

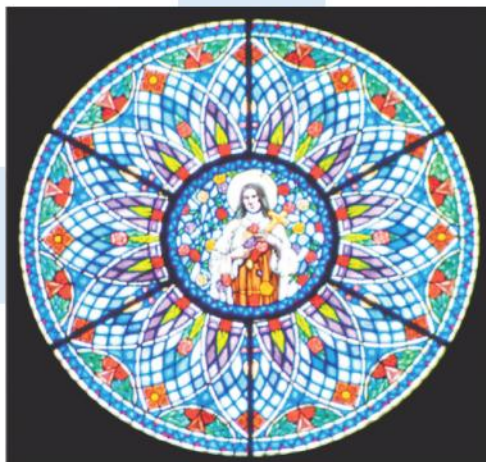


Baptism of the Lord

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,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas.

As I have previously mentioned, the baptism of Jesus was originally included in the celebration of the Epiphany. The Epiphany celebrated three events in Jesus' life: the visit of the magi, Jesus' baptism, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. All three were understood to be manifestations of the Son of God. This ancient understanding of the Epiphany is remembered in the antiphon for the Cantic of Mary in Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Epiphany in the Liturgy of the Hours:

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

Although the visit by the Magi had been almost the sole focus of the Epiphany for a very long time, it was only after the Octave Day of the Epiphany was abolished as a feast in 1955 that a feast titled the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord" was established. It was originally on January 13, the former Octave Day of the Epiphany, which already focused on the baptism of Jesus.

Tomorrow begins Week 1 of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. During Ordinary Time, green is the liturgical color, the color of hope.

Congratulations to Little Flower parishioners and/or Little Flower School graduates who earned high honors or honors at Seccina Memorial High School for the second quarter.

High Honors

Manuel Avila	Reanna Hollada	Joshua Thomas
William Battles	Cayla Long	Chase Turner
Isabelle Comley	Madelynn Martin	Gavin Turner
Lilly Cunagin	Allison Minton	Julia White
Alexis Dohleman	Ana Moreno-Jerez	Mya White
Faye Eskew	Fatima Quintero	Lucille Williamson
Miriam Herrea	Dania Ruiz	Susan Williamson
	Isabella Salas	Olivia Young

Honors

Adriana Adams	Courtney Harris	Maria Nevins
Aidan Battles	Grason Holt	Ellen Stillions
Sydney Deiwert	Andrew Minton	

Also, several Little Flower parishioners and/or Little Flower school graduates serve on Seccina Memorial High School's Student Council this academic year: Senior Grason Holt, Junior Rebecca Rayl, Sophomore Lucy Williamson, and Freshmen Lilly Cunagin and Ellen Stillions. Congratulations to them as well.

On a personal note, once again I want to thank you for all your Christmas gifts. You are a wonderfully generous and supportive parish. If I missed sending a thank you note to anyone who gave me a Christmas gift, I apologize.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



For the Week of January 11 - 17, 2021

11 January	Monday
5:30 p.m.	Bernardine Gergash by Ron & Diane Sharp
12 January	Tuesday
9:30 a.m.	Therese Campbell by Rita Gibson
13 January	Wednesday
5:30 p.m.	James Gilday Jr. by Sandy Gilday
14 January	Thursday
9:30 a.m.	Linda Swain by Friends
15 January	Friday
5:30 p.m.	Patricia Bowman by the Ladies Club
16 January	Saturday – Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m.	Jerry Sweeney by Terri & Tim Downs
17 January	Sunday – Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
9:30 a.m.	Hilda Miller by Jim & Loretta Miller
6:00 p.m.	For the People

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.

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 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:

Roberta Galluzzi

9191 Garrison Drive Apt 104B, Indianapolis, IN 46240



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.



We extend our condolences to *Jim and Loretta Miller* on the death of Jim's brothers, **George Miller**, who died in June and his brother **Charles Miller**, who died in December, and for their sister-in-law, **Hilda Miller** who died in November. We remember our parishioners **Gail Eisenhut** who passed away on December 19, and **Rita Gibson** who passed away on December 23. Gail was 62 years young and would sometimes help at the festival. She often donated flowers to the Plant Booth. Rita was 91 years young, and before her health declined Rita was active in the Ladies Club, was a greeter at Mass, worked Mercy Meals, and she always decorated the window sills in the St. Patrick Room. We extend our sympathy to *Shawn and Joyce Keenan* on the death of Shawn's dad, **Carl Edward Keenan**, who passed away on December 28. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome George, Charles, Hilda, Gail, Rita, and Carl into his eternal glory.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.



Please welcome into our Christian community Santiago Jose, son of Ramon Sautos and Tatiana Laitano, who was baptized on Sunday, December 20, 2020.

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of January 2 and 3	\$	7,781.05
Electronic Contributions 12/28 - 1/1	\$	2,874.34
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	343,052.25
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	351,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 7,947.75

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,096.65
December Contributions	\$	2,619.32
January Contributions (to date)	\$	333.33

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 12/17)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		67
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	18,044.00



Readings for January 16 and 17
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19
1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20
John 1:35-42

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011721.cfm>



Little Flower Coca-Cola fans have passed the \$1000.00 mark in donations. Keep the caps and box parts coming! You may drop your donations in the clear plastic barrel labeled for Coca-cola that is at the main entrance of church. Codes can also be entered by going online to www.coke.com. You would establish your own account. Under the "Give" tab click on "Donate to Your Local School", then search for "ST THERESE LITTLE FLOWER SCH" using the school's zip code 46201. Once set-up you can enter the codes that are on the caps or box parts. Thank you for your participation!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Classes will begin soon for any children ages 9 or above who have not been baptized, or who are baptized in another Christian denomination. These classes are designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to practice of the Catholic faith, or delayed your child's sacramental preparation, all are welcome. Please contact Lisa at the parish office if you would like to enroll your child. Please email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352, ext. 105.



Right to Life of Indianapolis has once again planned the **INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE, MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RALLY** for Friday, **January 22, 2021** starting at noon in downtown Indy on Georgia Street. This year RTLI will be one of six Midwest cities partnering with March for Life Chicago **MOVING THE MOVEMENT** MIDWEST TOUR with events and diaper drives in seven cities from January 4-23. Go to marchforlifechicago.org or www.rtlindy.org for more information.



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