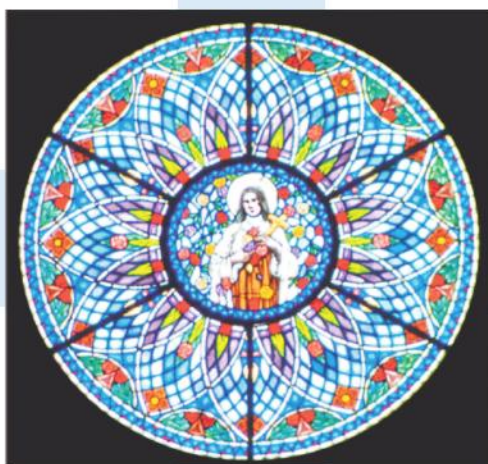


# First Sunday of Advent

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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.

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

### 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.

**Dear Parish Family,**

I hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new liturgical year.

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Monday, November 30, at Our Lady of Lourdes at 7 p.m. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Although the Penance Service may seem early this year, beginning Advent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to put ourselves in the right frame of mind to use Advent to prepare for the birth of Christ.

Several parishes in the East Deanery are doing the same as we are. I am scheduled for at least five Penance services this week, three parish Penance Services and two school Penance Services.

As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, Pope Francis has declared December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016 as an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. In his announcement of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis said,

*Dear brothers and sisters, I have often thought of how the Church may render more clear her mission to be a witness to mercy; and we have to make this journey. It is a journey which begins with spiritual conversion. Therefore, I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). And this especially applies to confessors! So much mercy!*

*This Holy Year will commence on the next Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy.*

The parish will be offering you a special reflection booklet to use during this Holy Year of Mercy. We hope to have them here for distribution around December 8th. Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

**Roseann Hamel-Harris**  
Traditions at Solana  
7721 Battery Pointe Way  
Indianapolis, IN 46240

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF November 30 - December 6, 2015**

<b>30</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>01</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>02</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>03</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Julia McNally
<b>04</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Norbert Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>05</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Saturday-Vigil of 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Lauretta Jones by Neighbors
<b>06</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>Sunday-2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>
	8:30 a.m.	For the Intention of Nicole Newhart by Diane Newhart
	10:30 a.m.	James Gavaghan by Peter Battista
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

***The Week Ahead*****November 29 - December 6, 2015**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos/Bears
	Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Troop #2441
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Athletic Commission Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Holy Family	4:45 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	4:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Assoc. Chili Cook-Off
	Ladies Club Bake Sale after Weekend Masses		
<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
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir practice & sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open
	St. Patrick	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP



ATTENTION BAKERS, LADIES CLUB BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE IS THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup>. DONATIONS MAY BE DROPPED OFF ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, AFTER 3:00 PM IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR BEFORE OR AFTER ANY MASS EXCEPT 6 PM SUNDAY.



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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of November 14th and 15th	\$	7,274.51
Electronic Contributions 11/16- 11/12	\$	1,409.67
Collection of November 21st and 22nd	check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 11/9 - 11/13	check back next week	
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual (as of 11/15)	\$	247,524.34
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget (as of 11/15)	\$	270,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Deficit (as of 11/15)	\$	- 24,482.34

**Home Improvement Fund**

August Contributions	\$	2,316.33
September Contributions	\$	2,058.58
October Contributions	\$	2,271.93
November Contributions (to date as of 11/15)	\$	1,508.58

**Healing Hidden Hurts** is a confidential ministry for women suffering from abortion loss. Debbie Miller has 17 years experience helping women find freedom from guilt, grief and shame. If you think about your abortion often and struggle with the painful memories, I would LOVE to help you! Call for FREE, confidential help at (317) 490-1267 or check out the witness films on our website at [www.healinghiddenhurts.org](http://www.healinghiddenhurts.org). God wants to Heal your Hidden Hurts, why not start today!



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, December 7 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 the end of February.



On Sunday, December 13 Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL) and team will gather for Session 3 in the parish center from 7pm until 9pm.



Our parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 13th after the 10:30am 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, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. Following the Christmas Party there will be a band concert at 1:00pm in the gym. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 6, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.  
YOUTH ROOM will be open for pizza on Sunday, December 6 following the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.



**Ladies Club Christmas Party News**

Please mark your calendar today for the Ladies Club Meeting on Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. This is our Christmas Celebration and here's what's happening:

Ladies Club Christmas Celebration - We're making our list!

- Christmas Party Time! Please join us for dinner, entertainment and Christmas Cheer. This is a SOCIAL, elegant event so dress to outdo the Jones's!!! It's a Christmas Party so let's celebrate.
- Ugly sweater contest - You can still wear your Party dress, etc and bring your ugly Christmas sweater to enter into the contest!
- The Little Flower School children's choir will perform for us. Parents welcome!
- In lieu of a Christmas gift exchange we ask you to bring a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to St. Vincent De Paul.
- Guest - we also would like for you to invite/bring a guest with you. Ladies if you have kids in school, invite a Mom from your child's class. All you other ladies know "someone" from the parish to ask. If you know of a parishioner who doesn't currently attend Mass or just doesn't get involved, please invite them to share Christmas with us!
- OK, wow, that's quite a list! One more thing. If you are able, please bring a favorite side dish, appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Bring your recipe to share as well.

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am Mass. We will have our annual Christmas Party. Feel free to bring a friend. There will be surprises for everyone. Fr. Bob will read a Christmas story to the Kindergarten classes. You may call the Parish Center, at 357-8352 to RSVP.



Bereavement Support

St Vincent Hospital, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Health Ministry, will be sponsoring **The Empty Chair Workshop: Coping with Grief and the Holidays on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:30-8:30pm at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street.** In Jewish faith traditions, an Empty Chair and place is set at the family table to signify the absence of one honored and loved. It reminds us not only of the loss, but also encourages us to embrace the significance and love the absent loved one brought to our lives. When we have experienced a recent loss, the holiday can be painful and emotionally overwhelming. Learn how to survive and get through a difficult time by hearing from others and sharing your experience. Registration is not needed and there is no cost to attend. For more information contact Joni LeBeau, RN FCN, Coordinator of Health Ministry, 236-1475.



With  
Deepest  
Sympathy...

We remember in our prayers, **Calen Wise**, who passed away on November 15<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Calen was the nephew of Kevin and Candy Padgett, former members of LF. Please keep all of Calen's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Calen into his eternal glory.

## 2015 GIVING TREE

**Help out those in need by taking a tag and sharing the spirit of Christmas**



Names on the tags will be either a nursing home resident or a family member in need.

**Please bring the wrapped gifts (with original tag from the tree on outside of package) to church on the weekend of DECEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office before DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**This deadline is very important Return gifts to church or to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 16<sup>th</sup>.**



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