

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

This Friday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Because of the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holydays, the only Mass for the Solemnity will be Thursday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m.

January 1 has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2021 is "The culture of care as a path for peace." Pope Francis wrote, "The culture of care thus calls for a common, supportive and inclusive commitment to protecting and promoting the dignity and good of all, a willingness to show care and compassion, to work for reconciliation and healing, and to advance mutual respect and acceptance. As such, it represents a privileged path to peace."

Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1.

Finally, the entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

*The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be
gracious to you. The LORD look upon you kindly
and give you peace!*

Have a wonderful year.

fr. Bob

Mass Intentions



For the Week of December 28, 2020 – January 3, 2021

28	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	James Gilday, Sr. by Sandy Gilday
29	December	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
30	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Elizabeth Garvey by the Lee Family
31	December	Thursday – New Year Eve
	6:00 p.m.	For the People
01	January	Friday – New Year Day
		No Mass
02	January	Saturday – Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth and John Roseman by Mr. and Mrs. Sitzman
03	January	Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Chris Priller
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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.

Our Sincere Thanks

Big THANK YOU to Scecina Memorial High School for donating their prepaid Summerfest sponsorship money to our Chillin' with Fr. Bob campaign. We appreciate your generosity!

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



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, Rita Gibson, and Lourdes Riedeman.

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:

Agnes Evrard

1223 N Edmondson Apt B2, Indianapolis, IN 46219



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.

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LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Collection of December 19 and 20	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/14 – 12/18	Check back next week
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

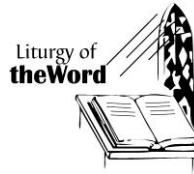
October Contributions	\$ 2,134.32
November Contributions	\$ 2,096.65
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,280.16

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.



Readings for December 31/January 1
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD**

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010121.cfm>

Readings for January 2 and 3

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010321.cfm>



Welcome to the Newest Members of the Class of 2025!

The Scecina Admissions Office is pleased to welcome the newest members of the Class of 2025! Eighth-graders from all over the city have applied and have been accepted to Scecina, including students from Our Lady of Lourdes, Holy Spirit, St. Philip Neri, Little Flower, Holy Cross, St. Matthew, The Oaks Academy, Mount Vernon Middle School, and Tindley Accelerated.

If your child has not yet applied for the 2021-2022 school year, visit scecina.org/admissions-process.

Register for the High School Placement Test

All students applying for freshman admission to Scecina are required to take the HSPT exam. The next test date at Scecina for the Class of 2025 is 8 a.m. Saturday, January 9, 2021. Students who already have been accepted to Scecina must also take the placement test.

Visit scecina.org/admissions-process and go to Step 3 for instructions.

If you take the HSPT elsewhere, you can upload your results to your application checklist. Results must be from the 8th grade.

Zoom Through Admissions

Thank you to everyone who joined Scecina for the virtual Zoom Through Admissions series. Some sessions are available on demand on YouTube. Visit scecina.org/zoom or go to Scecina's YouTube page at youtube.com/c/ScecinaMemorialHighSchool1953. You can search for the Zoom playlist on the YouTube channel.

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