

# Love

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum

### 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,

Christmas Masses will be Saturday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, 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.

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 23, and Monday, December 26.

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 again 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.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

*fr. Bob*

### Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to *Bill and Debbie Belles* on the death of Bill’s brother in law, **Verl Wisehart**, who passed away on December 6. Please keep all of Verl’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Verl into his eternal glory.



Congratulations on the Baptism of Maelana Maire & Victor Manuel, III, children of Zoe (Callista) and Victor Franco, Jr., who were baptized on Sunday, November 27, 2022.

## Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 19 - 25, 2022

- 19 **December Monday**  
5:30 p.m. The Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 20 **December Tuesday**  
5:30 p.m. Diane Sharp by Jerry & Joan Bullock
- 21 **December Wednesday**  
No Mass
- 22 **December Thursday**  
9:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for All of Our Blessings by Carol Freeland
- 23 **December Friday**  
No Mass
- 24 **December Saturday – The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**  
4:00 p.m. Sheridan & Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron  
5:30 p.m. Mary Jo Campbell by Hugh Thomas Forsha  
10:00 p.m. Marilyn Jones by Tom & Mary Martha Costello
- 25 **December Sunday – The Nativity of the Lord**  
9:30 a.m. For the People  
6:00 p.m. No Mass

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 18 - 25, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>			
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women’s AA Workshop
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Parish office closed.		
<b>Saturday</b>	Vigil of Christmas		
<b>Sunday</b>	The Nativity of the Lord		

**The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.**



Readings for December 24 and 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/122522-night.cfm>



**Adopt-A-Seminarian Program**

The Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations has assigned Alexander W. Lindberg to Little Flower in their Adopt-A-Seminarian Program. Through this program we ask everyone to pray for and send words of encouragement to Alexander throughout the year. There

are prayer cards with his picture at the church doors. Direct contact information for Alexander can be found at [www.HearGodsCall.org](http://www.HearGodsCall.org).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The Theresean (Bulletin) Submission Deadline for January 1, 2023**

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines. To ensure we have The Theresean available for the weekend of **December 31/January 1**, we ask that any requests be submitted by Thursday, December 22, by noon. This deadline is firm due to office closures for the holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve, Saturday, 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 Day, Sunday, December 25 - 9:30 A.M.  
**NO Confessions on Saturday evening**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
December 31 and January 1  
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday, January 1 - 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass  
(Music begins at 9:10 A.M.)

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
January 7 and 8

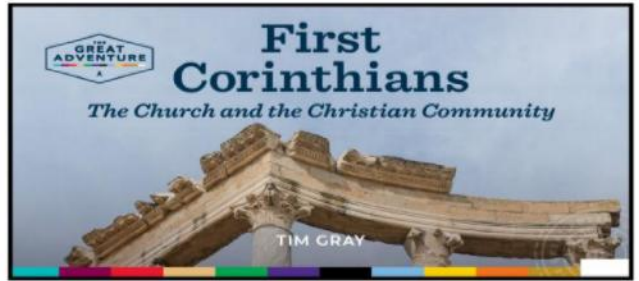
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 7, at 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass  
(Music begins at 9:10 A.M.)



**Catholic Youth Organization**  
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Come join CYO for our annual Bingo Night on January 21, 2023,

at Primo Banquet Hall (2615 National Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227). You must be 21 to attend. The evening includes dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks and 10 games of Bingo. Register online at [CYOARCHINDY.ORG](http://CYOARCHINDY.ORG) by January 11, 2023. Come have a great time with family and friends while helping support all that CYO has to offer.



**Afternoons**

**Starts:** Thursdays, Jan. 5th  
**When:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Where:** LF Parish Center, St. Therese Room  
**Leader:** Elizabeth Mann  
Register at back of church or just attend

**Evenings**

**Starts:** Mondays Jan. 9th  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** LF Cafeteria  
**Leader:** Kurt Schnell  
Register at back of church or call Cac Diehr 317-501-0060  
Snacks

How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture? Paul's messages to the Corinthians about divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much-needed wisdom for our own times.



**YOUTH CHOIR**

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 Sunday, January 1, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? E-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER**

**Your Gifts of Treasure**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,100.00
Collection of December 10 and 11	\$	6,109.37
Electronic Contributions 12/5-12/9	\$	4,611.99
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	299,755.93
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	314,400.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 14,644.07

**Home Improvement Fund**

October Contributions	\$	2,318.00
November Contributions	\$	2,034.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,493.00

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you would like a donation to be credited in 2022, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 24/25 or the parish office by December 31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God ( New Year's Day) will be credited in 2023.

**Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)**

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - August 2022	421
September 2022	422
October 2022	451
November 2022	465*
December 2022	457

\*adjusted due to alumni weekend

**Shop for the Holidays and raise money for Little Flower School**

Did you know that you can raise money for Little Flower School just by buying and using gift cards for your favorite store, restaurant and/or gas station?

It's easy and it works! You can buy gift cards for hundreds of brands through RaiseRight (formerly ShopwithScrip) and Little Flower School will receive a percentage of the amount automatically! Even better, you can receive your eGift card instantly in your online "wallet", ready to use or save for later. Or if you prefer, you can have physical gift cards sent straight to your home.

Ready to start buying gift cards and raising money for LF?

You can either go to the Little Flower website:

<https://www.littleflowerparishschool.org/support-us/scrip>,

see the information above, or scan this QR code for easy information on how to get started:



Contact Joanne Mages at [joannemages@hotmail.com](mailto:joannemages@hotmail.com) or 317-313-1971 with any questions.

**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, all sizes EXCEPT 2
- Hygiene products
- Bath towel and wash cloth sets
- Snow suits size 0-9 months
- Clothing complete sets or solid color bottoms so we can match with our surplus of tops.
- Baby towels
- Bottles
- Developmental toys for infants
- Socks 0-6 months
- Amazon gift cards to purchase high end products like car seats.

Your support is greatly appreciated.



Happy New Year!

**Knights of Columbus  
Fatima Event Center**  
located at 1040 N. Post Road

Join us ringing in the new year on **Saturday, December 31** with a full evening of fun and an exciting reverse raffle. The cost of admission is either \$25 per person for our catered dinner **and/or** \$25 for entry into the reverse raffle. The evening begins at **6:00 p.m.** with a social hour followed by a great meal consisting of a roasted chicken, special green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy and a dessert. Dinner ticket includes two bar beverages of either beer, wine or soft drink. **Reverse raffle** begins at **8:30 p.m.** with the **ball dropping** at **10:00 p.m.** Raffle registered under the gaming license #001617.

# LOVE



*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, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Roberta Galluzzi, Olivia Jo Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Ray Riley, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, and 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:

**John and Margaret Hughel**

934 N Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219

**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.

**Aden S. Haigerty**, United States Navy, serving aboard aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

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).

## Three Week Bible Basics!



Please call the  
Parish Center for reservations:

**317-357-8352**

By Monday, January 30...

Reservations Required!

*Complimentary:*

- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Babysitting in the Parish Center

**Wednesday Dates:**

January 18<sup>th</sup> ~ January 25<sup>th</sup> ~ February 1<sup>st</sup>

6:30 - 8:00pm Parish Cafeteria

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