

Second Sunday of Advent

**The Lord
will come
to save
the nations.**

Entrance Antiphon

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ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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,

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. here 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 prepare for the birth of Christ.

This Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.

Because of the all-school Mass on Thursday, there will not be an all-school Mass on Friday. Mass on Friday will be at 5:30 p.m.

As you know, Teresa Eckrich “retired” as Music Director effective June 30, 2015. However, she agreed to continue in a limited way in her position until we found a new Music Director. Since that time, we gathered a search committee and posted the job twice. Although we made offers to two individuals, neither chose to accept our offer.

Today I am happy to announce that Tom Costello has accepted the position of Music Director effective January 6, 2017. I am sure that you are as delighted as I am that Tom will assume the role that Teresa so ably filled for 35 years before her official retirement. Tom’s acceptance of the position of Music Director guarantee continuity as well as the quality of our liturgical music into the future. Tom has invited Teresa to continue as the Director of the Choir as long as she is able and willing.

I want to thank Tom for accepting the position and to thank the Search Committee for all their work to find a Music Director. Search Committee members included Marilyn Jones, Eileen Pfeiffer, Mark Erdsoy, Marlaina Pertile, Charlie Gardner, Tom, and me. Special thanks to Charlie Gardner who was a former music director at Little Flower and the retired Director of the Secretariat for Spiritual Life and Worship for the Archdiocese.

The search continues for a new Director of Stewardship and Administration.

In my homily last weekend, I mentioned Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic’s “Best Advent Ever” e-mail program. For those who are interested in participating in the program, you can still sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>.

Next Sunday will be our annual parish Christmas party after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the bulletin flyer for details.

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 **Bob Masbaum/Arlington Place**
1635 N Arlington Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218



Newly Baptized

Please welcome into our Christian community Gavin Xavier Connel son of Katie Connel and Andrea Goodwin, who was baptized on Sunday, November 27, 2016.

Our Advent Journey



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24:
4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 10:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (beginning at 9:30 P.M.)
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

News from Little Flower Catholic School

CONGRATULATIONS to our Alumni Scholarship winners! We are fortunate to have an extended Little Flower family (extended over 90 years) who recognizes the value of the little Flower education and the hard work and service of our students.

Bob Kiley Memorial Scholarship: Allie Minton

Joseph & Veronica Thie Service Awards: Sydney Anderson, Aidan Battles, Elijah Clegg, Alex Dohleman, Anna Erdosy, Noland Smith, Josh Thomas, Julia White, Audrey Williamson

Tom & Eileen Costello Scholarship: Jackie Hughey and Mya White

Kevin & Beverly Walke Farrell Scholarship: Chase Turner
The Hazel Elizabeth Holdaway Gallagher Memorial Service Awards, and the John and Rosemary and Zac Clegg Memorial Scholarships will be presented later in the school year.

Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF December 5 - 11, 2016

05	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
06	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by John and Barb Stelzel
07	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family
08	December	Thursday-Immaculate Conception
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Harry Neuendorf by the Legion of Mary
09	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Arthur Allstatt by the Allstatt Family
10	December	Saturday-3 rd Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Roman Cieslinski by Ron and Diane Sharp
11	December	Sunday - 3 rd Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Tom Griffin by Butch and Donna Brown
	10:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Ruth Clifford Kunkel by the Ladies Club



This Week in our Parish

December 4 - 11, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Bake Sale		
	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	3:00 p.m.	Christmas Movies
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/ Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service
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
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Chili Cook-Off
Wednesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	Off-Site	7:30 p.m.	Ladies Club - Symphony Yuletide Celebration
Thursday	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Return
	John 23	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Women's CRHP
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
		9:00 a.m.	Men's Clean-Up Day
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses.		
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the Gathering Area.		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	1:00 p.m.	Band Concert

THANKS

THANK YOU from SVDP for the donations of food and money for our Thanksgiving baskets. We gave away 65 bags of food to people living in our Little Flower area.

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

Next weekend, December 10 and 11 is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescriptions medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. (www.retiredreligious.org)



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 14 following the 11:00 a.m. 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, 357-8352 to RSVP.

**BELIEVERS
TOGETHER**
with glad and sincere hearts
from ACTS 2: 44 & 46

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass
on Sunday, December 4, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.



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.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of November 19 & 20	\$ 7,533.00
Electronic Contributions 11/14 – 11/18	\$ 6,630.50
Collection of November 26 & 27	\$ 9,174.25
Electronic Contributions 11/21– 11/25	\$ 1,968.17
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 284,308.33
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 297,000.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 12,691.67

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,933.58
September Contributions	\$ 2,041.08
October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions	\$ 1,892.58

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 11/23 - DOES NOT YET INCLUDE INTENTION SUNDAY)

Parish Goal	\$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged	25
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$11,745.00

Special Event

The True Meaning of Christmas

The Sccecina Memorial High School choirs, orchestra, and band will present a concert of traditional Christmas music at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 11, in the Sccecina gymnasium. Please join Sccecina's talented young people for an afternoon of music that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas.

Sccecina Trivia Night to benefit Crusaders for Life

It's the Crusaders for Life Club's annual trivia contest. Sccecina'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: Sccecina 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@sccecina.org or 356-6377 ext. 1203

Spots are limited, so reserve early!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bulletin Submission Deadlines 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 weekends of **December 24/25, and December 31/January 1** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For December 24/25 bulletin** - all submission must be in by Monday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m.
- **For December 31/January 1 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by Monday, December 26 at 10 a.m.

These deadlines are firm due to office closures for the Holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

Believe or not, the holidays are quickly approaching! This year has flown by, but rest assured, there is no need to panic about the hustle and bustle that lies ahead in the weeks to come. Instead make plans to make the most of the Holiday Season by purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program! There are Scrip Order Forms at all the entrances of Church. Orders are placed on Tuesdays, and are available for pickup on Fridays. (Payment must accompany your order.) You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, through School, or the collection basket. We also have an assortment of gift-cards on hand to purchase. If you have any questions please call Lisa at the parish office, 357-8352 ext. 33.



**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE
HERE AT LITTLE FLOWER
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7:00 P.M.**

THE PROPHETS

Messengers of God's Mercy



A Ten-Part Bible Study Featuring Thomas Smith



Dates, Times, Location

Thursdays for 11 weeks
Beginning January 12, 2017
6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.
Little Flower Parish Center, St. Patrick Room

Cost/Registration

\$30.00 per person

For More Information

Anita Moody - 317-918-0997 or moodyak1@yahoo.com

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his 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. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

"I love this study! ... Now we know where they were when they said it, why they said it. Thomas was so clear. He illuminated it so well that it was easy to understand."

—Celesta Duscheno



Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!



Little Flower Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 11th
After the 10:30 am Mass
In the School Cafeteria**



Meat, potatoes, vegetable,
salad, drinks, and tableware
provided –

Bring a dessert to share!

FEATURING

**Visit with Santa and craft project for the kids
Door Prizes
Band Concert following the Party
Lots of Holiday Cheer!
Come celebrate with your parish family!**



Hosted by the Parish Life Commission

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Being a member of a parish involves being connected to God and to other parishioners. If you have recently joined the parish, or if you have been a parishioner for some time but want to deepen your spiritual life and get to know other parishioners, attending a Christ Renews His Parish renewal weekend can help you do both!



Christ Renews His Parish is an uplifting spiritual renewal process that calls together the members of the parish community to experience personal conversion and fellowship. Christ Renews is a time for individuals to gather with others to strengthen their relationship with God and to grow together as a parish family. It is an excellent opportunity to meet new people and make new friends in a spiritual environment.

God's Presence is made known to all participants through the personal gifts shared by members of the Christ Renews presenting team. Presentations are made by the "presenters" to the "receivers". Spiritual reflection is complemented by social activities. There is lots of listening, laughing, thinking, dialogue, team participation, prayer, eating, and fun! One of the best things about each weekend is the opportunity to escape from the real world for just a few days to share with others in a common faith about those things we all experience in our lives. It is a weekend full of acceptance and affirmation for all attendees. You participate at the level you are most comfortable ... as much as you like, when you like, and how you like.

The weekends begin on a Saturday morning and end on a Sunday afternoon. Participants are expected to attend the entire retreat. The weekend is free of charge, and all parishioners are invited. The post-weekend commitment to a period of formation in which parishioners meet regularly is voluntary, but many people choose to serve the parish by putting on the following year's renewal weekend.












MEN'S WEEKEND: MARCH 4-5

WOMEN'S WEEKEND: MARCH 25-26

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