

EPIPHANY

Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the
glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.
Nations shall walk by your light, kings by
the radiance of your dawning.

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ST. TERESE - LITTLE FLOWER 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.

LIVE, LOVE, LEAD LIKE JESUS

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 is provided to Little Flower Parishioners at a reduced rate. Call Jackie Montrie at 616-0029 or Mark Williams at 364-8184.

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,**

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Today's Solemnity reminds us that God's gift of his Son was a gift to all peoples.

This year the Epiphany falls on its traditional date: January 6th. After the Vatican II reform of the Liturgy,

the Solemnity was transferred to Sunday in countries such as ours where it was not a holyday of obligation. Although there are ten holydays of obligation in the universal calendar of the Church, the United States traditionally celebrated only six as holydays of obligation. The four that we do not celebrate as holydays are the Epiphany, Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ), St. Joseph, and Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles. The first two have been transferred to Sunday.

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. In earlier times, the Church celebrated three mysteries on the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, and the wedding feast at Cana.

Many visitors attend our Christmas Liturgies. Many of these are former parishioners returning home to Little Flower. Inevitably, I hear 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 Mary Martha Costello, the Arts and Environment Committee, and all the volunteers who sacrificed their time to help decorate the Church for Christmas on Sunday evening, December 23. Every year I hear people say that Little Flower is the most beautiful church at Christmas.

Also, 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.

Likewise, 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. Our Liturgies would be hollow if we were not also committed to serving the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Little Flower School resumes tomorrow. Of course, Monday is also Notre Dame vs. Alabama.

Finally, January 5th was traditionally the feast of St. Simon Stylites. He was best known for living for 37 years on a small platform on top of a pillar.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



On Sunday, January 13, 2013, the children of our parish 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.

**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 13, 2012**

- 07 January Monday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Walter and Anna Bordenkecher
- 08 January Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Madelynn Miller by Michael and Mary Anne Morrissey
- 09 January Wednesday**
8:30 a.m. Charles and Mary O'Hara by James O'Hara
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 10 January Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Florence Burke by Tom and Linda Cisco
- 11 January Friday**
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Marshall Ford by Dottie Spalding
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 12 January Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of – The Baptism of the Lord**
Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger
- 13 January Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. Anna Miller by the Ladies Club
10:30 a.m. William Gabonay by Eliner Klain and Family
6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 6 - 13, 2013

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
Monday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:15 p.m.	Webelos
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Athletic Commission
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life
Wednesday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownies #2443
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Respect Life
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:15 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Scout	3:00 p.m.	Brownies #2900
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area			
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	1 st Communion Rite of Enrollment
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	PTO Pancake Breakfast
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

The Adventuresome Group will not meet in January. Our next get together will be on Wednesday, February 6. This is a change from our regularly scheduled meeting date due to Ash Wednesday being February 13. Watch the bulletin for more information.



The Little Flower School 8th grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" on **Saturday, February 9, after the 5 p.m. Mass.** This is an opportunity for our seniors to interact with the young people of our parish. The evening will include dinner, dancing, bingo, and euchre. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending! Watch the bulletin for more details.

Please Pray For

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

Jo Clark

Westside Village Health Care Center, 8616 West 10th St., Indianapolis, IN 46201

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,850.00
Collection of December 22 nd and 23 rd	\$	10,052.22
Electronic Contributions 12/15- 12/21	\$	5,619.14
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of 12/24)	\$	360,100.00
Year to Date Collections (as of 12/24)	\$	346,142.92
Year - To - Date DEFICIT (as of 12/24)	\$	- 13,957.08

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,307.25
October Contributions	\$	2,003.25
November Contributions	\$	2,323.91
December Contributions (as of 12/24)	\$	1,968.25

Steward of the Month

Nomination forms for our Steward of the Month recognition are available in the gathering area. Please nominate an outstanding Little Flower volunteer for this recognition. We have so many deserving folks that our nomination box should be overflowing!

What happens to the Christmas Collection?

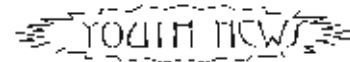
Several people have asked recently how the Christmas collection is used. The parish budget has a line for Holy Day collections and Christmas is included in this line. So although you don't see this affecting the Sunday collection totals, it does go directly into our operating budget. This year the Christmas collection was \$9,570.87.

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25th. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions and Christ our Hope contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 28, at 7p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until sometime in April.

CAN YOU HELP UN-DECK THE HALLS BY TAKING DOWN ALL OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS IN CHURCH AND STORING THEM FOR NEXT YEAR? Please meet in Church at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 7. We particularly need some volunteers who can do some heavy lifting!



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, January 6

Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church.

EAST DEANERY YOUTH MINISTRY WILL SPONSOR OPEN VOLLEYBALL IN LITTLE FLOWER'S GYM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 6. Youth in grades 8 thru 12 are encouraged to attend!

Seccina's CYO Night for Boys Basketball

CYO Night for Boys Basketball will take place on **Tuesday, January 8, 2013.** JV and Varsity will take on Monrovia, and the JV game will start at 6:00 p.m. with the Varsity game starting at 7:30 p.m. CYO boys basketball teams can wear their team jersey for FREE game admission! They will also be treated to food (hot dog, chips & drink) and opportunities to win prizes throughout the night! Team players and their coaches will be announced in between JV & Varsity games, and they are asked to arrive by 6:30 p.m.

East Deanery Youth Ministry Mission Trip

East Deanery Youth Ministry will be taking a group of high school students to the Tau House Franciscan Center for the Poor in Cincinnati, OH for a week-long mission trip. This trip will be from March 17-22, 2013, which is during Seccina's spring break. All high school youth are invited to attend. For more information and to print off an application, go to edcym.blogspot.com. Applications are due **Sunday, January 20, 2013**, along with a \$50 deposit. Total cost will depend on fundraising, but will not be more than \$150 (including deposit). Scholarships are available. Contact Gabby Bibeau for more information at gbibeau@holyspirit.cc.

Seccina Memorial High School Admissions Day

Seccina Memorial High School invites current eighth grade students and their families to complete the enrollment process on Saturday, January 12, 2013. Students will have an opportunity to take a placement test, attend an information session on The Seccina Experience or Tuition Assistance, submit the remainder of their admissions application documents, and/or schedule an admissions interview. There is also a chance to win a \$3,000 tuition scholarship! For additional information on Seccina Admissions's Day, please visit <http://www.seccina.org/seccina-admissions-day>.



Confirmation Candidates and team only for Session 4 on Sunday January 13, from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the parish center.

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