



# 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.

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
**Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM**  
**PARISH CENTER** 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.

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At-Large Member	Mike Perron
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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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

Epiphany



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Today's Solemnity reminds us that God's gift of his Son was a gift to all peoples. In earlier times, the Church celebrated three mysteries on the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the

visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, and the wedding feast at Cana.

Although the liturgical season of Christmas does not end until next Sunday, today I want to thank everyone who helped us celebrate Christmas well:

- ❖ I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Liturgies beautiful celebrations of faith, love, and worship. Many visitors attend our Christmas Liturgies. Many of these are former parishioners returning home to Little Flower. Invariably, I hear many wonderful comments about Christmas at Little Flower.
- ❖ Special thanks to Teresa Eckrich, our regular music ministers, all those who participate in Christmas choir, and all the additional instrumentalists who provide so much life and energy to our Christmas Liturgies. When people compliment our Liturgies, they primarily compliment our Liturgical music program.
- ❖ Also, special thanks to Mary Martha Costello, the Arts and Environment Committee, and all the volunteers (including many members of the Men's Club) who sacrificed their time to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday evening, December 22. I really believe that Little Flower is the most beautiful Catholic church in Indianapolis at Christmas.
- ❖ Thanks also to all our Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, ushers, and greeters, sacristans, and church cleaners who generously served in their ministries during this Christmas season. Although we highlight music and arts and environment at Christmas, all liturgical ministers play a major part in making our Liturgies beautiful and prayerful and our community welcoming.
- ❖ Finally, I would especially like to thank the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Gabriel Project and everyone who brought Giving Tree Gifts for those in need in our community or baby gifts for those served by the Gabriel Project. These ministries help bring Christ to birth in the lives of those less fortunate than we are. If we could know the total dollar amount of all the gifts, I am sure we would be in awe.

Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Bob

**Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 26. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese.**

## Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF January 5-11, 2015

<b>05</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	Daniel and Jim Freeland by the Freeland Family
<b>06</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	Norbert Mauer
<b>07</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	Ed Spalding by Carol K. Harold
<b>08</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	Mary and Charles O'Hara by James T. O'Hara
<b>09</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Jenny Rudat
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>10</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:00 p.m.	<b>Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Mary Helen Arvin by the Ladies Club
<b>11</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Sunday – the Baptism of the Lord</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Lawless Family by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
	10:30 a.m.	Rita Mayer by Dennis and Noreen Murphy
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

## The Week Ahead

January 4 - 11, 2015

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	Men's CRHP
	St. Patrick	7:15 p.m.	Women's CRHP
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Group
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Group
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LFAC Meeting
	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Study Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
			Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	First Communion Rite of Enrollment
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	PTO Pancake Breakfast
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.**



## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



We extend our condolences to **Norb Arvin** on the death of his wife, **Mary Helen Arvin**. Mary was a parishioner for over 50 years and involved in various ministries throughout those years including volunteering at school, helping with funeral luncheons, RCIA, serving as a Eucharistic Minister, and she was a member of the Ladies Altar Society. Among her many relatives, her two sons, **Chris (Andrea) Arvin**, and **Steve (Becky) Arvin**, her grandchildren and their families, **Katherine Arvin**, **Heather (Christopher) White**, and **A.J. Arvin** who are all parishioners. We extend our sympathy to **Charlie Withem** on the death of his brother-in-law, **Dick Hutchinson**. Dick was also a long time parishioner. He most recently was an usher at the 5 p.m. Mass and also kept our grounds looking sharp by cutting our grass each week! Finally we express our condolences to **Jeanne (Clint) Hardin** on the death of her father, **James Hamilton**. May God welcome Mary Helen, Dick, and James 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:

**Barb Surenkamp-Bohall,**  
Golden Living Center-Brookview  
7145 E 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 19 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until sometime in April.



On Sunday, January 11, 2015, 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.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 20 and 21	\$	10,283.96
Electronic Contributions 12/15-12/19	\$	6,219.64
Collection of December 27 and 28	not available due to early deadline	
Electronic Contributions 12/22-12/28	not available due to early deadline	
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual as of 12/22	\$	339,521.56
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget as of 12/22	\$	337,500.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Deficit	\$	+ 2,021.56

#### Home Improvement Fund

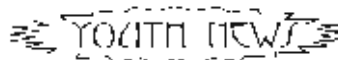
October Contributions	\$	2,152.58
November Contributions	\$	2,586.08
December Contributions (as of 12/22)	\$	2,411.58

#### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal \$39,250	Amount Pledged \$35,440	% of Goal-90%
Parish Households 936	# of pledges 169	Parish Participation 18%

There are extra United Catholic Appeal Mailers at the Church doors. If you have not yet made a commitment, you may fill out and return in our collection or return it by the mail in the mailer provided.

Are you pregnant, in your first trimester and interested in a fress ultrasound? The Gabriel Project is looking for models to help our nurse maintain and refine their ultrasound skills. Morning and evening times are available. If you would like to help, please call Linda Kile at 317-213-4778.



(grades 8 thru 12)

#### YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, January 4:

Sing at 6 p.m. Mass- meet at 5:00 p.m. in church

#### High School Emmaus Nights

Any high school-age parishioners are invited to join us for Emmaus Night on Sunday, Jan. 4, at Little Flower Parish from 6-8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights are sponsored by Secena 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@secena.org or Angie Pometto at apometto@secena.org or 356-6377.

#### Jr. High Youth Rally: The Great Adventure

All parishioners in grades 6-8 are invited to a Jr. High Youth Rally held at Roncalli High School on Saturday, Jan. 31. There will be two keynote speakers, creative sessions on everything from sports to music and friendship, Mass, dinner, and a rocking concert! We will be going with others from the East deanery, and we'll meet at Our Lady of Lourdes parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and return by 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Deadline to register is Wednesday, Jan. 14. To register, go to <https://thegreatadventure.eventbrite.com> and select the group "East Deanery." Select the free option and turn your payment in at the next Edge event (checks made out to "Our Lady of Lourdes"). For more information, please contact Miss Pometto at 356-7291 or [apometto@ollindy.org](mailto:apometto@ollindy.org).

#### Jr. High EDGE: Prayer Squared (grades 7 and 8)

Please join us on Jan. 10 for "Prayer Squared." Our Edge nights will focus on Prayer this year. Using a math formula theme, this night will explore the importance of prayer and what can help jump start a prayer life. You'll have an opportunity to enter into different types of prayer to see what style fits for you! Come on the Our Lady of Lourdes cafeteria on Jan. 10, from 6-8:15 p.m.



Candidates and team will meet next on Sunday January 11 in the Parish Center for Session 4. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

#### TAKE NOTE:















The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. You may also e-mail items to [lparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lparishnews@yahoo.com) or follow the link available on our website.

#### Special Event

"Uncharted", a documentary about homeless issues in Indianapolis, will be shown on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Center of St. Monica Catholic Church at 6131 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46228. The movie takes 98 minutes, and following the film, there will be a time for discussion about this important and timely topic in Indianapolis. Indianapolis City Councillor Leroy Robinson, sponsor of Proposition 291, which would provide protections for the homeless; and Don Sawyer, one of the film's creators, will be present. Proposition 291 will be discussed at the January 27 meeting of the City Council. That meeting begins at 5:30 pm. You are encouraged to attend and to invite others. To learn more about the film go to this link: <http://www.nuvo.net/indianapolis/uncharted-a-new-doc-on-homelessness-in-indy/Content?oid=2909639>

#### 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 and answering a few essay questions. Forms are due by January 13, 2015. For additional information and the Selection Form, please visit [www.archindy.org/wmf2015](http://www.archindy.org/wmf2015) or contact Scott Seibert at 317-236-1527 or [sseibert@archindy.org](mailto:sseibert@archindy.org).

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