

"It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: "A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Matthew 3:3

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At-Large Member SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 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.

The Theresean

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER

317-353-2282

Fax 317-322-7702 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 9:30 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 5 times per year. Call the Parish Office well in advance so that class arrangements may be made.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGEContact 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 parishippor in admitted. when a parishioner is admitted.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERSPriesthood 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 317-236-1490.

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 DEADLINEArticles 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 welcome members of the Joseph and Veronica Thie family to our 9:30 a.m. Mass. One of our traditions is to present the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards at the 9:30

a.m. Mass preceding the Christmas party. This award is awarded to Little Flower Catholic School sixth through eighth graders who demonstrate a commitment to academics and service. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check made out to the student, and the inscription of the student's name on the permanent plaque in the school.

This year's recipients are:

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
Wil Battles	Dean Cheever	Eva Aguayo
Hannah Comley	Thomas Kring	Kate Erdosy
Reanna Hollada	Veronica Kring	Hillari Lathrop
Gavin Turner	Journee Thomas	•

The children of Joseph and Veronica Thie established this award to honor their parents. Joe Thie worked for many years at St. Vincent Hospital. After his retirement, he worked for many more years as part of Little Flower's maintenance staff, especially in the church. Both he and Veronica were involved in parish organizations and activities. They helped establish the Adventuresome Group.

Normally December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. However, this year the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence in the Church's liturgical calendar. Therefore, the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated throughout the world on Monday, December 9. On Monday, Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. However, although the celebration is transferred, the obligation to attend Mass is not. Therefore, tomorrow is a Holyday, but not a Holyday of Obligation. I still would encourage you to attend Mass tomorrow because this is the patronal feast day of the United States.

Our Advent Penance Service will be next Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to put ourselves in the right frame of mind to prepare for the birth of Christ. Our Lenten Penance Service will be here at Little Flower.

Thursday, December 12, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast recalls her apparitions to St. Juan Diego at the hill of Tepeyac from December 5 to December 12, 1531. Pope Pius XII declared her patroness of the Americas.

Saturday, December 14, is the 24th anniversary of the death of Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer, who was associate pastor from 1958 to 1968 and pastor from 1985 until his death. Please remember to say a prayer for Fr. Bob this Saturday.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Masses of the Week

For the Week of December 9 - 15, 2019

09	December	Monday	
	8:30 a.m.	Pat Reese by Merrill and Marylyn Blackwell	
	6:00 p.m.	David Short by Jerry and Joan Bullock	
10	December	Tuesday	
	5:30 p.m.	Louise Schaub by Bernie and Rose Sponsel	
11	December	Wednesday	
	11:00 a.m.	Judy Moss by Bob and Mary Sitzman	
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service	
12	December	Thursday	
	5:30 p.m.	Dottie Spalding by the McAtee Family	
13	December	Friday	
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service	
14	December	Saturday - Vigil of the Third Sunday of	
		Advent	
	5:00 p.m.	Jim Hawkins by Helen Wilson	
15	December	Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent	
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Bob Lawless by Bobbie	
		Lawless	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People	

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 8 - 15, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
Monday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	A Biblical Walk
			Through the Mass
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	LFNA Chili Cook-Off
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LF Athletic
			Committee
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship
			Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Club
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
	Ladies Club Bake Good Sale after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	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
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible
			Study

Please Note:

The Parish Office will close at noon on Friday, December 13.

Our Sympathy We extend our condolences to Cathy Holle and Greg

(Jennifer) Holle on the death

of their mother-in-law/grandmother, Betty Streicher, who passed away on November 21 and whose funeral services were held on November 23 at Shirley Brothers Mortuary. Betty was 95 years young and most recently resided at Miller's Merry Manor. We extend our sympathy to Butch and Donna Brown on the death of Butch's sister, Judy Nieman, and to Pauline and Charlie Graf on the death of Pauline's sister-in-law, Edie Bordenkecher, Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Betty, Judy, and Edie into his eternal glory.

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Sunday 9:30 A.M. Sunday 6:00 P.M.

Also effective December 1, 2019

Coffee and Donuts will follow the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy will be during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Sunday Religious Education will be 10:30 a.m. until 11:25 a.m. The regular time for Baptisms will be after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



Spreading the Holiday Scrip **Shopping Cheer!**

Believe it 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 We will order on the accompany your order.) following dates for your Christmas needs:

December 10, 17

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, 317-357-8352 ext. 33.



Our next session is Tuesday, December 10, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Our topic is The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation. Please join us in the Parish Center.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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 9:20 P.M.) Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.



2019 Giving Tree Gifts IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Giving Tree gifts are due back December 14/15 or the Parish Office NO LATER THAN Monday, December 16. Thank you.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, December 15 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in Church. New members are needed. Parents, encourage your kids in grades 8 through 12, and consider making the sacrifice to help them participate. They practice one Sunday evening per month and sing at the 6 p.m. Sunday evening Mass on the 1st and 4th Sunday of each month, arriving at 5 p.m. to practice before Mass. This group makes a huge contribution to our liturgy! We will especially welcome new eighth graders to this practice as well as other new members. Please consider it!

Ladies Club News

Christmas Bake Sale at all weekend Masses on December 14 & 15. Cheese balls will be available for pick-up at this time. Pre-order forms are at all the Church entrances, and the deadline to order is December 9. Bring all donated bake sale items to Church on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. We will also accept your goodies at the Mass you will attend.

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

PLEASE NOTE

We will not have Soulcore on Monday, December 9 (Immaculate Conception), and Monday, December 16 (Penance Service). We will meet again on Monday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Barbara Spellman.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will really brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Agnes Nedeff 729 E 57th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46220

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal		13,550.00
Collection of Nov. 23 and 24		6,461.97
Electronic Contributions 11/18-11/22		4,306.91
Collection of Nov. 30 and Dec. 1		6,664.20
Electronic Contributions 11/25-11/29		2,471.91
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual		282,786.47
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget		311,650.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 28,863.53
Home Improvement Fu	<u>nd</u>	
September Contributions		2,204.15
October Contributions		2,055.14
November Contributions		2,333.55

PLEASE NOTE

November 10 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.

Please take special care that 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 the coming months.

Untied Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 11/21)

Parish Goal	\$55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged	71
Amount of gifts received of pledged	\$16,155.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2019, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 or the parish office by December 31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2020.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 11, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month we will celebrate Christmas and the Kindergarten classes will join us! Fr. Bob will read them "The Night Before Christmas," and they will sing some Christmas carols for us! Bring a friend,

and join us for the festivities! You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending!

<u>The Theresean (Bulletin)</u> 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 Theresean available for the weekends of **December 28/29**, and **January 4/5** we ask that any requests be submitted as follows:

- For December 28/29 bulletin all submissions must be in by Thursday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.
- For January 5/6 bulletin all submissions must be in by Thursday, December 26, at 9:00 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.



Session 5 was held last Sunday evening December 1. We covered section 8 in our book, "The Holy Spirit." Our next session will be January 5, 2020 after the 6 p.m.

Mass. Please be ready to answer questions and discuss sections 1 and 2.

New "Order of the Mass" Cards

Have a non-Catholic friend or family member with you at Mass today? Be sure to offer them an "Order of the Mass Card," located in the pew rack with the Hymnals. They can then follow along and feel a part of the Mass rather than a confused outsider. Oh, and show them how they can cross their arms and go forward with you when we celebrate the Eucharist. Win-win: They receive a Blessing, and they don't feel like an obstacle just sitting in the pew! **The Invite Commission**

Knights of Columbus Fatima Council Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will host their annual Christmas Party at their December meeting on Wednesday, December 11 at 6:00 PM at the Fatima Event Center. Along with a brief meeting we will have a pitch-in so bring your favorite dish and a \$10.00 gift for our gift exchange. If you have any questions, call our President, Mary Blagburn at 317-374-6153 or VP Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Adelyn Ann, daughter of Matthew and Rachel (Frantz) Kawiecki,

who was baptized on Sunday, November 24, 2019.

Indiana March for Life

Wednesday January 22, 2020 12:00 p.m.

March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building

INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS

10:30 a.m. - Solemn Observance of Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Mass

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 126 W. Georgia Street Indianapolis, IN with Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty

10:30 a.m. - Memorial Service to the Unborn: Convention Center Indianapolis, IN

12:00 p.m. - March to the Capitol BuildingGeorgia Street to the Capitol Building

12:45 p.m. - Rally on the South Steps of the Capitol Building to follow March.



VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Special Need: Looking for handyman to clean and help fix equipment as well as carry heavy loads to clients' cars.

DONATIONS

Always need baby wash, diaper cream, diapers, and baby wipes. Donations are received Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street.

Contact Keri Carroll, at 317-236-1521 or kcarroll@archindy.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples – Do you want to give your spouse a Christmas gift that keeps on giving? Apply for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's the best Christmas gift you will ever give to each other and your marriage. Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 24 - 26, 2020, and November 6 – 8, 2020, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, on February 14 – 16, 2020. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.





Shadow Days: Crusader For A Day!

You can visit during a school day and be a Crusader For A Day! December 5 and January 14 & 15. To register, please visit scecina.org/admissions/visit/.

Applications for Admission

Applications for the Class of 2024 are now open! To apply, please visit www.scecina.org/admissions. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Walsh in the Admissions Office. ewalsh@scecina.org

Take the High School Placement Test

Students applying for freshman admission to Scecina are required to take the (HSPT). The test will be offered on Dec. 7, and Jan. 11. To register, please visit https://tinyurl.com/y3rjz8y5.

Scholarships for 8th graders

Scecina is pleased to offer several scholarships for incoming freshmen. To review these scholarships and the requirements, please visit www.scecina.org/scholarships.



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.

Cathedral Art of Christmas & Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Cathedral Cafeteria. Visit with Santa, enjoy a hot breakfast, cookie decorating and more. Register now at gocathedral.com/artofchristmas.

Cathedral High School Application Deadline

8th Graders! Get those applications in by December 15. Submit all applications to www.gocathedral.com/apply. For any questions please contact the Cathedral Admissions office at 317-968-7353.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m. Families can preregister by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

Cathedral Baseball Christmas Camp

Register now for K through 8th grade baseball camp at Cathedral High School, December 27, 2019. Camp begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 3:00 pm. \$65 fee includes a camp T-shirt. \$10 discount for siblings! Gocathedral.com/athletics/baseball-christmas-camp.



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