

# Joy 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](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) by noon on Monday.



Dear Parish Family,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of

the Lord is near. As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose. Also, the third candle of the advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near*" [4:4-5].

If today were not the Third Sunday of Advent, today we would celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac from December 9 to December 12 in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and was raised to the level of Feast for all the countries of the Americas in 1999.

We can also rejoice that sunset is already later than it was earlier in December. The earliest sunset occurs at 5:20 p.m. December 6-9. Sunset today is 5:21. Unfortunately, the latest sunrise will not occur until January 4-5 when it will rise at 8:07 a.m.

Tuesday is the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of former pastor Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Fr. Robert or Fr. Bob served as associate pastor of Little Flower from 1958-1968 and as pastor of Little Flower from 1985-1995. Fr. Bob was killed in a traffic accident returning home from a Penance Service. Please remember Fr. Bob in your prayers today.

Tuesday is also the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Bob Mazzola. Fr. Bob lived part time at Little Flower a few years when he was working part time at the Tribunal. Also, please remember Fr. Mazzola in your prayers.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our condolences to Ed and Cindy Wernsing on the death of Ed's brother, Jim Wernsing. Please keep all of Jim's family and

friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jim into his eternal glory.



## Masses of the Week

For the Week of December 13 -19, 2021

13	December	<b>Monday</b>
		No Mass
14	December	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Diane Sharp by Jerry & Joan Bullock
15	December	<b>Wednesday</b>
	11:00 a.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
16	December	<b>Thursday</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Patricia Ann Gutzmer by the Ladies Club
17	December	<b>Friday</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Agnes Evrard by Bob & Mary Sitzman
18	December	<b>Saturday –Vigil of The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	5:00 p.m.	Kathleen Okerson by the Okerson Family
19	December	<b>Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob Gilday by the Parish

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

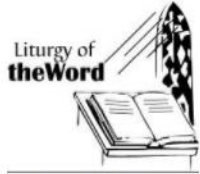
December 12 - 19, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection at all doors after all Masses.		
	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
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Family	12:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LFAC
<b>Wednesday</b>	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>			
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	SVDP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

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

**Please Note:**

**The Parish Office will close at noon on  
Thursday, December 16, 2021**



**Readings for December 18 and 19  
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Micah 5:1-4a

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121921.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-November 2021	407
December (so far)	415

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 4 and 5	\$	11,587.00
Electronic Contributions 11/29-12/3	\$	8,219.50
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	288,855.06
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	299,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 10,144.94

**Home Improvement Fund**

October Contributions	\$	2,064.66
November Contributions	\$	1,820.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,044.50

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like a donation to be credited in 2021, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 25/26 or the parish office by December 30. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2022.

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.

**Lector Servers and Eucharistic Ministers**

We will soon be running the schedule for January, February, and March. We would like to accommodate times that you anticipate being away and unable to serve. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below):

- Lectors, please email Tom Costello at [tcostello@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tcostello@littleflowerparish.org).
- Eucharistic Ministers, please email Ron Sharp at [duvokote@aol.com](mailto:duvokote@aol.com).
- Servers, please email Lisa Gibbons at [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

Thank you for continuing to serve in your respective roles. We need you as we continue to try to return to some form of normalcy. Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. If there are no dates that you can anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If however, you have dates to request that you not be scheduled, **please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than Thursday, December 16.**



*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:

Marty Tamer

Arlington Place

1635 N Arlington Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218

**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

### 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 26 bulletin submissions are **due by Tuesday, December 14, at noon.**
- January 2 bulletin submissions are **due by Thursday, December 23, at noon.**



### DATE CHANGE!!!

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 15, at 11:00 a.m. for Mass and afterward** in the Parish Center, to celebrate Christmas. 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.

## WE'RE HIRING!

### 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](mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org).



### Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

One more time to order Scrip before Christmas!

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 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.**



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

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, meeting in church at 3:15 p.m.

We will also sing on Sundays, December 26 and January 2, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? Please contact Tom at [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org)

## ★ YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Searching for Host families!

Seccina needs families willing to share their home with an international student. We have an immediate need and needs for the second semester. You only need a bed and the willingness to share your life with a young man or woman who wants to experience life in America. There is a monthly living stipend included. If you are willing to share your home or have any questions regarding hosting, please feel free to contact me at 317-697-3546.

*He will baptize you with  
the Holy Spirit*

MATTHEW 3:11



### Win a \$3,000 Scholarship

Students who apply and enroll at Scecina 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 Scecina'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.



### Gifts for Baby Jesus

Please remember to bring your UNWRAPPED gifts for Baby Jesus to support our Gabriel Project babies to all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. We are greatly in need of:

- Diapers
  - Wipes
  - Bath towel and wash cloth sets
  - Body wash and lotion
  - Socks ( newborn to 2T)
  - Bibs
  - Receiving blankets
  - Learning toys for babies up to 2T
- Your support is greatly appreciated.

### Church Bulletin Advertising

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#### Contact

**Brian Marsh**

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### 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

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### 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  
(music begins at 9:15 A.M.)

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

This is a holyday, but not a holyday of obligation this year.

Anticipation Mass on Friday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M.

Friday evening is the only Mass for the Holyday.

**NO MORNING MASS** on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

**NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022.**

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 1, at 5:00 P.M.

(NO confessions on Saturday Afternoon.)

Sunday Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass  
(music begins at 9:15 A.M.)

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