



“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

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.

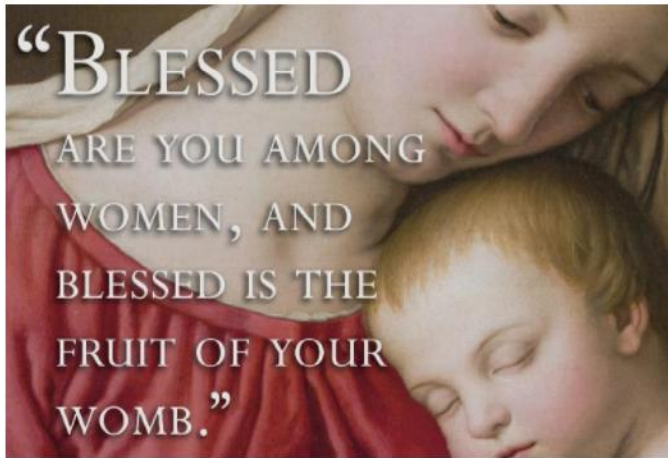
PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

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Dear Parish Family,

On this 4th Sunday of Advent, the parish staff and I want to wish all of you a very blessed and merry Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Christmas Day, at 9:30 a.m. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:30 a.m.

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 Tuesday and Wednesday, December 24 and 25.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

In the midst of 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. It is he who makes all human love possible. As we celebrate Christmas, then, let us thank God for the gift of Jesus, for the gift of family and friends, and for the gift of our parish family.

Next weekend the Mass schedule for the Feast of the Holy Family will be the normal weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our sympathy to *Mary Lou Hoggatt* and *Pete and Lisa Gibbons* on the death of Mary Lou’s sister and Pete’s aunt, **Donna Sheline**. Please

keep all of Donna’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Donna eternal life.



Holiday Bulletin Deadline

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

New Years Schedule

- **January 5 bulletin** submissions are due by Monday, December 23 by Noon.

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 23 - 29, 2024

- 23 December Monday**
No Mass
- 24 December Tuesday**
4:00 p.m. Sheridan & Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron
5:30 p.m. Helena Rikke by Ron & Jacqueline Klinker
10:00 p.m. Denis Moriarty, Sr. by Mary Lou Harmon
- 25 December Wednesday**
9:30 a.m. For the People
- 26 December Thursday**
No Mass
- 27 December Friday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the Lesczynski Family by Friends
- 28 December Saturday – The Vigil of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
5:00 p.m. Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family
- 29 December The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
9:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. John Barton by Cynthia Swazay

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)	
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023 - May 2024	497
June 2024 - August 2024	469
September 2024 - November 2024	490
December 2024 (thru 12/15)	519

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas.

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 22- 29, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday	Merry Christmas Parish Office Closed		
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



If your family took an Advent Cake bag please remember to send pictures of your decorated cake to Peggy by either text, 317-403-7444 or by email, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Thank you!



Free tickets to the Festival of Trees, which runs through January 4, at the Indiana Historical Society are available in the parish office. This year you will need to scan a QR code, choose the date you wish to attend, and fill in the code on your ticket in order to get your free ticket. Tickets are limited so please call the parish office, 317-357-8352, to reserve your ticket. If you need help with the QR code, please talk to Jeannie in the parish office.





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, Charlotte Allstatt, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszcynski, Karen Lientz, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Richard Mattingly, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, 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:

Charlotte Allstatt
706 N Bancroft St, Indianapolis, IN 46201

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 in Tokyo, Japan – nephew of Rita Cooning.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in Dalgren, VA. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

Zach Meyer, Marine Reserve in South Bend, son-in-law of Dave and Dora Hughey.

Ian Carter, serving on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Aircraft Carrier in the Persian Gulf, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

Lexi Robertson, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

Riley Allstatt, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2024 – EPIPHANY 2025 CALENDAR

DECEMBER 24 AND 25 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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, Wednesday, December 25th - 9:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 28 AND 29 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 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.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Masses on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 P.M.
(Anticipation Mass)

and Wednesday, January 1 at 9:30 A.M.

JANUARY 4 AND 5 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:00 P.M.,
Sunday 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.)



Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 N. Post Road New Years Eve Party 12/31/2024

New Years Eve Dinner,
Reverse Raffle \$1,000
Grand Prize, and Music
(License No. 001617).

The cost of admission is

either \$30 per person for our catered dinner and/or \$25 for entry into the reverse raffle. Also, additional raffle tickets may be purchased

anytime up until the raffle begins for the price of \$25; however, those who decide on dinner the night of the event will pay \$35 per person. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by a terrific meal planned by PGK Andy Ritter and prepared by City Barbeque at 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of Brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, green beans, salad, and a dessert. Shrimp Cocktail appetizer and other snacks will also be available. The reverse raffle will begin at 8:30 p.m. and hosted by PGK Joe Ritter. Also, we'll have our version of the Ball Drop countdown at 10 p.m., which includes a complimentary toast to the new year. Proceeds will go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of December 14 and 15	\$	11,314.97
Electronic Contributions 12/9-12/13	\$	2,439.64
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	321,376.06
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	319,200.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	2,176.00

Home Improvement Fund

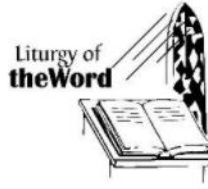
October Contributions	\$	2,595.75
November Contributions	\$	2,332.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,919.00

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2024, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 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 2025.

Untied Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal	\$	60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged		86
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	21,695.00



Readings for December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

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/122524-Night.cfm>

Readings for December 28/29

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-17

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:41-52

To read the readings on-line, go to

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Catholic Life Every Day

Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish!



We will be having **Gifts for Baby Jesus** at all Christmas Masses. Please bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Mass. There will be an announcement letting us know when to bring them forward to the crib. Much needed items are:

- Hygiene products
- Wipes
- Baby towels and washcloths
- Nice receiving blankets
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Bottles
- Socks, clothing and snow suits sizes 0-12 month
- Boy's clothes sizes 0 – 12 month clothes
- Girl's size 6 months plus.
- PAC n Play sheets
- Baby bathtubs

We happily accept gently used clothing, bouncers, walking toys, PAC n Plays, strollers, swings and highchairs year around
Thank you for all you do to support our efforts.



Seccina Morning Small Bus Driver Wanted!

Seccina Memorial High School is seeking a morning small bus driver to transport students from the Greenfield / New Palestine area to Seccina. A regular Indiana driver's license is required, and we will pay a stipend. In total, the route will take approximately 75 minutes. If interested in driving one or multiple days per week, please contact Magy Garcia, Assistant to the President, at mgarcia@seccina.org or 317-352-3226. Thank you!

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