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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 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.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
PARISH CENTER Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
357-8352 Fax 357-5316

SCHOOL 353-2282 Fax 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 10:30 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 every other month. 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 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?

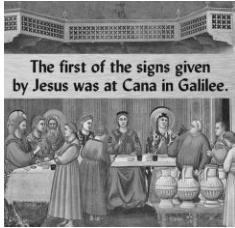
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,**

Monday our nation celebrates the Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King. Once again I quote from his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C., on August 28, 1963:

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."... I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I often mention Matthew Kelly's quote that God's dream for us is that we become the-best-version-of-ourselves. I believe that God has the same dream for us as a nation. In his "I Have A Dream" speech, Martin Luther King suggested what that might mean. In that same speech, Dr. King reminded us that "unearned suffering is redemptive."

Monday also begins the Week of Prayer for Church Unity (January 18-25). The theme for 2016 is "Called to Proclaim the Mighty Acts of the Lord" (1 Peter 2:9). The Week of Prayer for Church Unity began as the Church Unity Octave. January 18 was formerly the feast of the Chair of St. Peter in Rome, and January 25 was and is the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. During this week, we all want to pray for the church unity:

Lord Jesus, you said that everyone will know that we are your disciples if there is love among us. Strengthened by your grace, may we work tirelessly for the visible unity of your Church, so that the Good News that we are called to proclaim will be seen in all our words and deeds. Amen.

Friday marks the 43rd anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion throughout the United States. "Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence." In the United States, today is to be a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. The All-School Mass on Friday will be the Mass "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life." All are invited.

Finally, please note the flyer about next week's Pancake Breakfast and the announcement about next week's Ministry Fair in the "Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure" box. I hope as many of you as possible will attend the Pancake Breakfast and check out the Ministry Fair.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Little Flower Catholic School
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 31
11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

Traditional Catholic School values in an innovative school setting. Visit our Engineering Lab, learn about Expert Projects, discover a better alternative to ISTEP, and much more. All are welcome!



We extend our condolences to *Carolyn Kirby and her family* on the death of her husband, **Michael Kirby**, who passed away on January 5 and whose Memorial Mass was celebrated here on January 9. Michael was a kind and caring man. He had a strong

faith and attended daily Mass until his health declined. We extend our sympathy to *Katie Baecher* on the death of her father, **Bill Baecher**. Bill was 99 years young and still as sharp as a tack. He was a true gentleman, with a loving heart, and a very faith-filled man. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Michael & Bill eternal life.

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF January 18 - 24, 2016**

18	January	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Irma Jean Payton by the Ladies Club
19	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Mildred Mauer
20	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	James Gavanaghan by the Family
21	January	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Greentree - Anne Elliott
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
22	January	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Theresa Long by Mary Carson
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
23	January	Saturday-Vigil of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Joseph Long Pham by Son T. Chu
24	January	Sunday- 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:30 a.m.	Joe Greeson by Barbara Greeson
	10:30 a.m.	Phyllis Ocasio by the Ladies Club
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

The Week Ahead**January 17 - 24, 2016**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after All Masses		
	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
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
Monday	Parish Office and School Closed		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #3643
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Scouts Pinewood Derby Race
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
		9:00 a.m.	Men's Clean-Up Day
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	PTO Pancake Breakfast
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Ministry Fair
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed



The Gabriel Project would like to thank you for your generous support of our Gifts For Baby Jesus. Please keep our mothers and their babies in your prayers.

Reconciliation

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

The SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



you plan on attending.

Due to Lent beginning on February 10, the **Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, February 3, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.** Our guest speaker will be Joni Collins from Oak Street Health, a new facility that recently opened in Irvington. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, if

ANNUAL WEEK OF

CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

January 18-25 is annually designated the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Come join other Christians in prayer on January 20, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at Allisonville Christian Church (7701 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis.) Representatives from various Christian denominations will be present (including Archbishop Tobin) to lead our prayer. Preaching will be Rev. Robert Welsh, president of the Disciples' Council on Christian Unity. As an ordained minister, he has been involved for more than 30 years in the ecumenical dialogue process in the United States between the Catholic Church and the Disciples of Christ.



(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.
 Sunday, January 24 Meet in Church at 5 p.m. to sing 6 p.m. Mass
 Sunday, February 7 Meet in church at 5 p.m. to sing 6 p.m. Mass

YOUTH ROOM WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY, February 7, for snacks and the Super Bowl.



On Sunday, January 31, Confirmation candidates (LF and OLL) and team will gather for Session 5 in the Parish Center from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Please consider remembering
Little Flower in your estate planning!

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.

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. 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 it now 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!

★ 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 lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

Sacrament Classes

Classes will begin soon for children who are in 3rd grade or above who have not been baptized or made First Communion. Please contact Lisa at the Parish Office at 357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register. Classes will begin in February. Please register by January 22.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection for January 9 and 10	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 1/4 - 1/8	check back next week
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

PLEASE COME!

We will have a Ministry Fair on Sunday, January 24, in conjunction with the PTO Pancake Breakfast as part of our regular stewardship awareness activities. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND. Little Flower needs the time, talent, and treasure of all its parishioners. Come and explore at the Ministry Fair and have an opportunity to win one of four \$50 Wal-Mart gift cards. The Ministry Fair and the Pancake Breakfast will take place from 9 a.m. until noon.

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:

Verna Curtis

5047 E 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201

Basketball News

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

Registration will occur 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.



"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36)

Jan. 16-17, 2016: We pray for all those engaged in Pilgrimage Work. For those within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and around the world who work at retreat centers, parishes and shrines.

Pope Francis has declared an extraordinary jubilee, a Holy Year of Mercy, to begin Dec. 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, 2015

and will conclude on Nov. 20, 2016 with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Jubilee of Mercy is a time of reconciliation. "May the message of mercy reach everyone, and may no one be indifferent to the call to experience mercy" - Pope Francis

Throughout the year, Pope Francis has designated special days to pray for those who express mercy through tangible ways. To learn more, visit www.archindy.org/hollyearofmercy.

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

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