



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

Friday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. It has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1.

The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2016 is "Overcome Indifference and Win Peace." Pope Francis began his message for this year's celebration of the World Day of Peace with "God is not indifferent! God cares about mankind! God does not abandon us!" The following is a prayer to overcome indifference:

All too often, Lord, we turn away from the world's many problems, which seem too big, too complex, or too far away. Forgive us our indifference.

It is easier, Lord, to see only what is around us: our lives, our homes, our challenges. Forgive us our isolation.

Help us to see with *your* eyes: eyes which notice one another and help us understand.

Help us to dream *your* dream: of communities that reach out and dialogue and where diverse people creatively cooperate.

Help us to be people of solidarity and action, so moved by prayer, encounter, and understanding that peace can become a reality.

Amen.

As 2015 ends and 2016 begins, I once again want to thank our parish staff for everything they do throughout the year. I want to thank our school staff for their commitment to providing a Catholic school education to our students.

However, most importantly, I want to thank you for all of your support this past year through your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and especially for your support of our \$800,000 *Together - Plant. Grow. Bloom.* capital campaign goal to replace our school HVAC system and the school roof. Likewise, on a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and gifts. You are unbelievably generous and affirming.

Finally, the entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

*The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

Have a wonderful year.

fr. bob

Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK OF December 28, 2015 – January 3, 2016

- 28 December Monday**
5:30 p.m. Norbert Mauer
- 29 December Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. Jerry Jett by the Jett Family
- 30 December Wednesday**
5:30 p.m. Pham Quang Huy (Michael) by Luan Dao & Anh Dao
- 31 December Thursday-Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
6:00 p.m. Fr. Noah Casey
- 01 January Friday-The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
9:00 a.m. For the People
5:30 p.m. No Communion Service
- 02 January Saturday-Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord**
5:00 p.m. Laretta Jones by Borden's and Priller's
- 03 January Sunday- The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Donna Brown by Rita Gibson
10:30 a.m. Charley Withem by Dottie Spalding
6:00 p.m. For the People

The Week Ahead

December 27, 2015 – January 3, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Youth Room
Monday			
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Wednesday			
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Happy New Year's Parish Office Closed		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27
Masses on Saturday, December 26 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 27 - 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Masses on Thursday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and Friday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 3
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 2nd at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 3rd, Masses at 8:30 A.M.; 10:30 A.M.; & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

Parish Office Information
The parish office will be closed on January 1

THE HOLY FAMILY

With Gratitude!

THIS WILL BE A HAPPIER CHRISTMAS FOR 145 CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN OUR LITTLE FLOWER AREA, AND 45 NURSING HOME RESIDENTS. WE GAVE THE FAMILIES THE CHILDREN'S GIFTS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, AND DELIVERED NURSING HOME GIFTS. THIS WAS ALL DUE TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR PARISH FAMILIES WHO TOOK TAGS OFF THE GIVING TREE AND DONATED MONEY. GIFT CARDS WERE GIVEN AND WE HAD EXTRA THINGS FOR THE FAMILIES TO CHOOSE FROM. THE FAMILIES WERE VERY THANKFUL FOR ALL OF THIS. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 19 and 20	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/14-12/18	check back next week
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Actual (as of 12/13)	\$ 05,874.99
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD Budget (as of 12/13)	\$ 324,000.00
Fiscal Year 2015-2016 YTD DEFICIT (as of 12/13)	\$ - 18,125.01
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 12/13)	\$ 1,792.58

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:

Rita Foley

5245 E 20th Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46218

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 27: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

Sunday, January 3: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

YOUTH ROOM WILL BE OPEN AFTER 6 PM MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 UNTIL 8:30 PM. STOP IN FOR PIZZA!

Thank you to all who supported the Ladies Club Bake Sale to make it a huge success. It could not have been possible without your support. The winners of the raffle are as follows:

Basket of Homemade Goodies – Sarah O'Brien
Garden Glass – Judy Moss
Wreath & Candle – Charlotte Allstatt
Nativity – Pat Sullivan



We extend our prayers and condolences to Rita Chapman on the death of her husband, **David Chapman**, who passed away on December 15 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December

18. David was 70 years young, very kind, and generous. For many years he brought his father-in-law, *Andy Cavallaro*, to church on Saturday evening. We extend our sympathy to Andy as well. Please keep all of David's family, and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome David into his eternal glory.



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 not yet received a copy. When we do, it will need to be proofread and returned to the company for printing. 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.

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 moodyak1@yahoo.com by January 11, registration is limited.

Healing Hidden Hurts is a confidential ministry for women suffering from abortion loss. Debbie Miller has 17 years experience helping women find freedom from guilt, grief and shame. If you think about your abortion often and struggle with the painful memories, I would LOVE to help you! Call for FREE, confidential help at (317) 490-1267 or check out the witness films on our website at www.healinghiddenhurts.org God wants to Heal your Hidden Hurts, why not start today!



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.