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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.

ADVENT

**Dear Parish Family,**

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Monday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. **Please note that the**

first Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m. There will not be an 7:00 a.m. Communion Service on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

In light of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, I hope all of us will take time this Christmas to thank God for family and friends and to let family and friends know how much we love them. Jesus is God's greatest gift to us, and it is Jesus who makes all love possible.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25.

Finally, with the end of the calendar year approaching, you will notice that our Sunday Collection shortfall when compared to our budget is approaching \$16,000.00. If you have fallen behind in your Sunday contributions and are in a position to catch up, please do so. That being said, many parishes are experiencing larger Sunday collection deficits than this. Thank you to all of you who are so generous and faithful in caring for our parish financially.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

Word in Deeds

We extend our condolences to *Joanne Johnson and Jerry and Melanie Johnson and their entire family* on the death of Joanne and Jerry's mother, **Marjorie Johnson** (100), who passed away on December 15 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 19. Marjorie was a long time parishioner and in her younger years was a lector. She most recently resided at Brookdale Place of Fall Creek. Please keep all of Marjorie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Marjorie eternal life.



We will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus at all the Christmas Masses. Some suggested items are newborn and size 1 diapers, wipes, hygiene products (shampoo, lotion, etc.), bath towels, washcloths, burp cloths, bottles, sippy cups, pack-n-play sheets, receiving blankets, developmental toys, teething rings, socks, and **clothing size 0-3 months**, especially winter attire. Please bring your gift unwrapped to any of the Christmas Masses. Thanks in advance!

Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2012

24 December	Monday – Vigil of Christmas
7:00 a.m.	No Communion Service
4:00 p.m.	Catherine Dangler by Family
5:30 p.m.	For the People
10:00 p.m.	Nicole Newhart by Diana Newhart
25 December	Tuesday - The Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m.	Charles and Rita Ernstes by the Ernstes Family
26 December	Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
27 December	Thursday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Anna Miller by Joe and Gloria Coyne
28 December	Friday
8:30 a.m.	Walter and Anna Bordenkecher
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
29 December	Saturday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:00 p.m.	Vigil of – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Michael Donahue by The Donahue Family
30 December	Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:30 a.m.	Beverly Jean Kemmerer by the Ladies Club
10:30 a.m.	Florence Burke by Helen Dalton, Jim and Loretta Miller
6:00 p.m.	For the People



This Week in our Parish

December 23 - 30, 2012

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir
Monday	Happy Holidays – Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	Merry Christmas!		
	Parish Office Closed		
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Have a Wonderful Day!		

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24 - 4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 10:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (beginning at 9:30 P.M.)
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30
Masses on Saturday, December 29 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 30 - 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

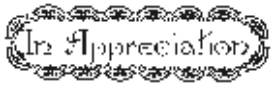
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE-SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
Masses on Monday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and
Tuesday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

Parish Office Information

The parish office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and January 1

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The family of Judy Nichols wishes to thank Little Flower Parish for their kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of her husband, Donald. To our pastor Fr. Bob, Teresa Eckrich and the choir, Kevin Gawrys and faculty, the 7th and 8th graders and the ladies who prepared the Mercy Meal, our family is grateful for your thoughtfulness.

Please Pray For

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

Cathy Mears

2031 N. Kildare Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

The Little Flower Ladies Club wishes everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas!

Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes increased quantities and tighter deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekend of January 5/6 we ask any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For January 5/6 bulletin** – all submissions must be in by **Thursday, December 27 at 10 a.m.**

TAKE NOTE

What is a "Nun Run?" It is a 24 + hour experience during which single women ages 18-40 are invited to spend time with

Sisters who are ministering in the Indianapolis area. At each stop, enjoy the Sister's cooking as you learn first hand how each Community is making a difference for the people of Indianapolis area and beyond. Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. The Nun Run is scheduled for February 8 – 9, 2013. The event will begin at 6 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday. Contact Sr. Theresa Sullivan, DC at 812-963-7563 or email sistertheresa.sullivan@doc.org to receive a brochure and to register. Sponsored by the Archdiocese and the Religious Communities of Indianapolis and surrounding area.

Scecina Memorial High School Admissions Day

Scecina 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 Scecina 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 Scecina Admissions's Day, please visit <http://www.scecina.org/sccecina-admissions-day>.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, December 23: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church
Monday, December 24: Sing at 5:30 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church
Sunday, December 30: We won't sing this weekend.
Sunday, January 6: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m. in church

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of December 15 th and 16 th	\$ 9,517.71
Electronic Contributions 12/8- 12/14	\$ 934.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 346,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 330,471.56
Year – To – Date DEFICIT	\$ - 15,778.44

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions	\$ 2,003.25
November Contributions	\$ 2,323.91
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,668.25

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2012, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 29/30 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 2013.

Grace in Action – Living Catholic Stewardship

Please take a few minutes to read the latest edition of this monthly publication about Catholic Stewardship. You will find it inserted in your bulletin this weekend.

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!



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.



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.

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