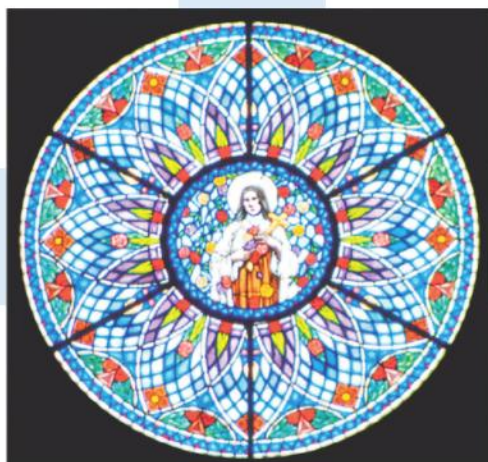


Peace Advent

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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,

Wednesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 9:30 a.m. (an All-School Mass) and 6:00 p.m. The 9:30 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed. This is the patronal feast day for the United States. Therefore, I would encourage everyone to attend Mass to pray for our country and to pray for an end to the COVID pandemic.

Bob Kiley, Class of 1949, established Little Flower Catholic School's first donor-funded scholarship in 2000. Since then 13 additional scholarships and awards have been added. On Tuesday, November 23, Little Flower hosted a donor-funded scholarship recognition program for eight of these scholarships and awards. These eight scholarships and awards are geared mostly to elementary school assistance and, therefore, are awarded early in the school year. The scholarships and awards and their winners are:

- The Bob Kiley Memorial Scholarship: Hillari Lathrop
- The Kevin and Beverly Walke Farrell Scholarship: Jacob Minton
- The Johnson Family Scholarship in Memory of Don Johnson: Isabella Honeycutt
- The John, Rosemary, and Zac Clegg Memorial Scholarship:
- Sky Davis (Grade 6), Holden Groulik (Grade 7), and Kate Erdosy (Grade 8)
- The Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards:
Grade 8: Rain Davis, Edgar Arboleda, Frank Cheever, Joe Cheever
Grade 7: Cecilia Lyons, Ashley Orozco Montgomery, Kenia Reyes Bezerra, Melanie Garcia Rodriguez
Grade 6: Frances McGinley
- The Joanne T. Beltrame Courage and Perseverance Memorial Scholarship: Hannah McMahon
- The Margaret P. Sullivan Award: Eva Aguayo and Valentina Guerre-Pena
- The Hazel Elizabeth Holdaway Gallagher Awards:
Eric Mendoza, Edgar Arboleda, Valentina Guerre-Pena, and Anna Robinson.

Congratulations to all the scholarship and awards winners and their parents. Thanks to all those who established and/or support these scholarships.

Thanks to all of our veteran altar servers who have been mentoring new altar servers these last few weeks. Many of the veteran servers have been very attentive to the new servers. I think this communicates to our parish community how important this ministry is to them.

CYO Executive Director Bruce Scifres has written a book titled *True Impact – 25 Short Stories And Insights That Inspire Transformational Leadership*. Bruce was formerly the head football coach at Roncalli High School. This book is a fast read, and it is written for everyone... young and old, male and female... and focuses on how we can all become the leader and person God created us to be.

Bill Kuntz, who is a Senior Vice President/Partner with iRiS Recruiting Solutions and a life-long CYO supporter has this to say about the book, "True Impact is a faith-affirming, heart-warming, and inspirational guide to make us all better followers and leaders. Bruce's book brought me many smiles, a few tears, and most importantly, countless examples of steps I can take to lead others in a transformational way while being transformed myself. You will be transformed by this book!"

Bruce wrote this book to be a fund raiser for CYO. Next weekend representatives from our athletic program will be in the gathering area in church after all the Masses to sell copies of this book. The cost for each book is \$20, all of the proceeds of which go to CYO. If you are looking for a perfect Christmas gift for a family member or loved one and want to support CYO in the process, this is the perfect opportunity!

Finally, before Thanksgiving, our Pre-4 class listed the things for which they are thankful: grapes, dogs, horses, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, houses, family, Violet sharing her food, hugs and holding hands.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



Masses of the Week

For the Week of December 6 -12, 2021

06	December	Monday
		No Mass
07	December	Tuesday
	9:30 a.m.	Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family
08	December	Wednesday – The Immaculate Conception
	9:30 a.m.	Michael Anthony Maio by the Maio Family
	6:00 p.m.	For the People
09	December	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	Anne Hook by Mary Seal
10	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Lynn Cheever by Roni Wyld
11	December	Saturday –Vigil of The Third Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Norma Jean Clark by June Ann Jorgenson
12	December	Sunday – The Third Sunday of Advent
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	John Penn by Dick and Judy Sitzman

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 5 - 12, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (school café)	9:00 a.m.	PPS Pancake Breakfast
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
Monday	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Movie Night hosted by the Invite Commission
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	The Immaculate Conception – Holy Day		
	Parish Center	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
Thursday	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	Advent Preparation
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection at all doors after all Masses.		
Sunday	Return all Giving Tree Gifts this Weekend		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	12:00 p.m.	Band/Choir Concert

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



STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of November 20 and 21	\$	5,459.00
Electronic Contributions 11/15-11/19	\$	8,792.00
Collection of November 27 and 28	\$	5,485.55
Electronic Contributions 11/22-11/26	\$	4,102.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	269,048.56
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	286,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 16,951.44

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,011.32
October Contributions	\$	2,064.66
November Contributions	\$	1,820.00

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.

Next weekend, December 11 and 12 is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend, or give online at www.retiredreligious.org.



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:

Brenda Crosley

5505 Yucatan Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46237

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.

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

- December 19 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday, December 9, at noon.
- December 26 bulletin 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.

Advent Preparation

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.

We will meet 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.

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Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

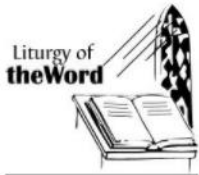
Believe it or not, the holidays are quickly approaching! This year has flown by, but rest assured there is no need to panic about the hustle and bustle that lies ahead in the weeks to come. Instead make plans to make the most of the Holiday Season by purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program!

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:**

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.



Readings for December 11 and 12 Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:10-18

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121221.cfm>

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - August 2020	184
September 2020 - November 2020	252
December 2020 - February 2021	238
March 2021 - May 2021	324
June 2021 - August 2021	385
September-October 2021	404
November	417

Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Fatima Council Ladies Auxiliary is having their annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be provided and we will have a \$10.00 gift exchange. All ladies are welcome. Please call Mary Blagburn (317-374-6153), or Mary McGinley (317-627-2840) for more details, or with any questions and to confirm your reservation so we can have an accurate count for the meal. We will have a very brief meeting before the party. The Christmas Party will be held at Fatima Event Center located at 1040 North Post Road. See you there!



**SEECINA
MEMORIAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

Win a \$3,000 Scholarship
Students who apply and enroll at Seecina by **March 31, 2022**, are eligible for a

\$3,000 Early Bird Scholarship. All five items below must be completed. The winner's name will be drawn on April 4, 2022!

1. Apply for admission and complete your application.
2. Be accepted as a member of Seecina's Class of 2026.
3. Complete your registration form and pay the registration fee.
4. Complete the tuition assistance application or financial aid waiver.
5. Course Request by attending Curriculum Night on February 23, March 2, or making an individual appointment.



YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 5, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, December 19 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church

New Members are always welcome.

Questions? Please contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 - 4:00 P.M.; 5:30 P.M.; & 10:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (music beginning at 9:25 P.M.)

Christmas Morning, Saturday, December 25 - 9:30 A.M.

NO Confessions and NO Mass on Saturday evening.

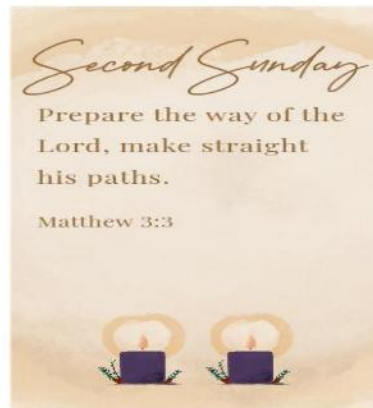
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

NO CONFESSIONS AND NO ANTICIPATION MASS on December 25.

Sunday, December 26 - 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass





Little Flower Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 12,
after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
In the School Cafeteria.**



Menu: eggs, potatoes,
sausage gravy and biscuits,
ham, muffins, fruit, and drinks.



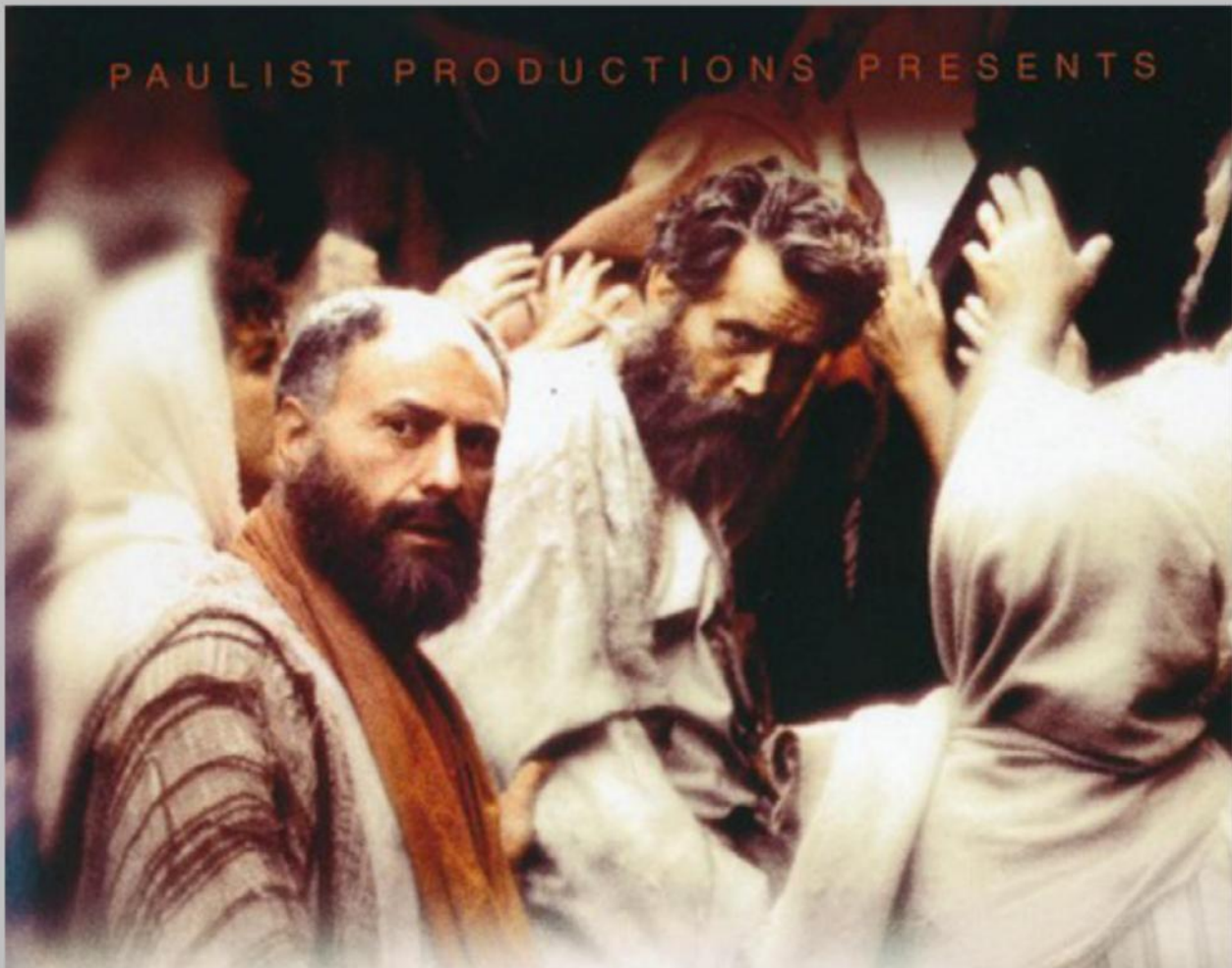
FEATURING

**Visit with Santa (bring a camera for pictures)
Craft project for the kids
Door prizes for adults and children
Lots of Holiday Cheer!**

Come celebrate with your parish family!

Hosted by the Parish Life Commission.

MOVIE NIGHT!



“The Fourth Wise Man”

December 6th 6:30 pm
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

STARRING

ALAN ARKIN

MARTIN SHEEN

Join us for

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*SNACKS! Discussion led
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