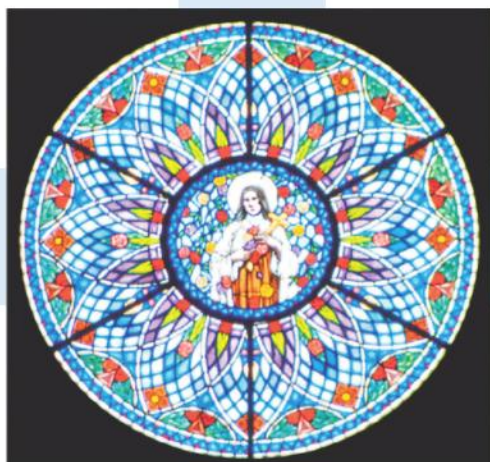


Peace Advent

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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?

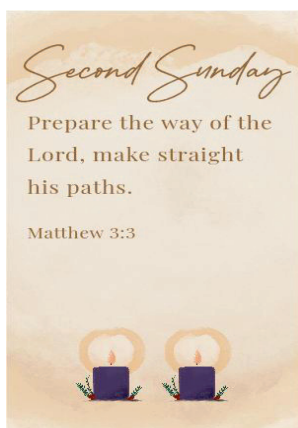
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Because this is normally a Holyday of Obligation, Masses will be Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. This would be a good

day to pray for deliverance from the scourge of the coronavirus and for an end of divisions within our country.

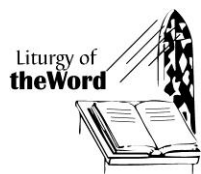
Many of you have noticed the absence of Mike Kanney, our sacristan, and the presence of a new sacristan. Mike is currently taking a leave of absence. Our new sacristan is Renee Elliott. Renee recently moved back to Little Flower. She is the daughter of deceased parishioner Barbara Elliott and the sister of parishioners Rae Anne Brizendine and Roma Ross. Please welcome Renee.

Saturday, 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 9 to December 12, 1531. Pope Pius XII declared her patroness of the Americas. St. Juan Diego's feast is celebrated on December 9.

Because there will not be a penance service for Advent, in addition to our regular Saturday confessions, I will hear confessions on Monday, December 14, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Readings for December 12 and 13

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11

I Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8,19-28

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121320.cfm>

The Adventuresome Group will not meet in December due to the increase in COVID-19 cases.



Please welcome into our Christian community Theodore Anthony, son of Samuel and Victoria (Schopper) Miller, who was baptized on Saturday, November 7, and Isla Rose, daughter of Mark and Amber (Branam) Hudgins, who was baptized on Sunday, November 15, 2020.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 7 - 13, 2020

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| 07 | December | Monday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | John Anthony Maio by the Family |
| 08 | December | Tuesday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | For the Parish |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Michael Anthony Maio by the Family |
| 09 | December | Wednesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | John Zetzel by Mary and Robert Rancourt |
| 10 | December | Thursday |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Molly Davis Hahn by the Ladies Club |
| 11 | December | Friday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | For a Special Intention |
| 12 | December | Saturday – Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Advent |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Harriett Hamilton by the Busby Family |
| 13 | December | Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Deceased Members of the Sweeney Family by Mary Sweeney |
| | 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!!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,000.00 |
| Collection of November 21 and 22 | \$ | 7,131.00 |
| Electronic Contributions 11/16 – 11/20 | \$ | 9,154.34 |
| Collection of November 28 and 29 | \$ | 2,965.06 |
| Electronic Contributions 11/23 – 11/27 | \$ | 2,609.34 |
| Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual | \$ | 269,974.89 |
| Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget | \$ | 286,000.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT | \$ | - 16,025.11 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| September Contributions | \$ | 2,121.32 |
| October Contributions | \$ | 2,134.32 |
| November Contributions (to date) | \$ | 2,096.65 |

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 NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2020, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 26/27 or at 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 2021.

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, Denise 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:

Harry and Betty Heidelberg

1309 N. Parker 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.

Christopher Torzewski, currently deployed in the United States Army.

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.

Next weekend, December 12 and 13, is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend, or give online at www.retiredreligious.org.



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 or on our website at www.littleflowerparish.org. Orders are placed on Tuesdays and are available for pickup on Fridays in the Parish Center between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Payment must accompany your order.) **We will order on the following dates for your Christmas needs:**

December 8 and 15

You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office 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. 105.



New to the scrip program is a mobile app called RaiseRight. You have the option to get physical gift cards sent right to your door or sent right to friends and family, and Little Flower will earn a percentage. To enroll in the RaiseRight mobile app, use **our organization's enrollment code C2C3C5733316**. You will be able to receive eGift cards and reloaded funds faster and get your gift cards delivered by securely paying online with a linked bank account or credit card.

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 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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