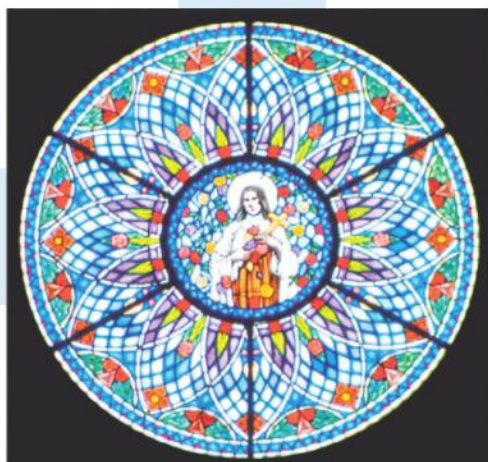


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At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

SCHOOL 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 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 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?

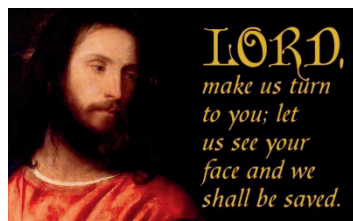
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 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,

Thanks to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Day Mass. Also, special thanks to those who brought food and/or gave in the collection to assist

the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Notwithstanding the coronavirus and the problems in our country, we all have much for which to be grateful. God is indeed the giver of all gifts, both divine and human.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas. In the past many of you have participated in Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic's *Best Advent Ever* email program. If you have not already signed up for the program, you can sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/>. This year's *Best Advent Ever* program is titled "Let Your Soul Shine with Matthew Kelly."

Because of COVID-19, there will not be an Advent Penance Service this year. Confessions are Saturday afternoons from 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Likewise, because of COVID-19, we are also unable to have our annual Christmas party.

Monday is the 27th anniversary of the death of Fr. James R. Hoffman. Fr. Hoffman was assistant pastor of Little Flower from February 9, 1955 until September 18, 1958. He succeeded Fr. Bernard Gerdon and was succeeded by Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Because he was assistant pastor when I started first grade, he is one of the first priests I remember.

Thursday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Today we should all pray to St. Francis Xavier for the Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and especially for Archbishop Thompson. St. Francis Xavier was one of the founding members of the Jesuits and was a missionary to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He and St. Therese are the co-patrons of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the missions.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to Edward and Eileen Wildrick and to Merrill and Marilyn Blackwell on the death of Edward's parents Mary Ann and Edward R. Wildrick, and Merrill's sister, Mary Ann Wildrick. We also extend our sympathy to Liz and Ryan Davis and their family on the death of Liz's aunt Mary Catherine McKenzie. Please keep all these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary Ann, Edward, and Mary Catherine into his eternal glory.



Readings for December 5 and 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1: 1-8

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120620.cfm>



Mass Intentions

For the Week of November 30 – December 6, 2020

30	November	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Janet, Janet Marie, & Paul Michael Commiskey by Paul Commiskey
01	December	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Verna Curtis by Kellie Tucher
02	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Julia McNally
03	December	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	John Zetzel by Mary and Robert Rancourt
04	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Judy Moss by Barbara Hirschauer
05	December	Saturday – Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Rita Foley by the Foley Family
06	December	Sunday – Advent
	9:30 a.m.	Sr. Norma Rocklage by Pax Christi Indianapolis
	6:00 p.m.	For the People



your attention please

CHRISTMAS MASS INFORMATION

By this time, parishioners have received a letter from Fr. Bob regarding Christmas Masses. Our Mass Schedule will be 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, and 9 a.m. on Friday, December 25. Pre-recorded music from several years ago by our adult and youth choir will be played thirty minutes before each Mass. In the interest of safety for everyone, we will utilize a ticketed reservation system for all Masses. We have no idea what to expect for attendance, so we must try to ensure that we don't have more attendees than can safely socially distance in church.

The full text of the letter is available via the link on the main page of our website, www.littleflowerparish.org. This information is being released to parishioners first, so if you plan to attend Mass in person, please reserve as soon as possible. The 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve will be live-streamed. The link to make in-person reservations is:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/christmas-mass-at-little-flower-catholic-church-ticket-127481640017>. You may call the parish office or email tom@littleflowerparish.org if you need additional assistance. If you don't have access to a computer and wish to make an in-person reservation, please call Jeannie at 317-357-8352. She will take care of your reservation and mail you your tickets.



Are you looking for a way to get into the holiday spirit? If so, please join the Parish Life Commission as we host **Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve**, starring the **ELF RUDOLPH the RED NOSED RYAN** with a **LIVE REINDEER** from the North Pole on **Sunday, December 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to see a live

reindeer! This will be an outside event here on our campus. All social distancing protocols will be followed, and face masks will be required. Don't forget to bring your camera to capture these special Kodak moments!!!

This weekend **Parish Life Commission** will have **Advent Project Bags** available for families with children to pick up at the doors of church. Inside the bag will be activities for your family to do to help celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is our hope that these activities will help remind your family of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, Our Savior. Please consider taking pictures of your family working on your projects and share them with us. You may e-mail pictures to pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or text them to Peggy Clegg at 317-403-7444. Please be sure to include your name when sending the pictures! Merry Christmas!



We Still Need Help!

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses throughout Advent. This includes the weekends of December 6, 13, and 20. If you are interested in helping, please send an email to tom@littleflowerparish.org, and send

your preferred weekend and Mass time. Please respond as soon as possible as we would like to get the schedule set. You will be sent a reminder before the weekend you are scheduled. As of this writing, the following dates/times are still available:

Sunday, December 6, at 6 p.m. Mass
 Sunday, December 13, at 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Sunday, December 20, at 9:30 a.m. Mass
 Sunday, December 20, at 6:00 p.m. Mass

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Collection of November 21 and 22	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 11/16 – 11/20	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$ 248,115.15
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$ 260,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 11,884.85

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,121.32
October Contributions	\$ 2,134.32
November Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,406.49

PLEASE NOTE

November 15 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, 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.



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, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Joe Clegg, Mary Skinner, Carol Freeland, and Dan Dugan.

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

Martha Haddin

1215 Shannon Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201



Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

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.



Tags are out this weekend on the St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees. Please take one if you can. We are also taking donations of Wal-Mart gift cards that will be used to shop for any unclaimed tags. Gifts are due back to church the weekend of December 12 and 13 or to the Parish Center by Monday, December 14, by 3 p.m. Thank you.

TAKE NOTE

LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the new Church year, beginning with the readings of November 28 and 29. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.



Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Our bulletin company has been alerted by UPS and FedEx that both companies expect to be pushed to capacity this holiday season, if not beyond. Holiday shipping is expected to put an additional strain on shipping companies that are already struggling to cope with increased demand due to the COVID pandemic. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

- December 12/13 bulletin submissions are **due by Wednesday, December 2, at noon.**
- December 19/20 bulletin submissions are **due by Wednesday, December 9, at noon.**
- December 26/27 bulletin submissions are **due by Wednesday, December 16, at noon.**

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