ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

5:00 PM Saturday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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 322-7702 Fax 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,

Today we celebrate the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation of Children) Rite of Acceptance & Welcoming at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. This year we have eight catechumens and four candidates. Those who are unbaptized are catechumens; those baptized in other Christian churches are candidates.

In this rite, our catechumens and candidates are asked to publicly declare their intentions to continue their journey towards becoming Catholic and to more fully embrace the Gospel message with God's help. They are signed with the Cross to show that they belong to Christ. Also, in this rite, the parish community more fully participates in and prays for those in the RCIA process. We encourage all parishioners to reach out to them as fellow members of the household of Christ.

This Thursday, November 22, is Thanksgiving Day! Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will no other Masses or Communion Services on Thursday. Little Flower School will anticipate the celebration of Thanksgiving with an all-school Mass on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

We all have much for which to be grateful. The three best ways to give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving Day are to celebrate Eucharist as a family, spend quality time with our family and/or friends, and share some of our blessings with those in need.

There will be a collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Especially around the holidays, our St. Vincent de Paul Society can be stretched thin. Also, you are invited to bring food to donate. It may be placed on the steps around the altar.

You are also invited to bring food for your own dinner to be blessed. Please do not place this food on the steps. You will be invited to bring it forward to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Because of Thanksgiving, the parish offices and school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. Also, there will be no Mass or Communion Service on Friday, November 23.

Congratulations to Bill Bevan, Little Flower Class of 1959 and Scecina High School Class of 1963, who received Scecina's prestigious Fr. Tom Award at this year's Fr. Tom celebration on October 24, the actual anniversary of Fr. Scecina's death. Bill's service to Scecina has included coaching, substitute teaching, football statistician, class reunion organizer, and a volunteer in the concession stand.

Something I said in last Sunday's homily struck a chord with at least one person. As I said, today many people are finding it difficult to support the Church in light of the scandals in the Church. However, Christian stewardship is not an expression of support for the Church. It is an expression of our gratitude to God for all the blessings God has given us. Likewise, when we fail to support our parish or even the United Catholic Appeal, we are not hurting the Archdiocese or the larger Church. We are hurting our parish and the ministries of our parish and/or those who are served by the United Catholic Appeal.

Happy Thanksgiving, and have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



For the Week of November 19 - 25, 2018

19	November	Monday			
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Bill Ross by Paul			
		Commiskey			
20	November	Tuesday			
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service			
21	November	Wednesday			
	8:30 a.m.	Teresa Eckrich by Barbara Greeson			
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service			
22	November	Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving			
	9:00 a.m.	John Asher by Joe and Gloria Asher			
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service			
23	November	Friday			
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service			
24	November	Saturday - Vigil of Christ the King			
	5:00 p.m.	Norbert Arvin by Ed and Donna Selm			
25	November	Sunday – Christ the King			
	8:30 a.m.	James Gilday			
	10:30 a.m.	The Intentions of the Freeland Family by Carol			
		Freeland			
	6:00 p.m.	For the People			

/ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

November 18 - 25, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses				
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	RCIA - Rite of		
			Acceptance		
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	School	9:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice		
Monday	St. Patrick	1:30 p.m.	SVDP		
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary		
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA		
	Church	7:15 p.m.	Christmas Choir		
Wednesday					
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving				
	Parish Office and School Closed				
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday	Parish Office and School Closed				
Saturday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after All Masses				
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/		
			Sing at 6 p.m. Mass		
	Youth Room	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room Open		

SAVE THE DATE: Our Parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 9, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendar and plan on coming! Look for more information in future issues of the bulletin.

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



We extend our condolences to *Floretta Burton* on the death of her sister-in-law, **Marcella Bauman**, who passed away on November 7 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated on November 12. Marcella was 95 years young. In her younger days she was very active in school teaching remedial reading and working on opening the school

library. She also taught religious education and provided food for funeral luncheons. Her faith was unwavering even in the face of adversity. We also extend our sympathy to *Nancy Brown and her family* on the death of her daughter, **Stacey Brown**, who passed away on November 8 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated on November 13. Stacey was 34 years old, a great friend to many, and she gave the best hugs. She was a true hero donating one of her kidneys to her sister, Becka Brown, in 2013. We also remember our parishioner, **James Priller** who passed away on November 8 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated on November 17. James was 67 years young, a life-long parishioner and faithfully attended Mass each week until just recently. He was known as the "candy man" to all of his nieces and nephews because he always had candy to give them! Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Marcella, Stacey, and James into his eternal glory.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

This Sunday at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we celebrate the first step: Acceptance into the order of Catechumens. It is a liturgical rite that marks the beginning of the catechumenate proper. The candidates

express and the Church accepts their intention to respond to God's call to follow the way of Christ. Please pray for our candidates as they progress and grow in faith and conversion to God. Their pictures have been placed in the back of church.

Last week, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury."

- This week, Jesus tells his disciples: he will send out the angels to gather his elect from the four winds.
- This week's topic is, "Who Shepherds the Church?" presented by Mike Haigerty.

You are invited to join us on Tuesday November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Little Flower Parish Center. We finish at 8:30. Light refreshments and snacks are provided. Have questions? Email <u>carvin@littleflowerparish.org</u> or call the Parish Center 317-357-8352. All are welcome!

On the weekend of November 24 and 25 as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, and art and environment ministers will be commissioned at all Masses. (Because of their special role, Eucharistic ministers will be commissioned next spring at the Holy Thursday liturgy.) Please plan to come forward for a special blessing at whatever Mass you attend.

> PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.





Little Flower's schedule for St. Vincent De Paul warehouse at 1201 E. Maryland St. 46202 is

coming up on Saturday December 1, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We need two drivers and two helpers to go out and pick-up donated furniture and other household items. They supply the trucks and a route, we supply the help. If you are able to lift 50-lbs., have a good back and a servant's heart, please call Chris Arvin 317-270-2930.



LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the

year beginning with the readings of December 1 and 2. Please pick-up your copy in the sacristy.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission," Henri Nouwen, author of *A Spirituality of Fundraising*

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of November 10 and 11	\$	8,174.88
Electronic Contributions 11/5 – 11/9	\$	2,359.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Actual	\$	255,252.66
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Budget	\$	271,000.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 15,747.34
Home Improvement Fund		
September Contributions		2,584.83
October Contributions		2,515.33
November Contributions (to date)		1,211.00

PLEASE NOTE

Last weekend was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, 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 \$50,658.00 goal.

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



Confirmation Class 2018-19

We are learning how the fruit of the Holy Spirit will help us. We need your prayer! Would you pray for us? The Little Flower confirmation candidates and their sponsors' pictures are in the back of see who you are praying for

church if you would like to see who you are praying for.

Our third session for candidates only will be Sunday December 2 after 6:00 p.m. Mass, in the Parish Center. The topic for this session is, "The Jesus Question" chapter three in Decision Point. You can download the app. and check out the videos! We will finish at 9:00 p.m. The date for Confirmation has been set for Tuesday May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral mark your calendars! Please call Chris Arvin, 317-270-2930 if you have questions.

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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:

Agnes Evrard 1223 N Edmondson Apt.B2, Indianapolis, IN 46219



LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Preparations for Little Flower Christmas Choir are right around the corner. Every year, our adult choir welcomes others from inside and outside the parish who may

not want to commit to the choir on a year-round basis. We also welcome parish or school children in grades 6 and above who wish to join.

The Christmas Choir rehearses on the 5 Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, November 20. Practice ends at 8:30 p.m. the first week, and at 9:00 p.m. the remaining weeks.

The choir will then sing at the 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 30 and Sunday January 6.

Members are asked to commit to *at least* four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to *at least* two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.

Questions should be directed to Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org Please consider being a part of this special tradition! If you are NOT a part of our year-round adult choir, please send an email to Tom to let him know you plan to attend. This will help us have enough music ready for the first rehearsal.

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, November 18 in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. New members are always welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sundays November 25 and December 2, meeting in church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, November 25 after the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m. Plan to stop in for pizza. All youth, grade 8 through high school are welcome.



November 18, 2018

Scecina News

Trivia at Scecina

Get your trivia team together! The annual Trivia Night to benefit the Crusaders for Life trip to Washington, D.C., will take place 7-9 p.m. Friday Dec. 7 in the Scecina cafeteria. Cost is \$20 per person or teams of 8 buy the table for \$150. Pizza and drinks included. Cash prizes awarded. Proceeds help Scecina students attend the March for Life and Washington, D.C. sites. Deadline to register is Nov 28. Contact Catholic theology teacher Deanna Dean at ddean@scecina.org

Basketball Camp

Scott Miller, Crusaders varsity boys basketball, announces Scecina's Preseason Basketball Camp for boys in grades 6-8. The camp will take place in Scecina's gym from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Monday, Nov.19. Cost is \$10 and includes a t-shirt. Register at scecina.org/basketball-camp3. For more information, contact Coach Miller at smiller@scecina.org

Future Crusaders

Applications are available for eighth-grade students seeking to attend Scecina Memorial High School in 2019-20. Apply at scecina.org/admissionsprocess. Early Bird Deadline: Win a \$3,000 scholarship! Current eighth-grade students can register for a chance to receive a \$3,000 scholarship to Scecina. One name will be drawn on January 21, 2019. Turn in your application materials to Scecina by Jan. 14 to be eligible for the Early Bird scholarship. More information at scecina.org/admissions. **Register for the Dec. 1 High School Placement Test at Scecina: scecina.org/placement-test**

Crusader for A Day - shadow days

Come see what it's like to be a Crusader! Shadow at Scecina Memorial High School for a school day as a current Scecina student as your host. Official remaining days are:

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 Wednesday, January 9, 2019 Wednesday, January 23, 2019 Wednesday, February 13, 2019 Wednesday, February 27, 2019

Register at scecina.org/crusader-for-a-day

Scecina Women's Circle

The Scecina Women's Circle's next event is Sunday, December 16. Join us for Mass at St. John's Catholic Church and then proceed to the Christkindl Village. RSVP to Rose Branson at rbranson@scecina.org or call (317) 352-3292.

The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

REPROUVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Help for hurting marriages – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) is a worldwide program that offers tools needed for hurting couples to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. For more than 30 years, the program has helped hundreds of thousands of couples heal their hurting marriages. The Feb. 22 - 24, 2019 weekend will take place at St. Joseph's Retreat Center in Tipton. Follow-up post-weekend sessions take place in Indianapolis at Our Lady Of Fatima. To learn more and to register, visit the Retrouvaille website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. You can also email: Retroulndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811 for confidential registration information. Retrouvaille can give you the tools to begin to heal a hurting marriage, so don't wait - register today.



Experience Authentic Christmas Traditions at

> St. John's Christkindl Village in Downtown Indianapolis

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in downtown Indy is hosting the seventh annual Christkindl Village on December 14-16. The Christkindl Village is located at St. John Catholic Church (126 W Georgia Street, Indianapolis) on the West block of Georgia Street, in St. John's parking lot and in the old Pan Am Ice Rink on Georgia Street.

At the festival there will be a live animal nativity, alpine slide for kids and adults, selfies with St. Nick, kid's activities including ornament making, great German foods, beer and gluhwein garden, and hand crafted gifts from market vendors. There are also special events all weekend long including Sacred Music Festivals on Friday and Saturday Evening, Indiana Wine Tasting Friday Evening, Eucharistic Procession on Saturday evening, Christmas Trivia Saturday Evening and Family Day on Sunday with special events for kids. To learn more visit: <u>www.stjohnsindy.org/village</u>. All are welcome! Admission is free and open to the public. Activities are indoors or inside heated tents, come out and enjoy authentic Christmas traditions December 14-16 in Downtown Indy.

Giving Tree



The Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Society will have Giving Trees up the weekend of November 24/25. If you can help, please take a tag to help nursing home residents or families in need. Bring the wrapped gifts, with

the original tag from the tree, on the outside of the package, back to church on the weekend of December 8/9. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or Parish Office by DECEMBER 7. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the Parish Office NO LATER THAN December 10. Thank you.

Cathedral High School News

Shadow at Cathedral High School

Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8th grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Go to gocathedral.com/shadow for more information or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Parent Preview Day

Cathedral High School invites interested parents to attend a Parent Preview Day this fall on any of the following dates: December 10 or January 17. Interact with school leaders, attend a class, and tour campus with a current student. To learn more and/or to pre-register, visit <u>www.gocathedral.com/parentpreview</u>.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, December 1st, at 8:30 a.m. While students are taking the exam, the Enrollment Management staff will offer "Coffee with Cathedral" to share information regarding academics, counseling and more.

Financial Aid Night

Cathedral High School invites you to attend a Financial Aid information Night on Tuesday, December 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the A.K. Shiel Student Life Center Commons (lower level).

Cathedral Application Deadline is Approaching

All applications for admission to Cathedral High School are due no later than December 15, 2017.



CYO Bingo Night is January 26 at The Biltwell Event Center

Registration is now open! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Games begin at 7:30 p.m. (10 games of Bingo) Dinner provided, includes beer, wine, and soft drinks. Cost \$55.00 per person. Must be 21 to attend. Cash prizes. Master of Ceremony: Pat Sullivan of Sullivan Hardware and WIBC Celebrity. Register now at www.cyoarchindy.org. Walk-ins will not be accepted. If you have questions or want information about sponsorship opportunities, please call the CYO Office or email Michaela at <u>mward@cyoarchindy.org</u>. License #148794

Thank you to Coca-Cola fans! We're nearing \$300.00 in



ans! We're nearing \$300.00 in donations for the year. Those codes in the caps and the tear-off sections of 12 and 24 pack boxes really add up! There's a plastic

jug at the main entrance of the church to place them in or you may enter the codes yourself at <u>www.coke.com</u> under the heading GIVE!



THE STAFF OF LITTLE FLOWER PARISH WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING



Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am, so that we might together give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been given.

Bring some food that you plan to use as part of your Thanksgiving Meal. Keep your food with you during mass, and you will be asked to bring it forward for a blessing during Mass. Donations of non-perishable food will also be accepted by the St. Vincent De Paul Society. The Thanksgiving Day collection will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society to assist in their work during this busy season.



Journey into Advent Faith, Family and Fun

Who:	All are welcome
What:	Family Advent evening with pizza provided for dinner.
When:	Monday, November 26, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Where:	School cafeteria
Why:	This is an opportunity for families and individuals to prepare for Advent before it begins on December 2.
	Families will have an opportunity to make an "Advent Calendar" that help them count down the days to Christmas.

NOTE: Reservations are needed so that supplies and food may be ordered, so please contact Peggy Clegg at <u>pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 357-8352 x32 by Friday, November 17, if you are planning on attending.

There is no charge for the evening, but a free will offering basket will be available.

Sponsored by the Parish Life Commission



