

Lord, make us turn
to you; let us see
your face and
we shall be saved.

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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
PARISH CENTER	Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
	357-8352 Fax 357-5316
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.	

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson	Scott Sidor
Vice Chairperson	Jeremy Rochford
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Athletic Commission	Ann Sutton
Faith Formation Commission	OPEN POSITION
Liturgy Commission	Marlaina Pertile
Parish Life Commission	Pat Gandalph
School Commission	Jeff Lyons
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Cassie Echegaray
At-Large Member	Mike Perron
At-Large Member	David Schurger
At-Large Member	Cindy Woods

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 services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

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.

Advent



First Sunday of ADVENT

Dear Parish Family,

Due to the Thanksgiving Bulletin Deadline and Fr. Bob on a well-deserved Retreat, his Bulletin Letter will appear next week. Have a wonderful week!



2014 Christmas Giving Tree

If you can help, please take a tag(s) from the Giving Trees located in the front of church. Names on the tags will be either a nursing home resident or a family member in need.

Please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to church on the weekend of

DECEMBER 13/14. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office before **DECEMBER 7.** **This deadline is very important Return gifts to church or to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 15.** Thank You.

Give thanks for religious. A parishioner writes, "We thank God today and every day for every religious sister who taught us in school, not only our ABCs, but also to love God." Share your gratitude for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection will take place on December 13/14 and you are asked to place the envelope provided in your envelope packet in the regular collection.



Sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are available to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. **Our next session will meet on Tuesday, December 2, at 7 p.m. in the Parish**

Center. Our topic for the evening is: The Seven Sacraments. Please join us!



Our parish **Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 14 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends over a nice lunch and hopefully get everyone into the Christmas spirit! 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 present for those Kodak moments. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!

Chris Hertelendy representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact **Chris** directly at [502-905-3722](tel:502-905-3722) or chertelendy@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS,** the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF December 1 - 7, 2014

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| 01 | December | Monday | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Communion Service |
| 02 | December | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Julia McNally |
| 03 | December | Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Communion Service |
| 04 | December | Thursday | 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Mildred Mauer |
| 05 | December | Friday | 8:30 a.m. Sadie Shikany by Joe and Mary Lou Zarick
5:30 p.m. Communion Service |
| 06 | December | Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
Brian Hawkins by the Morris & Downs Family |
| 07 | December | Sunday – The Second Sunday of Advent | 8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Withem Family by the Family
10:30 a.m. Lynn Johnson Somers by Mary Ann Atkinson
6:00 p.m. For the People |

The Week Ahead

November 30- December 7, 2014

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
Monday	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 th grade Study Group
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Webelo
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 th grade Study Group
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Meeting
Wednesday	Parish Office Closed		
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Scout Room	5:30 p.m.	Daisy's #3643
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club Christmas Party
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Retreat
	Ladies Club Bake Sale after all Masses except 6 p.m.		
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 BE CLOSED ALL DAY ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reconciliation Retreat

A retreat is being planned for parents and their children who will celebrate Reconciliation for the first time this year. Through prayer, drama, story, conversation, and ritual, this retreat brings to closure the time of preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. A walk-through of the sacrament will help the children become more familiar and comfortable with the ritual. This retreat will take place on **Saturday, December 6 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in *Duffey Hall (School Cafeteria)*. If you have any questions please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will celebrate the sacrament for the first time on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate God's love and forgiveness together.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4. IS THE LADIES CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY & PITCH-IN!

THE PARTY THEME: WHERE AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER, BRING A \$5 WRAPPED ORNAMENT, UGLY OR NICE, HOME MADE OR BOUGHT FOR A FUN CHRISTMAS EXCHANGE!

OUR GOAL IS TO OFFICIALLY BEGIN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AND HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH ALL OUR LITTLE FLOWER FRIENDS! **WE WILL MEET IN DUFFEY HALL ON DEC. 4, AT 6:30 PM.** PLEASE JOIN US!

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:

Dottie Spalding
2173 N Dequincy Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

In Grateful Appreciation for Your Generosity

During this Advent season, we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have assisted in the ministry of Birthline this past year. We are grateful to each of the Birthline staff volunteers, the Helpline phone volunteers, the parishes, schools, and individuals who have donated diapers, maternity and baby clothes, baby equipment and toys, and monetary gifts. Thank you to all who have lovingly made beautiful quilts receiving blankets, bibs and burp-cloths, crocheted blankets and hats, and all those who have remembered the ministry of Birthline in your prayers. During these past months, Birthline has assisted more families than ever before with more generous layettes. It is only through the generosity of so many people that the Birthline ministry is able to assist the families who seek help. May each of you be abundantly blessed for your kindness. ~The Office of Pro-Life and Family Life Staff

**Please consider remembering
Little Flower in your estate planning!**

Scecina's Crusaders for Life Trivia Night Fundraiser

When: Friday, December 12, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m. dinner/- 9:30 p.m. Trivia
Where: Scecina Memorial High School Cafeteria
Cost per person: \$20 (includes 2 pizzas & a bottle of wine per table. BYOB (no children) and snacks.

Please secure your team a spot by contacting Katie Conroy through email kconroy@scecina.org or phone 356-6377 ext. 1201 with the number for your team and team name by December 11. Space is limited so get your spot early!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of November 22/23	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 11/17- 11/21	check back next week
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual (as of 11/17)	\$ 257,005.64
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget (as of 11/17)	\$ 270,000.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Deficit (as of 11/17)	\$ - 12,994.36

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,236.35
August Contributions	\$ 2,085.58
September Contributions	\$ 2,009.58
October Contributions	\$ 2,152.58
November Contributions (as of 11/17)	\$ 2,171.08

STEWARDSHIP 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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 7, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

Any high school-age parishioners are invited to join us for Emmaus Night on Sunday, Dec. 7, at from 6-8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights are sponsored by Scecina Campus Ministry but are open to all high school students on the East side. We'll begin with Mass at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and activity after Mass until 8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights will be offered on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact Margaret Zeh at mzeh@scecina.org or Angie Pometto at apometto@scecina.org or 356-6377.











EDGE - Grades 7 and 8

All 7th and 8th-grade students are invited to join Jr. High EDGE for a Christmas caroling trip on Saturday, Dec. 6. We'll meet at 2:15 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes and return before 5 p.m. The group will travel to a local retirement center to sing to the residents. Christmas sweaters, jingle bells, and crazy Christmas hats are strongly encouraged. Please let Miss Pometto know if you can attend by Dec. 5. If any parents are available to help drive, please let Miss Pometto know: apometto@ollindy.org or 356-7291.



Candidates and team will meet next on Sunday, December 14, in the Parish Center for Session 3. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

World Meeting of Families 2015 - Forms due January 13, 2015
The 8th World Meeting of Families will take place in Philadelphia in September 2015. The theme for this historical event, "Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive," emphasizes the impact of the love and life of families on our society. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis will be hosting a pilgrimage to the World Meeting (including an anticipated visit of Pope Francis), which will consist of a diverse, representative group of approximately fifty people. Families and individuals will be chosen through a selection process, by completing a Selection Form, which are available in English, Spanish, Korean, Burmese, and Vietnamese, and answering a few essay questions. Families may apply themselves or nominate another family. Some financial assistance may be available. Forms are due by January 13, 2015. For additional information and the Selection Form, please visit www.archindy.org/wmf2015 or contact Scott Seibert at 317-236-1527 or sseibert@archindy.org.

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