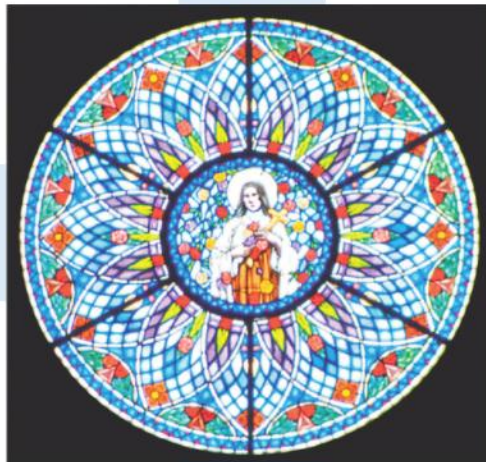


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near.

As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose. Also, the third candle of the Advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: *"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near"* [4:4-5].

We can take comfort that sunset is already later than it was earlier in December. The earliest sunset occurs at 5:20 p.m. December 6-9. Sunset today is 5:21. Unfortunately, the latest sunrise will not occur until January 4-5 when it will rise at 8:07 a.m.

Because there will be no Advent penance service, I will hear confessions this Monday, December 14, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Tomorrow is the 25th anniversary of the death of former pastor Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Fr. Robert or Fr. Bob served as associate pastor of Little Flower from 1958-1968 and as pastor of Little Flower from 1985-1995. When he was assigned as associate pastor, Fr. John decided everyone would call him Fr. Robert because Borchertmeyer would have been too difficult for the children. Fr. John would not allow Fr. Robert to be referred to as Fr. Bob. When he returned as pastor, he decided he would be called Fr. Bob. As associate pastor during my formative years, he played an important role in my vocation. Fr. Bob was killed in a traffic accident returning home from a Penance Service. Please remember Fr. Bob in your prayers today.

If you see Steve Clegg, please thank him for serving as Maintenance Director at Little Flower for the last 5 years. This Friday, December 18, will be his last day of regular work. However, he will continue to log some hours to follow up on our two major construction projects. Because of his knowledge, talents, and love for the parish, Steve has done an excellent job in this role working part time. Likewise, Steve plans to continue serving LF as a volunteer, notably as chairperson of the Buildings and Grounds Committee. As many of you know, Steve is a captain with the Indianapolis Fire Department.

As sorry as we are to see Steve leave this position, Jacob Comley has accepted our offer to move from the role of Custodian to the role of Maintenance Director effective December 14. During his final week, Steve will be training him full time. Jacob has served under Steve for over 2½ years. From everything I have seen, Jacob will do an excellent job in this role. For those who do not know Jacob, he has been a parishioner since 2011. His two children, Isabelle and Hannah, graduated from Little Flower and now attend Seccina Memorial High School.

Kienan Corcoran, son of Kevin and Trisha Corcoran and a student at the University of Evansville, is living in the Diocese of Evansville House of Discernment for young men discerning whether they may have a vocation to the priesthood. Please add Kienan to your prayers as he discerns his vocation.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



For the Week of December 14 - 20, 2020

14	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
15	December	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Norman McCarty by Ann McCarty and Family
16	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for Fr. Bob by parishioners
17	December	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	Mark Hannah
18	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Boyle by Mike Boyle
19	December	Saturday – Vigil of 4 th Sunday of Lent
	5:00 p.m.	Joe Bordenkecher by Charlie and Pauline Graf
20	December	Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent
	9:30 a.m.	DeEtte Bennet by Patty Cook
	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.

Gifts for Baby Jesus



Please remember your unwrapped Gifts for Baby Jesus at all Christmas Masses to help the Gabriel Project minister to women in crisis pregnancies. Needed items are baby body wash and lotion, towel and wash cloth sets, receiving blankets, wipes, diapers, socks, and small baby toys. Thank you for your support.



Readings for December 19 and 20

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122020.cfm>



We extend our condolences to *Jerry Johnson and Kevin & Jeanne Hawkins* on the death of Jerry's wife and Kevin's sister, Melanie Johnson. Melanie is an alumna of Little Flower School. Please keep all of Melanie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Melanie into his eternal glory.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24
Masses at 4:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M., & 10:00 P.M.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

Please note the 5:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Mass has been changed to 6:00 P.M. to allow time for cleaning in between Masses.

RESERVATIONS/TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. PLEASE SEE COMPLETE INFORMATION ELSEWHERE IN THE THERESEAN.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 26, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 27, at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Holyday of Obligation

Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31
NO MASS ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 2, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 3, Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 5 and 6	\$	14,199.50
Electronic Contributions 11/30 – 12/4	\$	8,956.84
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	293,131.23
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	299,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 5,868.77

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,134.32
November Contributions	\$	2,096.65
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,017.83

PLEASE NOTE

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.

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. To ensure delivery, our bulletin for December 26/27 submissions are due by Wednesday, December 16, at noon.

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, Dan Dugan, and Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger.

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:

Chester and Elizabeth Dyer

1427 N Drexel Avenue, 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.



Many thanks to parishioners who are turning in their Coca-Cola products caps to church. However, we haven't seen many codes from boxes

of cans. Those codes are located in the tear off section of the box. They are printed with a dot matrix style inside a rectangular box labeled "Official Code." Remember the 12-pack code is worth 15 cents and the 24-pack code is worth 30 cents! Caps and box ends can be left at the rear of the church in a canister marked for Coca Cola.



Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

If you still want to order gift cards for Christmas through our Scrip Program, there are 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 one more time before Christmas! Please have your order in by Tuesday, December 15.** You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office or in the collection basket. We also have an assortment of gift cards on hand to purchase. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 317-357-8352.

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.

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