ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

5:00 PM Mass Saturday: 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 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 PARISH CENTER 317-357-5316 Fax 317-322-7702 SCHOOL 317-353-2282 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,

Thanks to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Day Mass. Also, special thanks to those who brought food and/or gave in the collection to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Notwithstanding the coronavirus and the problems in our country, we all have much for which to be grateful. God is indeed the giver of all gifts, both divine and human.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas. In the past many of you have participated in Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic's *Best Advent Ever* email program. If you have not already signed up for this year's program, you can sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website: <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/</u>. This year's *Best Advent Ever* program is titled "Move Toward the Light with Matthew Kelly."

Our Advent Penance Service this year will be this Tuesday, November 30, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Confessions are also on Saturday afternoons from 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday is the 28th anniversary of the death of Fr. James R. Hoffman. Fr. Hoffman was assistant pastor of Little Flower from February 9, 1955 until September 18, 1958. Because he was assistant pastor when I started first grade, he is one of the first priests I remember.

Friday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Today we should all pray to St. Francis Xavier for the Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. St. Francis Xavier was a missionary to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He and St. Therese are the co-patrons of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the missions.

At our All-Class Reunion, we added three outstanding alumni to our Wall of Honor.

James Rose, Class of 1971, was the son of Ethel and Harry Rose and the twin brother of parishioner Bob Rose. James is a licensed architect currently working for Drexel University. Working for academic institutions allowed James time to volunteer for a variety of community activities, including serving on the Jenkintown Planning Commission for twenty years, including ten years as chairman. James and his wife Barbara have two grown daughters. Barbara and James taught natural family planning (NFP) classes for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and now he supports Barbara's work at the Gianna Center of Philadelphia. They also participate in the annual Life Chain and offer prayerful presence at abortion centers in the Philadelphia area. Little Flower provided James with a solid foundation to build his Catholic faith and helped pave the way for a lifetime of service. For being a servant leader through volunteerism and as a pro-life advocate, we honor James Rose as an outstanding alumnus of Little Flower Catholic School.

David Smock, Class of 1985, is the youngest of nine children of Patrick and Julia Smock. David served at Scecina for more than 15 years, teaching multiple subjects and serving in various roles. Since 2011, he has served as principal at St. Matthew Catholic School. During his time in college, David was "voluntold" by his father Pat to begin a computer database of all LF alumni, helping to foster what is now an amazingly supportive alumni support base. He also helped to digitize all 50+ years of Little Flower's yearbooks, as well as all of Scecina's and St. Matthew's yearbooks. He is in his 31st year of helping Scecina football, where he helped re-create their statistical records and record book and helped digitize all of the 60+ years of game films. David says the value he received from his Little Flower education stems from his parents' commitment to Catholic education and service to the parish, school, and community first and foremost. David says, "I received an excellent education, but moreover I learned the importance of faith, family and community." For his commitment to Catholic school education, we honor David Smock as an outstanding alumnus of Little Flower Catholic School.

Stephanie Wendel-Sponsel, Class of 2002, is the daughter of parishioners Jeff and Dawn Wendel. After graduating from Scecina, she graduated from Indiana University Kelly School of Business. For the last nine years, she has worked at netlogx currently serving as the Chief Operating Officer. Stephanie lives on the Eastside with her husband Bobby and their four children. Stephanie is incredibly dedicated to giving back to the Indianapolis community. In 2018, not only was she a finalist for Indy's Best and Brightest, but she was also a Techpoint Tech 25 award recipient. She also volunteers her time as the finance chair for Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish, as the treasurer of the Indianapolis chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO), and as a member of the United Way of Central Indiana Tech Fund Work Group. Stephanie believes the education and teachers at Little Flower taught her the value of hard work, relationships, and her religion. For her commitment to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and School and to the larger Indianapolis community, we honor Stephanie Wendel-Sponsel as an outstanding alumna of Little Flower Catholic School. Stephanie is our youngest outstanding alumna.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob

🔆 Masses of the Week

For the Week of November 29 – December 5, 2021

29	November	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Virginia Stoops by the Ladies Club
30	November	Tuesday
		No Mass
01	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Skinner by Bob & Mary Sitzman
02	December	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	Julia McNally
03	December	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
04	December	Saturday –Vigil of The Second Sunday of
		Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends
05	December	Sunday – The Second Sunday of Advent
	9:30 a.m.	John J. Gilday by Joe & Laurie Breen
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

	November 29 – December 5, 2021				
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	Parish Center	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep		
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore		
Tuesday	at Our Lady	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance		
	of Lourdes		Service		
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir		
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission		
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Advent Preparation		
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club		
	(school café)	_			
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday					
Saturday	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection at all				
	doors after all	doors after all Masses.			
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	PPS Pancake Breakfast		
	(school café)				
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children		

PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.

All things are possible with God



We remember our parishioner, Mary Wagner Perry, who passed away on November 12 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 17. Mary was 83

years young and joined the parish in 2018. She came to Mass faithfully until her health declined and she moved into a nursing facility. Please keep all of Mary's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mary into his eternal glory.



Readings for December 4 and 5 Second Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11 Luke 3:1-6 To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120521.cfm.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of November 13 and 14	\$	5,816.00
Electronic Contributions 11/8 – 11/12	\$	2,772.39
		k back next week
Electronic Contributions 11/15-11/19	Checl	k back next week
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	245,210.01
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	260,000.00

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Home Improvement Fund

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT

September Contributions	\$ 2,011.32
October Contributions	\$ 2,064.66
November Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,208.50

PLEASE NOTE

November 14 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 or did not fill one out at church last weekend, 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.



As the holidays approach, remember the students at Little Flower during your festive preparations. If you have purchased cans - each 12 pack has a code worth 15 cents, each 24 pack code is worth 30 cents! These codes are located inside the box

on the perforated opening and are labeled "Official Code" and printed in a dot matrix format. Don't confuse this with the bar code from the outside of the box. Of course, coke caps have a code worth 5 cents each. The jug is located in the gathering area of the church.



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested

prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Tricia Allstatt, Charles Aughe , Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Roberta Galluzzi, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Lois Irwin, Fr. Paul Koetter, Bobbie Lawless, Mitzi Loomis, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Gene Miller, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Denice Rose, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

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:

Esther Capps Creekside Health and Rehab 3114 E 46th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

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.

Matthew Hughey, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.



Our parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 12, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends and hopefully get everyone into the Christmas spirit! We

will be having brunch instead of lunch due to the earlier start time! The menu will include eggs, ham, potatoes, muffins, fruit, sausage gravy and biscuits, milk and orange juice. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present for those Kodak moments, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. There will be a craft activity for grade school students to make if they wish. There will also be door prizes for both adults and children. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!





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 supply chain issues. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

Christmas Schedule

- <u>December 19 bulletin</u> submissions are **due by Thursday**, **December 9**, **at noon**.
- <u>December 26 bulletin</u> submissions are **due by Tuesday**, **December 14, at noon**.
- January 2 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday, December 23, at noon.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center, to celebrate Christmas (NOTE: There will be no Mass at 11:00 a.m. due to the Holy Day.) The menu will include baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn casserole, green beans,

rolls, desserts, and drinks. This month the Kindergarten classes will be visiting us! Please plan on coming and bring a friend. There will be surprises for everyone. Please contact the parish center at 317-357-8352 x 103 if you plan on attending.



Part Time Maintenance Assistant

Little Flower Catholic Church and School currently has a part-time daytime position for a highly motivated person to fill an

immediate opening. Position will include general maintenance and light custodial work of all parish buildings and grounds. Hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with occasional opportunities for additional hours. Applicant should have general knowledge of maintenance and custodial duties related to school and church buildings. Applicant will work in conjunction with Maintenance Director and night cleaning contractor to maintain Little Flower's Campus. Applicant must be able to do heavy work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning. Previous work experience in maintenance preferred.

This position could be ideal for a handy person who is retired and looking for something part time to stay busy, or perhaps a parent who can work during their children's school hours.

Interested persons may email information to Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org.



Little Flower Men's Club Car Wash

The Little Flower Men's Club Crew Car Wash sale ends November 30! See below for the link and instructions for purchasing Crew Car Wash tickets. Only single e-washes are available for

our online sales, and **you must use the Promo Code 60968 when purchasing your tickets**. Your e-washes will be delivered to the email provided at check out. E-washes can be printed, or they can be scanned directly from any Smartphone. Book sales are not included in our package for the fundraiser, so please make sure you select the single E-Wash option.

Here are the instructions to make your purchase.

The e-Wash web store address is:

https://websiteconnect.drb.com/crewcarwash/E-

<u>WashGifts.aspx</u> or <u>www.crewcarwash.com</u>, click on Shop, then click on Wash Books & Gift Cards in the drop down menu scroll down to the e-Wash section.

Select the eWash(es) that you would like to purchase.

Click on "View Shopping Cart"

The promo code 60968 must be entered before the checkout process for your organization to receive credit. You will find the promo field on the Shopping Cart page right before you check out. Thank you for your participation in our annual event. We will earn 50% of the sales.

Advent Preparation Gatherings!!

Thursday, December 2, 2021

"The Woman"

In the Gospels we hear Jesus refer to his mother, Mary, as "Woman." This reference should draw our attention to the woman mentioned in Genesis as well as in the book of Revelation. But who is this "Woman," and why is she so central to the history of salvation?

This powerful film presents the beautiful Catholic teaching about Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and her important role in the Church and in the lives of Christians today. Video and discussion led by Pattiann Gavaghan.

Thursday, December 9, 2021

"The Story of the Nativity: The Truth about Christmas"

The story of the birth of Jesus is often misunderstood. But this fast-paced and thought provoking look at the true story of the Nativity clears away widespread misunderstanding of Jesus' origin. Explore the true story of Mary and Joseph, Jesus' miraculous conception, the birth of John the Baptist, the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, the Star of Bethlehem, and the birth of Jesus. Video and discussion led by Dianna Deputy.

All meetings will be held in the St. Therese room of the Parish Center from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. We hope to see you there! Pre-registration is not necessary.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic) June 2020 - August 2020 September 2020 - November 2020	608 184 252
December 2020 - February 2021	238
March 2021 - May 2021	324
June 2021 - August 2021	385
September-October 2021	404
November (so far)	416



YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays November 28 and December 5, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? Please contact Tom at

tom@littleflowerparish.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. Orders are placed on Tuesdays and are available for pickup on Fridays. (Payment must accompany your order.) We will order on the following dates for your Christmas needs:

November 30, December 7 and 14

You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, through school, or the collection basket. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the parish office, 357-8352 ext. 105.

Please note we are phasing out the Scrip Program after the Holidays. All orders during the Holidays will benefit the tuition assistance fund.







CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



The Little Flower Arts and Environment Committee is taking orders for poinsettias to be used to decorate the church for the Christmas Season.

Plants may be dedicated in memory of a deceased loved one. The plants will not be marked individually, but all dedications will be listed in our "Christmas Flower Memorials" to be published in the Parish Bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

The cost to dedicate a plant is \$10.00.

Complete the form below, enclose your check made payable to Little Flower, and return in an envelope clearly marked "Christmas Flowers" in the Sunday Collection or directly to the Parish Center. Deadline for dedications is Monday, December 13, 2021,

RETURN THIS PORTION – CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS				
Your Name:				
Your Phone Number:				
Number of Plants DedicatedX \$10.00 =(amount enclosed)				
Please indicate In Memory Of:				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5.				



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