 December Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Walter and Anna Bordenkecher  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 28 December Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. Communion Service  
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus**  
For the People
- 29 December Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus**  
8:30 a.m. Joe Striby by Ann and Kathy Tierney  
10:30 a.m. Nicole Newhart by Diana Newhart  
6:00 p.m. Alain Deximo by Haydee Gloria

**Dates to Remember****December 21-29, 2013**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Office Closed		
<b>Wednesday</b>	Merry Christmas!		
	Parish Office Closed		
<b>Thursday</b>	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 Group
<b>Sunday</b>	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		

**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 (choir begins 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.

**Parish Office Information**

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and January 1



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If your child had a picture taken with Santa at our Parish Christmas Party you may find them on our website at [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org). Go to the tab marked "Media" and the pictures will be there. Please contact Peggy Clegg at [pclegg@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org) or at 357-8352 x 32 if you have any questions.



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The Messiah will come into the world not in the flamboyant way people expected, but in the usual way—as a child. This Child and all children are an immense sign of God's presence in our world. Salvation is offered to all—Jews and Gentiles; adults and children; rich and poor; educated and uneducated—everyone!

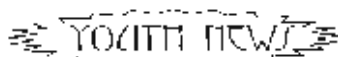
#### Readings:

Sun. IS 7:10-14 ROM 13:1:1-7 MT 1:18-24  
 Mon. MAL 3:1-4, 23-24 LK 1:57-66  
 Tues. 2SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16 LK 1:67-79

**THIS WEEK:** Be conscious of how you spend your time in these last hours before the great feast of Christmas. Be mindful of how the Holy Spirit is living in you. Connect with Emmanuel—God with us.



The next meeting for candidates and team will be Sunday, January 12, 2014 in the parish center from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.



(grades 8 thru 12)

#### YOUTH CHOIR

**Sunday, December 22:** Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church  
**Tuesday December 24:** Sing at 5:30 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church  
**Sunday, December 29:** We won't sing this weekend.  
**Sunday, January 5:** Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church

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:

**Marcella Bauman/ Rosewalk Village**  
 1301 N Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219



On **Sunday, January 12, 2014**, the children of our parish making their first Eucharist this Spring, will participate in the Rite of Enrollment at the 8:30 a.m.

Mass. At this rite they will be called by name and gather around the altar with their parents as their names are enrolled as candidates for first Eucharist. Please keep these families and children in your prayers during the coming months



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!



### This year's school theme is Little Flower CORE Standards Community, Optimism, Reading, Experts

This month we are focusing on Community using the Love Your People video. It challenges our students to Love, Contribute, Be Kind, Be Patient, Encourage Others, Apologize, Forgive, and Thank People.

#### Bulletin Submission Deadline for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekend January 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> we ask any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For January 4/5 bulletin** – all submissions must be in by **Thursday, December 26 by Noon.**

### just to let you know Holy Innocents Mass –

Debbie Miller of Healing Hidden Hurts invites you to attend the Holy Innocents Mass on Saturday, December 28 at Holy Trinity Church, on north Holmes and west St. Clare streets in Indianapolis. This 10 a.m. Mass will honor all the little ones who have died for any reason, we ask for their powerful intercession on their special feast day. All are welcome to pray with us and light refreshments (Longs donuts) will follow across the street in Bockhold Hall.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 7,880.24
Electronic Contributions 12/9 - 12/13	\$ 939.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$ 322,917.57
Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	\$ 337,500.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit	\$ -14,582.43

#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,213.85
November Contributions	\$ 2,023.75
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,281.25

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like a donation to be credited in 2013, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 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 2014.

#### ST. BERNADETTE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Christmas day again this year, St. Bernadette located at 4838 Fletcher will be offering a Christmas dinner and a time to enjoy the Holy Day. It begins at noon and lasts until 2:00 p.m. This dinner is open to anyone so if you know someone who needs some company on Christmas, extend them an invitation. There is no cost, and all we ask for is a reservation to be made so that we can plan the appropriate food amounts. Please call St. Bernadette Parish Office at 356-5867.

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