

# Love Advent

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

In the midst of celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. On Christmas we celebrate Christ our Savior's birth in Bethlehem. Therefore, our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass in person or online with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we thank God above all for the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love for us, and pray for his rebirth in our lives and hearts each and every day.

If you wish to attend Christmas Mass in person and have not requested tickets, please check out the information regarding tickets elsewhere in *The Theresean*. **Tickets will be required to attend Christmas Masses in person.** Christmas Masses will be Thursday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Friday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. Please note the second Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. to allow for cleaning between Masses. Also, the 9:00 a.m. Mass will be the **only** Mass on Christmas Day. For those who will not be attending Christmas Mass in person, both the 4 p.m. and the 10 p.m. Masses will be live streamed.

The parish office will be closed Thursday, December 24, and Friday, December 25.

I want to extend a special thank you to the Parish Life Commission for putting together the Advent Project Bags and for arranging for Silly Safaris' Rudolph the Red Nosed Ryan and his reindeer friend Clarice to visit on Sunday, December 6!

As 2020 draws to a close, the entire parish and I want to thank our parish and school staff for their commitment, dedication, generosity, and kindness. The parish and school staffs have continued to work throughout the pandemic. The parish and school would not have been able to continue to serve our parishioners, our students, and those in need who come to us for assistance without their help.

Above all, the entire Little Flower staff and I want to thank all of you who continue to share your time, talent, and treasure with Little Flower even during the pandemic. When all is said and done, a parish is a family, and every member of the family is important to the ongoing life of the family especially in times like these. You continue to be exceptionally generous!

Finally as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we should remember Cardinal Tobin's definition of faith:

I think there are a lot of ways to define faith, but a definition that means a lot to me is the capacity to be surprised by God. If you look at Scripture, it is full of a lot of surprised people, people in exile, people forgotten, a world that thought that God lived worlds beyond the last star, only to discover that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.

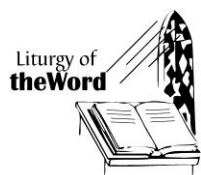
Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

*fr. Bob*



#### 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, bottles, socks, and small baby toys. Thank you for your support.



#### Readings for December 24 and 25

##### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2:1-14

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122520-mass-at-night.cfm>

#### Readings for December 26 and 27

##### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossian 3:12-17

Luke 2:22-40

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122720.cfm>

### STEWARDSHIP CORNER

#### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 12 and 13	\$	6,071.00
Electronic Contributions 12/7 – 12/11	\$	2,732.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	301,934.57
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	312,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 10,065.43

#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,134.32
November Contributions	\$	2,096.65
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,280.16

#### United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 12/10)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		45
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	13,404.00

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.





## Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 21 - 27, 2020

21	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Jack Porter
22	December	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Paul Hoffman by David & Bev Dinn
23	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	That the Advent Season has really prepared us for Christmas by Carol Freeland
24	December	Thursday – Christmas Eve
	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan & Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron
	6:00 p.m.	John Zetzl by Mary & Robert Rancourt
	10:00 p.m.	For the People
25	December	Friday – Christmas Day
	9:00 a.m.	Rose Priller by the Priller Family
26	December	Saturday – Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	5:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family
27	December	Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	9:30 a.m.	Bryan Cuppy by Donna & Thomas Kemp
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### **YOU WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO MASSES ON CHRISTMAS EVE OR CHRISTMAS DAY WITHOUT A TICKET**

By this time, parishioners have received a letter regarding Christmas Masses. Our Mass Schedule will be 4 p.m., 6 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24 and 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 25. Each Mass will include music pre-recorded several years ago by our adult and youth choir for 30 minutes before Mass. In the interest of safety for everyone, we will utilize a ticketed reservation system of 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. You should have a letter by now, and the full text of the letter is available via the link on the main page of our website, [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org). The 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 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-tickets-127481640017>.

**The 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve currently has a wait list. This will happen as Masses fill up. If at all possible, please choose another Mass if the Mass you prefer is filled.**

You may call the parish office or email [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org) if you have questions. If the Mass time you prefer is no longer available, our hope is that you can be flexible enough to choose another time. If you don't have access to a computer and wish to make a reservation, please call Jeannie at 317-357-8352. She will take care of your reservation and mail you your tickets. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

### 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.



NEWLY  
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Amalia Rose Campanelli-Ball, daughter of Adrian Ball and Gabrielle Campanelli, who was baptized on Sunday, December 6, 2020.

***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, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, and Rita Gibson.

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:

#### Mary Helen Eckrich

1455 Eagle Trace Drive, Greenwood, IN 46143



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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

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