



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Epiphany has often been called Little Christmas. In Western Christianity, Christmas is the primary feast. However, in Eastern Christianity Epiphany is the more important and older feast. In some cultures, gift giving is part of the celebration of the Epiphany. Today's Solemnity reminds us that God's gift of his Son was a gift to all peoples.

During the Christmas season, our liturgical ministries and our community outreach ministries are at the heart of our parish life.

Many visitors, including many former parishioners, attend our Christmas Liturgies. Invariably, they make many wonderful comments about Christmas at Little Flower. Therefore, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Liturgies beautiful celebrations of faith, love, and worship.

Special thanks to Teresa Eckrich, our regular music ministers, all those who participate in Christmas choir, and all the additional instrumentalists who provide so much life and energy to our Christmas Liturgies. When people compliment our Liturgies, they primarily compliment our Liturgical music program.

Also, special thanks to Mary Martha Costello, the Arts and Environment Committee, volunteers from the Men's Club and all the other volunteers who sacrificed their time to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday evening, December 21. Every year I hear people say that Little Flower is the most beautiful church at Christmas.

Thanks also to all of our Liturgical ministers who generously served in their ministries during this Christmas season: Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, ushers, and greeters, sacristans, church cleaners. Although we highlight music and arts and environment at Christmas, all liturgical ministers play a major part in making our Liturgies beautiful and prayerful and our community welcoming.

Finally, I would especially like to thank the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Gabriel Project and everyone who brought Giving Tree Gifts for those in need in our community or baby gifts for those served by the Gabriel Project. These ministries help bring Christ and Christmas into the lives of those less fortunate than we are. These ministries are as important to the mission of the church as the liturgical ministries.

Have a wonderful week.

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On **Sunday, January 10, 2016**, the children of our parish who are in 2nd grade, and making their First Eucharist this Spring, will participate in the Rite of Enrollment at the 8:30 a.m. Mass.

At this rite they will be called by name and gather around the altar with their parents as their names are enrolled as candidates for First Eucharist. Please keep these families and children in your prayers during the coming months.



MASS Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF January 4 - 10, 2016

04	January	Monday	Mildred Mauer
	5:30 p.m.		
05	January	Tuesday	Special Intentions of the DeRosa Family
	5:30 p.m.		
06	January	Wednesday	James Davis by the Seay Family
	5:30 p.m.		
07	January	Thursday	James Gavaghan by the Family
	5:30 p.m.		
08	January	Friday	Charley Withem by Patrick and Josephine Miles
	8:30 a.m.		Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.		
09	January	Saturday-Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord	
	5:00 p.m.	Mary and Charles O'Hara by Jim O'Hara	
10	January	Sunday- The Baptism of the Lord	
	8:30 a.m.	Beth Anne Rago by Bernie and Rose Sponsel	
	10:30 a.m.	David Montgomery by Steve and Amy Clegg	
	6:00 p.m.	For the People	

The Week Ahead

January 3 - 10, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
Monday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic Commission
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Scout's Pack Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Scout Room	5:45 p.m.	Girl Scout #3643
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club Officers
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	Noon	Gabriel Project
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment for First Eucharist
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 18 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the capital campaign will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations.

The Epiphany of the Lord

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 19 and 20	\$	10,488.03
Electronic Contributions 12/14-12/18	\$	7,386.64
Collection for December 26 and 27	check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 12/21-12/25	check back next week	
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual (as of 12/20)	\$	323,749.66
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget(as of 12/20)	\$	337,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT(as of 12/20)	\$	- 12,750.34

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,316.33
September Contributions	\$	2,058.58
October Contributions	\$	2,271.93
November Contributions	\$	2,107.58
December Contributions (to date as of 12/20)	\$	2,097.58

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2015, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 26/27 or the Parish Office by December 31. Also, any donation received in the envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year 's Day) will be credited in 2016.

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

Kim Cooning

7866 Corinthian Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Please join us!

7-Week study using Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si; On Care for Our Common Home

Where: Little Flower Parish Center/St. Patrick Room
When: Thursday, January 14, 2016 from 6:30-8:00 p.m.
(we do not meet the 1st Thursday of each month.)
Cost: \$20.00
Registration: Call Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 or email moodyakl@yahoo.com by January 11, registration is limited.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 3: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass.

Meet at 5:00 p.m. in Church.



On Sunday, January 10 Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL), and team will gather for Session 4 in the Parish Center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Please consider remembering
Little Flower in your estate planning!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

All the submissions for our new pictorial directory were sent to the directory company on November 10. We have received our proof copy and are reviewing that at this time. We anticipate delivery of completed directories in mid to late February. All who had their photograph taken for the directory will receive a free copy.

If you had your photograph taken but did not order any pictures, you still receive a free 8x10. Those photographs are available in the parish office. You may want to call the office at 357-8352 to be sure your photo is there before coming in to pick it up. The Parish Office is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

TAKE NOTE:

The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Thursday, January 21. You may also e-mail items to lfpishnews@yahoo.com or follow the link available on our website.

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

Hope and Healing Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Monthly Support Group January 14, 2015

2nd Thursday of Each Month at St. Mark Catholic Church offers Hope and Healing, a support group for adults who have lost a loved one to suicide, struggle with thoughts suicide, or seek to understand the causes and prevention of suicide. The meetings are held the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at The Cenade, 6118 Smock Street, Indianapolis, 46227. A children's support group, Spread Our Youthful Wings, for ages 9 years to 17 years old is held in the same location and same time as the Hope and Healing SOS Group. For more information, please contact Judy Proctor at (317) 851-8344 or visit Hope & Healing SOS at www.hopeandhealingsos.com.

Passion and Purpose for Your Marriage January 30, 2016

What's the most important word in a marriage? What is really going on in your wife's head? What do you wish your husband knew about you? Discover key ingredients to a healthy and happy marriage at **Passion & Purpose for Marriage event presented by Dynamic Catholic at St. Luke Parish (7575 Holliday Dr., E Indianapolis, IN 46260) on January 30, 2016** from 9 AM to 1:30 PM. Keynote speaker Dr. Allan Hunt, one of the great emerging Catholic voices of our time, has helped couples develop, nurture, and grow dynamic marriages for more than 20 years. Get your \$25 ticket today by contacting 859-980-7900 or order online at <http://cart.dynamiccatholic.com/Passion-and-Purpose-for-MarriageIndianapolis-IN-p/mr013016.html>. Take your relationship to a whole new level and join us for a power-packed few hours to build sacramental marriage ... all are welcome!