

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Drop down dew from  
above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds  
rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened  
and bring forth a Savior.

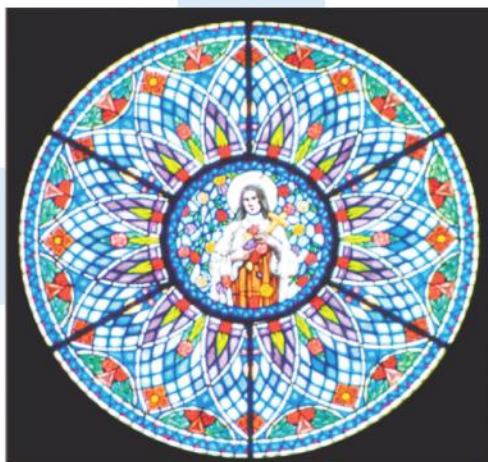
Entrance Antiphon

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## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

### 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,**

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. **Please note that the first Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m.** On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

There will no confessions on Saturday, December 24. The only Mass on Sunday will be at 9:00 a.m.

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

Thanks to the Parish Life Commission and all those who assisted them in hosting such a wonderful Christmas Party. Special thanks to Eileen and Kirk Wall, Jaclyn Wall, Greg and Jennifer Holle, & Bernie and Rose Sponsel for preparing such delicious food. Thanks to all those who helped with set up and tear down. Thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus who met with the children. Finally, thanks to all who attended.

Also, we want to thank Dr. Martha Thie who presented the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards to nine Little Flower School students last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are grateful to the Thie family for the award, to Dr. Thie for presenting the award, and to members of the Thie family who attended. Prior to Sunday, Dr. Thie had met with the award winners. In her talk before the presentation, Dr. Thie noted four themes that stood out in her conversation with our students:

- First, Home, Family, Love, not being judged and forgiveness. "The universal message I heard from these students is that Little Flower School is like home and everyone in their class is accepting of them.
- Supportive Teachers
- Giving Back
- St. Therese's Little Way.

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, *Christ Our Hope*, has been going on for about five weeks, and as you can see elsewhere in the bulletin, we are still almost \$5,000 short of our goal. Will you please consider helping us reach our goal? 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.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

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: **Marianela Delaney Fox,**  
1123 N Edmondson, Indianapolis, IN 46219

## Mass Schedule

### FOR THE WEEK OF December 19 - 25, 2016

19	December	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20	December	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Rev. Francis Tuohy by William Greenan
21	December	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Ted Yeager by the Carrico's
22	December	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	John and Mary Fischer by Pam and Jesse Bolte
23	December	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
24	December	<b>Saturday-Christmas Eve</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Freda and Joseph Jines by the Blackwell Family
	5:30 p.m.	David Chapman by Rita Chapman
	10:00 p.m.	For the People
25	December	<b>Sunday – Christmas Day</b>
	9:00 a.m.	Tom O'Gara by Faye Waugh

### The Week Ahead

### December 18 - 25, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	New Parishioner		Registration after all Masses
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	Parish Office Closes at Noon		
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study Christmas Party
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	7:30 p.m.	Women's CHRP
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Parish Office Closed		
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Church	3:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 4 p.m. Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	Merry Christmas!		

**Please Note: The Parish Office will close at noon on  
Monday, December 19**



We extend our sympathy to *Tim and Terri Downs* and their family on the death of Tim's father, **Ora Downs**. We extend our condolences to the *Maio* family on the death of **John Maio** who passed away on December 7 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 13. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Ora and John into his eternal glory.



**Candidates and team will gather for their fourth session on Sunday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.**

**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL NOTE!**

As you know, Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. This may provide some budgetary challenges for us, since we usually have income from the Sunday collection as well as an extra Christmas collection. The same is true with January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Please, if at all possible, use your Holy Day envelopes in addition to your regular Sunday offering envelope.

**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 6 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1  
Masses on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, January 1 - 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.  
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,  
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 2, at 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, January 3, at 8:30 A.M.; 10:30 A.M.; & 6:00 P.M.  
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 10:15 A.M.)

**Parish Office Information**

The parish office will be closed on  
December 23, 24, 25 and 26, and January 2.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 11 & 12	\$ 8,596.43
Electronic Contributions 12/6 - 12/10	\$ 2,015.50
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 310,709.97
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 324,500.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 13,790.03

**Home Improvement Fund**

October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions	\$ 1,892.58
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,043.50

**PLEASE NOTE!**

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2016, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 24/25 or the parish office by December 30. Also, any donations received in the envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's day) and all donations received the weekend of December 31/January 1 will be credited in 2017.

**UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL**

(gifts processed as of 12/1)

Parish Goal	\$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged	137
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$34,467.00

**IMPORTANT NOTICE****Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays**

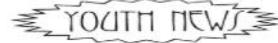
This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekends of **December 24/25, and December 31/January 1** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

**GREAT SOCKING STUFFERS!!!**

The Little Flower Men's Club is having their annual Crew Carwash fundraiser through the month of December. Wash passes are for the basic carwash and are \$9 each or 5 for the price of 4. (Same price as at the store) These are great to use all year round and never expire! They also make great Christmas gifts! The Men's club gets to keep 50% of each carwash sold so it's a win-win. If you would like any please contact Barry Greene. Email: [greenebp86@gmail.com](mailto:greenebp86@gmail.com) or Phone: [317-460-0667](tel:317-460-0667). We will also be selling them after all Masses the weekend of December 17 and 18.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 18:	Practice - 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in church
Saturday, December 24:	Sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 3:15 p.m. in church.
Sunday, January 1:	Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

**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. (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. **LAST DAY TO ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS will be MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 by 9 a.m. Pick up will by Thursday, December 22 in the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.**

**Thank You**

*Thank you all for your support, generosity, sympathy, love, and prayer during the loss of our mother, Barbara Elliott. A special thank you to Fr. Bob, Peggy, Mike, Bobbie, Marilyn, Jacob, Erik and all of our friends in attendance (too many to name) at her Celebration of Life and making it a beautiful occasion. I only hope that she realized in life how much she was loved and how many lives she touched. God Bless, The family of Barb Elliott*

**Gifts for Baby Jesus**

The Gabriel Project is collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus again this year at all the Christmas Masses. We will take any donations you have to offer our women and children, but we are especially in need of the following items:












- Winter clothing for boys and girls, sizes 0-6 months
- Baby socks for boys and girls
- Receiving blankets
- Towels and washcloths
- Baby wash, shampoo, and lotion
- Baby wipes

Thanks in advance for your assistance in helping the women and families we serve.



Looking for something to do this winter? The Little Flower Athletic Commission is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's Reverse Raffle which is scheduled for Saturday, April, 29, 2017. This is a fun time had by all, especially with your help. All proceeds from the reverse raffle help support the efforts of Little Flower Athletics. Please contact Sarah Stevenson at [LFACathletics@gmail.com](mailto:LFACathletics@gmail.com) or [317-946-3194](tel:317-946-3194) for more information.



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