



**Dear Parish Family,**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas.

Originally, the baptism of Jesus was included in the celebration of the Epiphany. The Epiphany originally celebrated three events in Jesus' life: the visit of the magi, Jesus' baptism, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. All three were understood to be manifestations of the Son of God. This ancient understanding of the Epiphany is remembered in the antiphon for the Cantic of Mary in Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Epiphany in the Liturgy of the Hours:

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

Although the visit by the Magi had become almost the sole focus of the Epiphany for a very long time, it was only after the Octave Day of the Epiphany was abolished as a feast in 1955 (?) that a feast titled the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord" was established. It was originally on January 13, which formerly had been the Octave Day of the Epiphany which itself was focused on the baptism of Jesus. The baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry.

This weekend at the 8:30 am Mass, we are celebrating the Rite of Enrollment for our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade candidates for First Eucharist. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for both First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Tomorrow begins Week 1 of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. During Ordinary Time, green is the liturgical color, the color of hope.

Although New Year's Day has passed, I would ask everyone who ever parks behind the rectory to make one resolution for the year. Please do not block the garage doors that are marked "Do Not Block." During the fall, Fr. Patrick was not here on weekends because he was teaching at St. Meinrad. From now on, he will be here most weekends. Please be considerate if you park behind the rectory.

Finally, today is the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Archbishop O'Meara. Please remember him in your prayers today.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



**Masses of the Week**

**FOR THE WEEK OF January 11 - 17, 2016**

- 11 January Monday**  
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth and Anthony Mauer
- 12 January Tuesday**  
5:30 p.m. Vickie Button by Ron and Diane Sharp
- 13 January Wednesday**  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 14 January Thursday**  
5:30 p.m. David Harriman
- 15 January Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Jerry Jett by the Jett Family  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 16 January Saturday-Vigil of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. Joseph Thuc Chu & Anna Pham Cuoi by Son T. Chu
- 17 January Sunday- 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Barbara Elliott by Rita Gibson  
10:30 a.m. Joe Greeson by Jim Greeson Family  
6:00 p.m. For the People

*The Week Ahead*

**January 10 -17, 2016**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
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	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
	Holy Family	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos/Bear Scouts
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LF Athletic Meeting
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Respect Life
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
		9:00 a.m.	Men's Clean-Up Day
	New Parishioner Registration after All Masses		
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Men's Club Movie Night

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

The Baptism of the Lord

**In Memoriam**

We extend condolences to *Jeanne O'Gara* on the death of her husband, **Tom O'Gara** who passed away on December 28 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 2. Tom

was 87 years young and a parishioner for many years, serving on the Parish Council and the Board of Education. He also helped count the weekly collection for several years. He was a very faith filled man and very much a family man. Among his many other relatives, several are parishioners here, including his sister, Katie White, his sister-in-law, Joanne (Bill) Johnson, his brother-in-law, Richard Mayer, and his niece, Maureen (Mike) Battles.

We extend our sympathy to *Janet and Kenneth Newman* on the death of Janet's mother, **Irma Jean Payton**. Irma Jean was 85 years young and a long time member of Little Flower. She most recently resided at Bloom at German Church. She was a very sweet lady and she loved to sing.

We remember our former parishioner, **Alvina "Peg" Mannix**, who passed away on December 22 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 29. Peg was 96 years young.

We extend our sympathy to parishioners *Michael and Dana Cavosie and family* on the death of Michael's mother, **Betty J. McMath**, who passed away on December 31, 2015.

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Peg, Tom, Irma Jean, and Betty eternal life.



**2016 Little Flower Kindergarten-3rd Grade Girls and Boys Basketball Intramurals**

Registration will occur on Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Little Flower Gym and on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM in Little Flower Cafeteria (Pancake Breakfast). The Intramural Basketball League is for grades Kindergarten

thru 3rd Grade (Boys and Girls) and will run from February 7 thru March 13, 2016. The cost is \$30.00 per child, due at time of registration. Questions can be directed to Mike Battles at 538-3078 or mabattles@tcco.com.

**YOUTH NEWS**

(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!**

**Sunday, January 17-Practice in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.**



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. Session 5 will take place on Sunday, January 31.

Please consider remembering Little Flower in your estate planning!

**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 [lfp parishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfp parishnews@yahoo.com) or follow the link available on our website.

**URGENT REQUEST**

If you plan to volunteer in any capacity at this year's summer festival, we need your help now! In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send your birth date, driver's license number, and daytime phone number by email to [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org). Please title the e-mail **Festival Worker Information**. If you submitted this information last year we still have it on file. **IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED.** If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list. If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**

**SUMMERFEST 2016**  
June 3, 4, and 5  
Mark your calendars now!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 26 and 27	\$	8,766.39
Electronic Contributions 12/21-12/25	\$	1,848.00
Collection for January 2 and 3	\$	12,064.11
Electronic Contributions 12/28 - 1/1	\$	3,673.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual	\$	350,101.16
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget	\$	364,500.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 14,398.84

**Home Improvement Fund**

November Contributions	\$	2,107.58
December Contributions	\$	2,371.58
January Contributions (to date)	\$	821.50

THANK YOU for your continued contributions to the Home Improvement Fund. Recently, we needed a pretty costly repair in the ladies restroom closest to Duffey Hall. This repair will be accomplished by using the Home Improvement Fund and therefore will not impact our operating budget. Additionally, we also need to do some excavation on the front lawn of the school building to repair and apparently broken water drainage line. Your donations to this fund will help us get this taken care of as well.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

We will have a ministry fair on Sunday, January 24, 2016 in conjunction with the PTO Pancake Breakfast. Details to follow.

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:

**Lucille Corriden**  
1010 N Linwood Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201

## your attention please

### Little Flower Men's Club Cookout

Men of the parish: Come join the Little Flower Men's Club for a cookout this Monday (January 11) at 6 p.m., we will meet in the school cafeteria. The cookout will be followed by our regular January Men's Club Meeting.

**THANK YOU:** This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.

## Reconciliation

There will be a Reconciliation Retreat for the children in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and their parents on Saturday, January 30 from 10 a.m. to noon who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please mark your calendars!

**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.**



NEWLY  
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian community Graydon Anthony son of Jacob and Katie (Fabrizio) Gandolph and Nathaniel Clark, son of Jim and Emily (Butwin) Rawlinson, who were baptized on Sunday, December 27, 2015.

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month.)  
Cost: \$20.00  
Registration: Call Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 or email [moodyak1@yahoo.com](mailto:moodyak1@yahoo.com) by January 11, registration is limited.



## The Sacraments

If you have a son or daughter that is in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or above that needs to be prepared for the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist, we will be starting classes on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lisa at the Parish Office at 357-8352 ext. 33 or [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org), to register. Classes will begin in February. Please register by January 22.

## HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE

### TMIY (That Man is You!)

That Man is You! is an interactive, multimedia men's program focused upon the development of authentic male leadership. The program content harmonizes current social and medical science with the teachings of the Church and the wisdom of the saints to develop the vision of man fully alive. It is particularly indebted to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II. Come join men from Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Holy Spirit for the new spring semester. We averaged 50 men for the 2015 fall semester and expect that number to grow. This program is for any age catholic men and especially beneficial for men who are actively parenting young children. Indeed, independent research from a Faith Advisor to The Gallup Poll reveals That Man is You! to be one of the most life transforming programs ever studied.

We meet Monday Mornings, beginning January 18, 2016 at Fatima Knights of Columbus, 1040 N. Post Road. Schedule:  
6:00 a.m. – Breakfast, 6:30 a.m. – Presentation, 7:00 a.m. – Small Group Discussions, 7:30 a.m. – Conclusion

Register for this free program online at [www.thatmanisyou.org](http://www.thatmanisyou.org) or at your local parish. For further information or questions call: Bill McLaughlin (317) 748-2800 mobile.

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### Scecina Memorial High School News: Early Bird Enrollment scholarship opportunity

Current eighth-grade students who apply for admission to Scecina by January 15, 2016, will be registered for a chance to receive a \$3,000 scholarship to Scecina. One name will be drawn on January 19, 2016. The following items must be completed by January 15:

1. Fall 2015 Open House attendance or Crusader for a Day experience
2. High School Placement Test
3. Complete the application on our website at [www.scecina.org](http://www.scecina.org) and click on APPLY NOW.

We will request recent grades and ISTP scores from your current school upon completion of the application;

4. Submit required records to the Admissions Office.

Visit [scecina.org/admissionsprocess](http://scecina.org/admissionsprocess) for more information or contact Kelsey Abelein at [kabelein@scecina.org](mailto:kabelein@scecina.org) or at (317) 356-6377 extension 1317.

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### YOU CAN HAVE A HAPPY MARRIAGE!

Retrouvaille provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The word Retrouvaille™ (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i.) is a French word meaning rediscovery. Thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships, or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems through Retrouvaille. The Retrouvaille Program begins with a weekend, when you will have a chance to reflect on your lives together in a new and positive way and in complete privacy with your spouse.

Location: Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis

Date: February 26 – 28, 2016

Reg. Fee: \$100.00 \*

Contact: Chuck and Janet Schooley at 317-489-6811 or

<http://www.retroidy.com/>

\*no couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because of lack of funds.

**CYO CAMP RANCHO FRAMASA OPPORTUNITIES**

**SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS AVAILABLE** at **CYO Camp Rancho Framasa** Now hiring **2016 Summer Camp Staff** - aged 19 & older for 5-10 weeks @ \$250/week. Extensive training provided. Employment begins May 28, 2016. Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Apply online at [www.campranchoframasa.org](http://www.campranchoframasa.org) or for more information contact Angi at [angi@campranchoframasa.org](mailto:angi@campranchoframasa.org)

**VOLUNTEER POSTION AVAILABLE for Registered Nurses at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa:** Summer Camp 2016 Volunteer Camp Nurses: receive a Campership (free session of camp) in exchange for one session of camp nursing. Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Apply online at [www.campranchoframasa.org](http://www.campranchoframasa.org) or for more information contact Angi at [angi@campranchoframasa.org](mailto:angi@campranchoframasa.org).

**SCHOOL YEAR POSITIONS AVAILABLE** at **CYO Camp Rancho Framasa** Now hiring **2016-2017 School Year Program Staff** School Year Program Staff facilitate visiting groups in outdoor education, leadership/team building, guest rental groups and retreats. Other camp life/community responsibilities included. Ability to be hands on and be flexible in the camp environment needed. Bachelor's Degree required. Camp experience preferred. Four month (July 31 -November 11, 2016) OR nine month (July 31, 2016-May 22, 2017) commitment. Housing provided. Must be available July 31, 2016. Visit our website for more information about our organization and to apply online: [www.campranchoframasa.org](http://www.campranchoframasa.org) or for more information contact Angi at [angi@campranchoframasa.org](mailto:angi@campranchoframasa.org).

**Spend Sunday with a Saint!**

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana, are inviting persons of all faith traditions to attend "Sunday with a Saint," from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Sunday, Jan. 24, at the Providence Spirituality and Conference Center. Learn about Saint Mother Theodore Guerin's unwavering trust in God and pray at her shrine. Then, celebrate Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, followed by Sunday Brunch in the O'Shaughnessy Dining Room. Cost to attend is \$25, which includes brunch. For more information or to register, call [812-535-2952](tel:812-535-2952), email [jfrost@spsmw.org](mailto:jfrost@spsmw.org) or register online at [events.sistersofprovidence.org](http://events.sistersofprovidence.org).



**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](http://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!

**Catholic Charities Indianapolis**

1400 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-2367

Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members who are caregivers of older adults. Meetings are open to adult family caregivers in the community and are a way to share and learn from each other. To confirm attendance or for additional information, please contact Monica Woodsworth at 261-3378 or [rmwoodsworth@archindy.org](mailto:rmwoodsworth@archindy.org).

**Northside:**

Date: Thursday, January 28, 2016, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
4610 N Illinois Street 46208  
Topic: open discussion

**Southside:**

Date: NO JANUARY MEETING DUE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
Location: St. Mark Catholic School  
541 E Edgewood Avenue 46227

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