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ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.		

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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At-Large Member	Mike Perron

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.

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.



Take the
child and
his mother
and flee
to Egypt.

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The alternate opening prayer from the former Sacramentary slightly revised should be our prayer today:

Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in your life for ever.

Wednesday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday 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.

Sometimes I think as a society we suffer from the forgetfulness of God. In other words, we believe in God, but we do not give God his due. For example, it seems to me that on January 1 we would want to come together as a faith community to thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the New Year. Likewise, we would want to pray for peace and justice throughout the world. I hope that you will make a real effort to join us for one of the holyday Masses.

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

On December 19, Gene Pritchett retired from Little Flower after working for the parish for over thirty years. Most of you probably never met Gene. He worked the evening shift cleaning the school. Gene was a very dedicated worker. He was self-directed, needed little or no supervision, and took great pride in his work. We thank Gene for his many years of dedicated service to Little Flower.

As the year draws to a close and a new year dawns, I 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. I want to thank you for all of your support this past year through your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. Finally, on a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and gifts. I am serious when I tell you that 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

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Mass Intentions



FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 30, 2013-JANUARY 5, 2014

30 December	Monday
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	William Graam by Mildred Mauer
31 December	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	No Communion Service
6:00 p.m.	Mary Ann Hutchinson by Kurt Schnell
01 January	Wednesday
9:00 a.m.	For the People
02 January	Thursday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Catherine Quill by Claire Wise and Family
03 January	Friday
8:30 a.m.	Art Meier by Donna Selm
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
04 January	Saturday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:00 p.m.	Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
	Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger
05 January	Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 a.m.	Margaret Werner by Judy Riegel and Family
10:30 a.m.	Bill Dalton by Steve and Katie Wight
6:00 p.m.	For the People

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

December 29, 2013 – January 5, 2014

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday	Happy New Years		
	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 Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	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 20 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



On **Sunday, January 12, 2014**, 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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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:

Patrick Moriarty, St. Paul Hermitage
501 N 17th Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107



If your child had a picture taken with Santa at our Parish Christmas Party you may find them on our website at www.littleflowerparish.org. Go to the tab marked "Media" and the pictures will be there. Please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 357-8352 x 32 if you have any questions.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 21 st and 22 nd	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/16 - 12/20	Check back next week
Fiscal Year-To-Date Actual (as of 12/16)	\$ 322,917.57
Fiscal Year-To-Date Budget (as of 12/16)	\$ 337,500.00
Fiscal Year-To-Date Deficit (as of 12/16)	\$ -14,582.43

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,213.85
November Contributions	\$ 2,023.75
December Contributions (as of 12/16)	\$ 1,281.25

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT

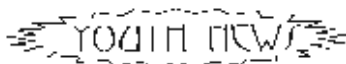
So many parishioners give so freely of their time and talent to make the holiday season special both for our parishioners and for those in need outside of our parish. From St. Vincent de Paul to all those involved in liturgy to many other groups and organizations within the parish, it's impossible to name everyone! We pray that you all will be rewarded many times over for your gifts of stewardship!

Thanks also go out to the students of Scecina High School, and Pam Brake, Student Council Moderator, who provided Christmas Gifts for FOUR needy families.

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 28th/29th 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 29: We won't sing this weekend.
Sunday, January 5: Sing at 6 p.m. Mass--meet at 5 p.m. in church

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 24. 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 13, at 7 p.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.

★ 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 Tuesday, January 22nd. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com or follow the link available on our website. Please include any questions about our church or parish you might like Father Bob to answer in the newsletter!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 4th, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 5th, 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.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CLUB

Please have a safe and Happy New Year! There is no Ladies Club meeting in January. The next meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Please watch the bulletin for news about the February 22 Fashion show and lunch.



A BIG thank you goes out to all of those that braved the weather and brought baked goods for the Ladies Club bake sale. Without you it would not have been a success. As always our parishioners came through.

Thanks also to those that bought raffle tickets and provided the items for the raffle. The winners are as follows: Pewter Stocking Holders was Joyce Anderson. Goodie Basket was Judy Corpuz. Wreath was Peg Kramer and the Canned Goods went to Susan Lee. Again, thank you for making this fundraiser a huge success.

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