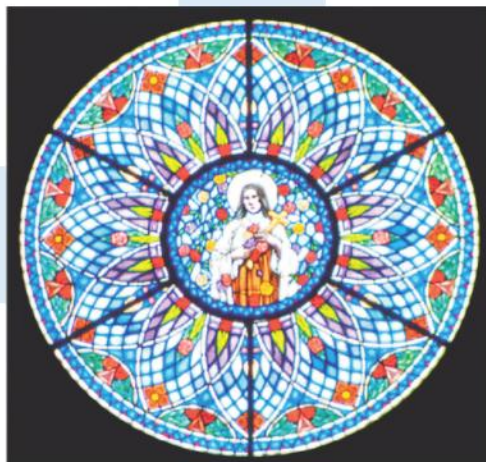


# Love Advent

## 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 by noon on Monday.



LORD,  
MAKE US TURN  
TO YOU; LET US  
SEE YOUR  
FACE AND  
WE SHALL  
BE SAVED.



Dear Parish Family,

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

In the midst celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. *Christmas* comes from *Christ Mass*. Our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we thank God above all for the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love for us.

Christmas Masses will be Friday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m., and Saturday, Christmas Day, at 9:30 a.m. The 9:30 a.m. Mass will be the **only** Mass on Christmas Day.

If you attend a Christmas Mass and park on the street, please do not block any driveways. Every year we receive at least one complaint that someone attending a Christmas Mass blocked a driveway. We want to be good neighbors to our neighbors.

If you plan to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass, please know that you do **not** need to arrive very early to get a good seat. The 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is never crowded.

The Christmas Choir will sing at the 10:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve. They will begin singing at 9:25 p.m. Also, there will be incense at the 10:00 p.m. Mass. This Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page beginning at 9:25 p.m.

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 24, and Monday, December 27.

On a less positive note, we have noticed a slight downward trend in Sunday collections in the past couple of months, and we do not want to find ourselves in a large deficit situation. Any end-of-year contributions, large or small, will help reduce the deficit. Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks to all who purchased or ordered copies of Bruce Scifres' *True Impact: 25 Short Stories and Insights That Inspire Transformational Leadership* and to those representatives from the Athletic Commission who helped sell them in the Gathering Area last Sunday. As I said last week, *True Impact* both makes a great gift and helps support CYO which has touched the lives of so many young people over the past 80 years.

Thanks to members of the Parish Life Commission and to all who helped in any way with our Christmas Party, from decorating, to cooking, and to helping with cleanup. The brunch was good, and everyone seemed to have a great time. It was good to be able to celebrate Christmas together as a parish family this year. The children certainly enjoyed seeing Santa. Thanks to Katie McGannon, Little Flower's music teacher, and Little Flower students for the choir and band concert that followed.

Special thanks to Lori Falk who is leaving her position as Little Flower School secretary after 18 years. Anyone who has worked in a school or been the parent of a school student knows that the school secretary is one of the most important people in any school. For 18 years, Lori has been the face of Little Flower School to the entire Little Flower School family. We wish her the best in her next endeavor. At the same time, I am pleased to announce that Amy Torzewski will be the new school secretary. Amy has been working as a teacher's aide in our pre-3 class. We are confident that she will do an excellent job as school secretary.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. Bob

## Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 20 - 26, 2021

20	December	<b>Monday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Frank Klinkose by Kathy Klinkose
21	December	<b>Tuesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Commiskey by Paul Commiskey
22	December	<b>Wednesday</b>
	5:30 p.m.	Katie Wood by Ann Collins
23	December	<b>Thursday</b>
		No Mass
24	December	<b>Friday – The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord</b>
	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan & Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron
	5:30 p.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family & Friends
	10:00 p.m.	For the People
25	December	<b>Saturday – The Nativity of the Lord</b>
	9:30 a.m.	Rose Priller by the Priller Family
26	December	<b>Sunday – The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 19 - 26, 2021

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>			
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Parish Office Closed		
<b>Saturday</b>	Merry Christmas!		
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall (School Caf�)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

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

#### 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)	462

## your attention please

### Building and Grounds Committee members needed!

We are in the process of reviving the Building and Grounds Committee. This committee will assist the parish administration in planning current and future projects. We specifically would like those that serve in or have knowledge of building trade fields, but all are welcome to be a part of the committee. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Anyone interested in serving on the Building and Grounds Committee should contact Steve Clegg at 317-538-6636 or [steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 11 and 12	\$	7,437.29
Electronic Contributions 12/6-12/10	\$	2,832.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	299,124.35
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	312,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 12,875.65

### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,064.66
November Contributions	\$	1,820.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,246.50

**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.







*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, Denise 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:

Charlene Fisher  
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**

- January 2 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday, December 23, at noon.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 24 and Monday, December 27, in observance of Christmas.**



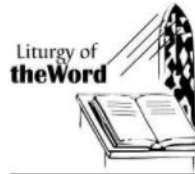
**Part Time Maintenance Assistant**

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).



**Readings for December 24/25**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

Isaiah 9:1-6  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122521-night.cfm>

**Readings for December 26**

**The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28  
1 John 3:1-2, 21-24  
Luke 2:41-52

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122621.cfm>



**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)





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.

## Fourth Sunday

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



## CINCINNATI MEN'S CONFERENCE

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**"LADIES,** this is the perfect Christmas gift for the men in your life. No gift is more important than spiritual motivation.



Coach Luke Fickell  
(Invited Speaker)

### 2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference

Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. **LADIES,** there is no better or more meaningful Christmas gift this year than to buy tickets to this conference for the men in your life. Don't know what to get Dad or your significant other for Christmas?! We just solved it. Go to [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com) to get tickets. Give the gift of spiritual uplift this Christmas season, your men will thank you!

## 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.)

*blessed is the fruit  
of your womb*

LUKE 1:42



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