

First Sunday of Advent

To you,
I lift up
my soul,
O my God.

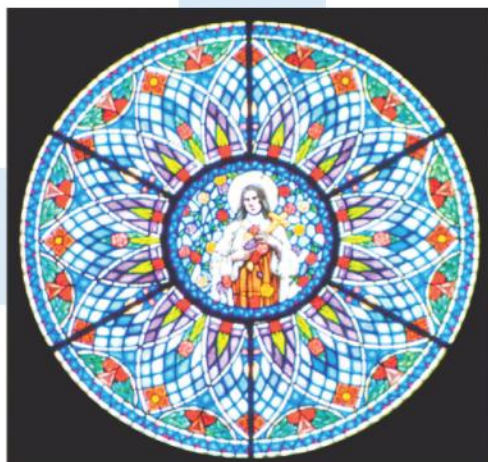
Entrance Antiphon

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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.

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.		

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.



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 **Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m.** at Little Flower. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes will be joining us. Also, our second graders will make their First Reconciliation at this time. 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.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Our Sympathy We extend our sympathy and condolences to *Tom and Jerry Bullock* and their families on the death of their father, **Jerome "Jerry" Bullock** who passed away on November 15. Please keep these families in your prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Jerry eternal life.



The Time for Singing is Upon Us It's Not too Late! Please Join Us!

If you have always included Little Flower Christmas Choir as part of your personal and family celebration or if you've never gotten around to joining, the time is now. **Christmas Choir began on November 22, but it's not too late to join us! Our next practice is Tuesday, Nov. 29, from 7 – 9 p.m.** The rest of the 5 practices are Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 and will go from 7 to 9 p.m. The choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 10 PM (Midnight) Mass, with music starting at 9:25 p.m., on Sundays January 1 and 8, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with music starting at 10:15 a.m. This choir is open to young and old starting with those in 6th grade and older. It is a wonderful way to spend Advent preparation and Christmas celebration across the many generations of your family. Don't miss this chance to be part of something really big. We have a seat waiting for you.

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:

Rosalind White

13596 Brentwood Lane. Carmel, IN 46033



Candidates and team will gather for their third session on **Sunday, December 4, at 7:00 P.M.** in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.

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 5, at 7 p.m.** Please remember these children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate God's love and forgiveness together.



FOR THE WEEK OF November 28 - December 4, 2016

28	November	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
29	November	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Zachary Clegg by Steve and Amy Clegg
30	November	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
01	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Patrick T. Moriarty by Michael Moriarty
02	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Julia McNally
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
03	December	Saturday–2nd Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Mendenhall by a Friend
04	December	Sunday – 2nd Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Freda and Joseph Jines by the Blackwell Family
	10:30 a.m.	Allen Brescher by Pam and Jesse Bolte
	6:00 p.m.	For the Parish

The Week Ahead

November 27 – December 4, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room open
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	RCIC
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP #3
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	First Reconciliation Retreat
	Ladies Club Bake Sale		
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
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

First Reconciliation Retreat

A retreat is being planned for our 2nd graders and their parents, 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 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.** If you have any questions please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Our parish **Christmas Party** will be on **Sunday, December 11, 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, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. Following lunch, members of our school band will show off their musical talent with a concert beginning at 1:00 p.m. in the gym. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of November 12 & 13	\$ 8,550.95
Electronic Contributions 11/7 – 11/11	\$ 1,512.17
Collection of November 19 & 20	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 11/14– 11/18	check back next week
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 259,002.41
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 270,000.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 10,997.59

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,933.58
September Contributions	\$ 2,041.08
October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions (as of 11/13)	\$ 1,474.58

PLEASE NOTE!

November 12 was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan annual appeal, *Christ our Hope*. *Christ our Hope* provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that people in all parishes are able to benefit from. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but there are extras available at the church doors. If you have not yet turned your card in, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection, or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible to help our parish meet our goal.

Please take special care to be sure you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in February.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

(gifts processed as of 11/17 - DOES NOT YET INCLUDE INTENTION SUNDAY)

Parish Goal	\$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged	15
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$ 9,395.00



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 28, 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 January/February.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sundays November 27 and December 4, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM will be open for pizza on Sunday, November 27, following the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.

December Ladies Club Meeting.

Please bring a favorite or looks-good book, new or used, to our Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016. We will exchange wrapped books at the meeting as we enjoy our pitch-in dinner. The Little Flower Ladies Club will provide the meat. Not in to book exchanges and/or have no time to bring a pitch-in item? Come to the meeting anyway! We always have loads of food, and your presence is enough to contribute. Please join us and bring a friend. We begin at 7 p.m.

Ladies Club Bake Sale is just around the corner

We take out the calories! If you're worried about holiday weight gain, we can help! Our annual Ladies Club Christmas Bake Sale is on Dec. 3 & 4 after all daytime Masses. We will have delicious holiday treats for sale that may or may not be high in calories. Only our bakers know! If buying delicious, homemade goodies is not your bag, we will also be selling Warm Glow scented candles that make great hostess or Christmas gifts. Please support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Ladies and Friends: we will need baked goods to sell! Please drop them off on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the back of church. Call Michele Reese for more information. [317-443-2840](tel:317-443-2840). Thank you.

Seccina Trivia Night to benefit Crusaders for Life

It's the Crusaders for Life Club's annual trivia contest. Seccina's Trivia Night helps make the annual trip to Washington for the March for Life possible for more students. Create a team of 6-8 people to compete for cash prizes in a 10-round contest.

When: Friday, December 9

Time: 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with game starting at 7 p.m.

Where: Seccina Cafeteria

Cost: \$20 a person

Food and drink: Dinner included (Bring your own adult beverages)

Contact: Please contact Jim Maslar with your team's name and members at jmaslar@seccina.org or 356-6377 ext. 1203

Spots are limited, so reserve early!

2016 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 10th and 11th. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office by DECEMBER 9th. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 12th. Thank You.

God is Calling You to a Deeper Relationship with Him

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is the Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness.

Little Flower is hosting an 11 week Bible Study:












The Prophets, Messengers of God's Mercy

Where: Parish Center/St Patrick Room

Beginning January 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Cost: \$30/ person

Call or text Anita Moody [317-918-0997](tel:317-918-0997) or email moodyak1@yahoo.com by December 26.

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