

# 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.

**Dear Parish Family,**

On Monday the Catholic Church in the United States marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* which legalized abortion throughout the United States with a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. The 5:30 p.m. Mass will be the Mass for “For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life.” Please come to give thanks for the gift of human life and to pray for the legal protection of unborn children.

Wednesday, January 25, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul and the close of the Week of Prayer for Church Unity.

Next Sunday begins Catholic Schools Week. Our Little Flower School open house will be next Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited; especially those with young children. Likewise, I would encourage all of you to be ambassadors for Little Flower School and invite friends or neighbors with preschool-age children and/or grade-school-age children who are considering which school to send their children. Sometimes your invitation can be even more effective if you offer to come to the open house with them!

Please remember in your prayers Sr. Frances Jean Sandschulte, O.S.F., who died on Thursday, January 5, 2017. Sr. Frances Jean was the music teacher at Little Flower from 1949-1952.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Little Flower Catholic School OPEN HOUSE**  
**Sunday, January 29**  
**11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

All are welcome! We invite all of Little Flower Parish to come share the good news of your school. Tours will be available all day, community organizations will have booths, and teachers and principal look forward to meeting you. Come and see the current successes and the future bright outlook for the largest ministry of our parish.



We extend condolences to *Ellen Cronin & Mary Hook* on the death of their brother, **Thomas (Tom) Steinmetz Sr.** and to *Mary and Joseph Shaler and their family* on the death of Mary's father, Larry Wills. We also extend our sympathy to *Gene Miller* on the death of his wife, **Norma “Jean” Miller**.

Jean's two daughters, *Robin Hudson and Patia Gazvoda*, are parishioners and we extend condolences to their families as well. Jean was 80 years young. She had a strong faith and enjoyed spending time with her family. We also remember our parishioners, **Freda Blanchard** and **Lucy Shuler** who passed away. Freda was 82 years young and a long time parishioner. She was very sweet, kind, loving, and had a strong faith. Lucy was 91 years young and a parishioner since 1990. Although she was unable to get to church due to health problems she was a very faith filled woman. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Tom, Larry, Freda, Lucy, and Jean 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 a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

**Anna Werner**

**8025 Doubleday Drive Apt. 105, Indianapolis, IN 46216**



Congratulations to the following families on the baptism of their children:

- Scarlett Rae, daughter of Jesse Musser and Abbi Schopper, baptized on Saturday, January 14, 2017.
- Sophia Arellano, daughter of Rafael and Shelly Arellano, baptized on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF January 23-29, 2017**

<b>23</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Gary Veerkamp by Helen and Julie Kramer
<b>24</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Emma Weimer by Ron and Diane Sharp
<b>25</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Gavaghan by friends
<b>26</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Rosemary Maginn by family
<b>27</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Friday</b>
	8:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Teresa Eckrich by Little Flower grade school children
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>28</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Saturday– Anticipation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Sadie Shikany by Shikany family
<b>29</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Sunday – The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
	8:30 a.m.	Tom and Mary Griffin by William Greenan
	10:30 a.m.	Barbara Elliott by Little Flower Oldenburg Associates
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

**The Week Ahead****January 22-29, 2017**

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 Dounts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/ Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girls Scouts #2441
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Catholic Schools Week		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	11:30 a.m.	Little Flower School Open House

**Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers**

The new Minister Schedule will be coming out soon for March-April-May 2017. If you have any changes or updates please contact the following:

- Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp by email [duvkote@aol.com](mailto:duvkote@aol.com) or phone [317-356-3488](tel:317-356-3488).
- Altar Servers contact Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352 ext. 33 or [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

**Deadline for changes is Monday, February 13, 2017.**





The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 30 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 March 2017.



### 2017 Little Flower Kindergarten-3rd Grade Girls and Boys Basketball Intramurals

Registration will occur during the Little Flower Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The Intramural Basketball League is for grades Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade (Boys and Girls) and will run from February 19 thru March 26, 2017. The cost is \$30.00 per child, due at time of registration. Questions can be directed to Mike Battles at 538-3078 or [mabattles@tcco.com](mailto:mabattles@tcco.com).

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of January 14/15	\$ 8,467.80
Electronic Contributions 1-9 to 1-13	\$ 1,670.17
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 381,742.84
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 391,500.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 9,757.16

#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions	\$ 1,892.58
December Contributions	\$ 1,957.08
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,282.33

### UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL (gifts processed as of 1/12/17)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about twelve weeks. **We are currently over \$6,000 short of our parish goal and only 16% of parish households have participated!** The Archdiocese will soon begin follow up with those who have not responded. Will you please consider helping us reach our goals? 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 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. The United Catholic Appeal funds many shared ministries from which all parishes benefit.

Parish Goal	\$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged	147
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$32,901.00



The parish would like to gratefully acknowledge the contributions of K and K Fence Company. After donating as a sponsor for Summerfest last year, they recently did two much-needed fencing related jobs here on our campus free of charge. Thanks K and K for your support!

As we announced last weekend, Teresa Eckrich has been transferred to the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana for some intensive therapy following her spinal surgery. Please continue to pray for her. You can send card/well wishes to:

Mary Teresa Eckrich  
Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana  
4141 Shore Drive  
Unit 2, Room 202  
Indianapolis, IN 46254



Candidates and team will gather for their fifth session on Sunday, January 22 at 7:00 P.M. in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!  
Sunday, January 22: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m.  
in church.  
then....no commitment until practice on February 19th!

Annual financial statements have been prepared and mailed. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the capital campaign and school annual fund will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations. Please call Tom at 317-357-8352, ext 30 or email [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org) with any questions once your statement(s) have arrived. Please call as soon as possible as Tom will be out of the office during the first half of February.

### FESTIVAL NEWS

**SUMMERFEST 2017 planning will begin soon.** Our summer festival dates this year are June 2, 3, and 4. A kick off meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.

**Help for hurting marriages** -The Married Singles Lifestyle is experienced by couples who may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a worldwide program that teaches couples how rediscover each other and work through difficult times in their marriages. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending the weekend and follow-up sessions. To learn more about the program or to register for the Feb.24-26 weekend and follow-up post-weekend sessions in Indianapolis, visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org). You can also email: [Retrouindy@gmail.com](mailto:Retrouindy@gmail.com) or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information.



### The 2017 Race for Vocations Saturday, May 6, 2017

Race for Vocations is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and welcomes people of all ages to run/walk in the mini-marathon or 5K to both promote and pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, sacred married life and sacred single life.

The 2017 Race for Vocations will take place on May 6, 2017 within the One America Festival Mini Marathon and 5K in downtown Indianapolis, Indiana. Please be a part of this amazing event!!

**Race for Vocations Monthly Informal Training Events.** All are welcome to join us for our monthly training events. All training events begin with the celebration of the Mass at 8:00 a.m. an informal run or walk; and a Theology over Coffee session. They are as follows:

- **Saturday, February 11**, at St. Joan of Arc, 4217 Central Avenue, Indianapolis.
- **Saturday, March 11**, at Our Lady of Lourdes, 5333 East Washington Street, Indianapolis (in beautiful and historic Irvington). No Theology over Coffee session - running/walking longer after Mass.
- **Saturday, April 8 (final training)**, at the St. John (the oldest Catholic church in Indy), 126 West Georgia Street, Indianapolis. No Theology over Coffee session - running/walking longer after Mass.

No registration is required for any of the training events. More information can be found at <https://raceforvocations.org/>, or you can email Rick Rader at [raderfamily86@gmail.com](mailto:raderfamily86@gmail.com).

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