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#### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

At-Large Member

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 Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PARISH CENTER 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

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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. 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

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#### 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.



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#### Dear Parish Family,



Today we welcome Fr. Mike Barton, mcci, a son of Little Flower parish and a Camboni

missionary priest. Fr. Mike was a 1962 graduate of Little Flower Catholic School. He was ordained in Little Flower Church on December 14, 1975. This weekend marks his 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination. For the last 31 years, he has served as a missionary in Africa, 29 of those years in South Sudan. There will be a second collection to assist Fr. Mike in his next assignment.

Thanks to Peggy Clegg and our Parish Life Commission for hosting our parish Christmas party last Sunday. thanks to those who helped the Parish Life Commission: Frank and Susan Lee, Mike and Regina Kanney, Jeanine Atkins, Cat Allstatt, and all those who helped with putting tables and chairs away when the party was over-too many to mention by name. We were delighted with the number of parishioners who came. The children especially enjoyed talking to Santa and Mrs. Claus. At the conclusion of the party, many stayed for the Little Flower band concert in Riedinger Hall. Thanks to Miss Eckrich and the bands.

Once again I want to thank everyone who supported our project to purchase our new Gather books. I hope you have liked some of the new songs that we have learned these last couple of weeks.

Over the last several weeks, we have had several second collections or extra envelopes for the collection. Two of the second collections were completely unexpected. All of them are for good causes. However, it is completely up to you to choose which ones you wish to support. If you cannot or do not wish to support all of them, please feel okay about that.

Our Advent Penance Service with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will be this Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette. Several priests will be available for confessions. This will offer you the best opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

Finally, beginning Tuesday, the Church begins its intense preparation for celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas 2000 years ago. During the remaining days of Advent, let us not lose sign of the true meaning of Christmas.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

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:

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	FOR THE	WEEK OF DECEMBER 16-22, 2013
16	December	Monday
	7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
	7:00 p.m.	Penance Service at St. Bernadette
17	December	Tuesday
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Carol Freeland
18	December	Wednesday
	8:30 a.m.	Marshall Ford by Dottie Spalding
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
19	December	Thursday
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	1:30 a.m.	Greentree - Walter and Anna Bordenkecher
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Ann Hutchinson by John C. Withem
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
21	December	Saturday
	8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
	5:00 p.m.	Vigil of the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
		Betty Otterstetter by Mildred Mauer
22	December	Sunday – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

For the People

George Haddin by Martha Haddin

8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Members of the Charles and Rita Ernstes Family

December 15-22, 2013							
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP				
Sunday	nday Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the Gathering A						
	Ladies Club Bake Sale 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				
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice				
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Brownie Troop #2441				
	At St. Bernadette	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service				
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Women's CRHP Team				
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP				
Tuesday	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing				
	Parish Office Closed at Noon						
	Duffey Hall 7		RCIA				
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Christmas Choir				
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP Team				
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study				
	Scout Room	6:15 p.m.	Brownies #2443				
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	Girls Scouts #2900				
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger/Wolf Scouts				
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA				
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group				
	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799				
_	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball				
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Group				
_	New Parishione	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses					
Sunday							

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

In Memoriam We extend our prayer and condolences to Betty Howard and her family on the death of her brother, Marshall Ford who

passed away on November 28. Please keep all of Marshall's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Marshall into his eternal glory.



We will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus at all the Christmas Masses. Some suggested items are bath soap, lotion, towels, and wash cloths, snow suits, 0-3 mo boys and girls

clothing summer and winter, and bottles, and baby toys. Please bring your gift unwrapped to any of the Christmas Masses. Thanks in advance!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,167.25
Electronic Contributions 12/2 - 12/6	\$ 5,911.50
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual	\$ 314,098.33
Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget	\$ 324,000.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit	\$ -9,901.67

#### Home Improvement Fund

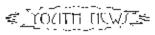
October Contributions	\$ 2,213.85
November Contributions	\$ 2,023.75
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,128.25

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2013, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 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 2014.



The next meeting for candidates and team will be Sunday, January 12, 2014 in the parish center from 7:15 p.m.

until 9:00 p.m.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

Sunday, December 15: Practice - 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in

church

Sunday, December 22: Sing at 6 p.m.Mass-meet at 5 p.m

in church

Tuesday December 24: Sing at 5:30 pm.Mass-meet at 5 p.m.

in church

Sunday, December 29: We won't sing this weekend.

Sunday, January 5: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5 p.m.

in church

#### **Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays**

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines. To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekends of December 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> and January 4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> we ask any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- For December 28/29 bulletin all submission must be in by Thursday, December. 19 by Noon.
- For January 4/5 bulletin all submissions must be in by Thursday, December 26 by Noon.



News from Little Flower School Congratulations to all of our Annual Scholarship winners:

#### **Bob Kiley Memorial Scholarship**

Caroline Mages

Joseph & Veronica Thie Service Award

Anthony Battles Emma Gedig Erin Arney Aurora Scott

Kienan Corcoran Annie Sidor

Henry Egan Cole Stevenson Victor Franco Knight Wolff

#### Tom & Eileen Costello Scholarship

Addy Turner Devon Larimore

#### John & Rosemary & Zac Clegg Memorial

Joe Battles Ariel Sutton

#### **Hazel Elizabeth Holdaway Gallagher Service Awards**

Caroline Downs Alice Hughey

#### Kevin & Beverly Walke Farrell Scholarship

Kassidy Batt



#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The first reading describes things that are ruined or of less value in the eyes of people. Again God sees the inherent value that our society does not see. He comes with vindication to restore all that has been lost to sin. The letter from James urges us four times to be PATIENT, both in our wait for the coming of God's kingdom, and with each other. God is a patient judge—let God do the work of judging. In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus urges John and his followers to judge him by his actions and signs.

#### Readings for this week:

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Sun.	IS 35:1-6A, 10 JAS 5:7-10	MT 11: 2-11				
Mon.	NM 24: 2-7, 15-17A	MT 21:23-27				
Tues.	GN 49:2, 8-10	MT 1:1-17				
Wed.	JER 23:5-8	MT 1:18-25				
Thurs.	JGS13:2-7, 24-25A	LK 1:5-25				
Fri.	IS 7:10-14	LK 1:26-38				
Sat	SG2: 8-14	LK 1:39-45				

**THIS WEEK**: Make God more clearly visible in your words and actions. Jesus left behind much evidence of who He was and what he stood for. What evidence are we leaving? What is your Spiritual Carbon Footprint?

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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, Wednesday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29
Masses on Saturday, December 28 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 29 - 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 Tuesday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and

Wednesday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.

Parish Office Information
The parish office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and January 1.

#### ST. BERNADETTE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Christmas day again this year, St. Bernadette located at 4838 Fletcher will be offering a Christmas dinner and a time to enjoy the Holy Day with our parish family. It begins at noon and lasts until 2:00 pm. This dinner is open to anyone so if you know someone who needs some company on Christmas, extend them an invitation. There is no cost, and all we ask for is a reservation to be made so that we can plan the appropriate food amounts. Please call the parish office at 356-5867.

#### **CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT UPDATE**

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, our cohort (the parishes of Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, and Little Flower) submitted our response to the Archdiocesan Planning Commission. You may recall that the Archdiocese rejected our original proposal which was as follows:

*Linked Parishes* – St. Bernadette and Little Flower

Partnership Parishes – St. Bernadette, Little Flower, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Lourdes

- Little Flower (LF) would link with St. Bernadette (St. B), sharing a pastor.
- Our Lady of Lourdes (OLL) would be led by a full time Parish Life Coordinator (PLC). Perhaps a deacon could also be assigned to provide limited sacramental ministry.
- Holy Spirit (HS) would retain a pastor, an associate pastor, and a deacon to minister to the parish and its growing Hispanic population.
- The HS pastor and associate pastor would provide sacramental ministry for OLL.

#### Instead, the Archdiocese proposed:

**Merged Parishes** – St. Bernadette into Our Lady of Lourdes *NOTE: Merged or consolidated parishes create a new parish configuration which is able to provide many more activities and opportunities than the original parishes could have managed on their own.* 

**Linked Parishes** – Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes *NOTE: Linked parishes happen when two or more parishes share a pastor. Linked parishes do as many things as possible cooperatively especially given that the pastor/administrator is striving to serve two or more separate parishes.* 

**Partnership Parishes** – Little Flower and Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Lourdes *NOTE: Parishes enter into partnerships with other parishes when they create joint programs, share in-services, and possibly share staff.* 

After a lot of discussion over the past several weeks, our cohort team has asked the Archdiocese to reconsider our original proposal. We have provided them with extra data and other information that reinforce our belief that our original proposal Is in the best interest of all of our parishes and the Catholic Community on the East Side of Indianapolis. In asking them to reconsider, we propose that St. Bernadette remain open for a minimum of five years and put plans in place to demonstrate growth during that time..

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#### **CONNECTED IN THE SPIRIT UPDATE (continued)**

We have made it clear that our original proposal is our preference. If by chance the planning commission still does not accept our recommendation, we have asked that they consider the following:

Merged Parishes – St. Bernadette into Our Lady of Lourdes
Partnership Parishes – Little Flower, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Lourdes

- Our Lady of Lourdes would be led by a full-time Parish Life Coordinator (PLC). Perhaps a deacon could also be assigned to provide limited sacramental ministry.
- Sacramental ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes would be coordinated by the PLC engaging the Little Flower pastor and the Holy Spirit pastor and associate pastor.
- The St. Bernadette facility would continue to operate as a retreat center for a minimum of three years with committed cohort assistance and committed financial support from the Archdiocese, allowing the cohort to explore additional ministry and outreach opportunities.

We expect a response from the Archdiocese by mid-January 2014 and will communicate that response as soon as possible.



## We Need You!

Positions are open on the Funeral Luncheon Committee. We are looking for Team Leaders and Volunteers to bring food when needed for a funeral luncheon.

#### **Team Leader Qualifications:**

Desire to help fellow parishioners following the death of a loved one and must be available during the day. No prior experience is necessary. Training will be provided.

**Duties Include:** Making phone calls to request food donations

Setting up for the luncheon

Serving the meal

Cleaning up following the luncheon

#### **Volunteer Qualifications:**

Desire to help your fellow parishioners. Ability to prepare a favorite dish or dessert. Willingness to buy a dessert or other food item if cooking is not your thing.

**Duties Include:** Preparing or buying food when available

Bringing food item to the Parish Center

**Benefits Provided for Team Leaders and Volunteers:**Meeting new people in the parish

Making new friends

Supporting fellow parishioners

Sharing your talents

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