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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.

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 services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

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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School Commission	Jeff Lyons
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Cassie Echegaray
At-Large Member	Mike Perron
At-Large Member	David Schurger
At-Large Member	Cindy Woods

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.

Advent



Second Sunday of
ADVENT

Dear Parish Family,
Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mary under her title as the Immaculate Conception is the patroness of the United States. This is why it is always a Holyday of Obligation even when it falls on a Monday or Saturday.

Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception a dogma of the Church on December 8, 1854. On March 25, 1858, at Lourdes, France, Mary revealed herself to Bernadette Soubirous as the Immaculate Conception.

Our parish Christmas party will be next Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, celebrating Christmas well, including spending quality time with family and friends, boosts our hope that God is faithful to his promises. All are invited to spend some quality time with your parish family and friends as we anticipate the joy of Christmas. Please see the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin for further details.

Thanks to all who took tags from the Giving Trees. Please be sure to bring back your gifts next weekend. Again, see the announcement elsewhere in the bulletin for more details.

Our Advent Penance Service will be next Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate the sacrament with us. Our First Communion Class will make their first confession at this time. Nine priests are scheduled to be here to help with confessions.

Because of the early deadline for last week's bulletin, I was not able to report on my retreat. Fr. Keith Hosey was as inspiring as he was 47 years ago when my Latin School classmates and I made our high school senior retreat. This year's retreat focused on Fr. Henri Nouwen's book *Can You Drink the Cup?* We also watched a movie about Fr. Nouwen, who taught at both Yale and Harvard. One person in the movie made the point that no one remembered any professor at Harvard who attracted so many people to his classes. Fr. Hosey made the point that the reason he was so popular was because he "spoke psychology." What Fr. Hosey was saying was that at least in the United States, psychology shapes our world view and our language. He also commented that the first Vatican document that he has ever read that "spoke psychology" was Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel*.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to the *Bishop and Cougar families* on the death of Jeff and Michele's son, **Brady Bishop**, who passed away. His funeral liturgy was celebrated at St. Philip Neri. Brady was also the nephew of *Jerry and Diana Martin*. May God welcome Brady into his eternal glory.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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 20/21, 27 /28, and January 3 /4** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For Dec. 20/21 bulletin** – all submission must be in by **NOON on Monday, Dec. 15.**
- **For December 27/28 bulletin** - all submission must be in by **NOON on Thursday, December. 18.**
- **For January 3/4 bulletin** – all submissions must be in by **NOON on Tuesday, December 23.**

These deadlines are firm and there will not be any variation. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF December 8 - 14, 2014

- 08 December Monday** - Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory by Carol Freeland
- 09 December Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Harry Hosey by the Snow Family
- 10 December Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
11:00 a.m. Adventuresome Group – Mildred Mauer
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 11 December Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Tom Clemons by Ron & Diane Sharp
- 12 December Friday**
8:30 a.m. Fr. Larry Crawford
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 13 December Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**
Norman Bordenkecher by Pauline & Charlie Graf
- 14 December Sunday – The Third of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Pat Withem by Genevieve Coffey
10:30 a.m. For the People
6:00 p.m. Elfreda Seyfried by Mark & Cheryl McAtee

The Week Ahead
December 7-14, 2014

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club	Bake Sale after all Masses	except 6 p.m.
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
Monday	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 th grade Study Group
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Webelo
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club
	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 th grade Study Group
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Wolf and Bear Scouts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church/P.C.	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
Thursday	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	School Commission Sub-Group
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
Friday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	Duffey Hall	4:45 p.m.	Market Day Pick-Up
	Parking Lot	6:00 p.m.	LF Carolers
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking Lot	8:30 a.m.	Men's Club Clean-Up Day
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Church	10:30 a.m.	Liturgical Choir Sings
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	1:00 p.m.	Christmas Band Concert
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation



The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to Thank you for the donations of food for Thanksgiving. They were able to help 65 residents in our Little Flower area with Thanksgiving!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are available to anyone who wants to learn more about the Catholic faith. **Our next session will meet on Tuesday, December 9, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Our topic for the evening is: The Sacraments of Baptism & Confirmation.** Please join us!

The Adventurousome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 10 following the 11 a.m. Mass. We will have our annual Christmas Celebration. Please call the Parish Center if you plan on attending.

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

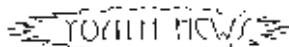
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of November 22nd and 23 rd	\$ 8,359.02
Electronic Contributions 11/17- 11/21	\$ 6,479.34
Collection of November 29th and 30 th	\$ 7,491.53
Electronic Contributions 11/25- 11/28	\$ 1,081.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual	\$ 280,416.53
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget	\$ 297,000.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Deficit	\$ - 16,583.47

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,236.35
August Contributions	\$ 2,085.58
September Contributions	\$ 2,009.58
October Contributions	\$ 2,152.58
November Contributions	\$ 2,586.08

STEWARD OF THE MONTH

The Steward of the Month program is in danger of extinction because we are not receiving nominations! **PLEASE, TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING LITTLE FLOWER VOLUNTEER!** We have wonderful volunteers and they deserve to be recognized. Nominations for the Steward of the Month are available in the gathering area.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 7, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

Any high school-age parishioners are invited to join us for Emmaus Night on Sunday, Dec. 7, at from 6-8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights are sponsored by Sceccina Campus Ministry but are open to all high school students on the East side. We'll begin with Mass at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and activity after Mass until 8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights will be offered on the 1st Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact Margaret Zeh at mzeh@sceccina.org or Angie Pometto at apometto@sceccina.org or 356-6377.

EDGE - Grades 7 and 8

Please join us on Dec. 20 for "Conversation with Christ." Our Edge nights will focus on Prayer this year. Prayer is entering into relationship with Christ. If Christ is your friend, you should be able to talk to him about ANYTHING! Come on Dec. 20 to learn more! We will meet in the cafeteria at Our Lady of Lourdes from 6-8:15 p.m.

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:

Bill Baecher/Arlington Place
1635 N Arlington Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46218

Holy Spirit will be hosting another **Lunch and Learn** for Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Holy Spirit parishes on **Thursday, December 18, at 11:30 a.m.** The theme will be "Christmas through the Eyes of Children". Student from Holy Spirit School will provide entertainment. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan to attend.

The Great Adventure: A Journey Through the Bible

24-week study of the Bible Timeline
Thursday Evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Little Flower Parish Center, St Patrick Room

Cost: \$30 per person. **Starts January 8** (we don't meet on the 1st Thursday of each month) **register by December 31** by calling Anita Moody 918-0997 or email moodyakl@yahoo.com. This remarkable journey through the Bible gives participants the "big picture" they need to put the entire story into context. Salvation history is covered from its beginning in Genesis through the coming of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. A combination of individual reading and study, group discussion, and lecture commentary guides participants as they read through the 14 narrative books of the Bible and discover the meaning of each in light of the whole. Come join us!



Candidates and team will meet next on Sunday, December 14 in the Parish Center, for Session 3. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Support religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders!



2014 Christmas Giving Tree

Please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to church **NEXT** weekend, **DECEMBER 13 / 14**. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office by **DECEMBER 8**. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the parish center **NO LATER THAN** the end of the day on December 15. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Masses on Saturday, December 27 at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 28 - 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 December 24, 25, and 26 and January 1

Celebration of First Reconciliation

Children who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will celebrate the sacrament for the first time on Monday, December 15, at 7 p.m. Please remember these children and their families in your prayers as they celebrate God's love and forgiveness together.

Sceccina's Crusaders for Life Trivia Night Fundraiser

When: Friday, December 12, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m. dinner/7- 9:30 p.m. Trivia

Where: Sceccina Memorial High School Cafeteria

Cost per person: \$20 (includes 2 pizzas & a bottle of wine per table. BYOB (no children) and snacks.

Please secure your team a spot by contacting Katie Conroy through email kconroy@sceccina.org or phone 356-6377 ext. 1201 with the number for your team and team name by December 11. Space is limited so get your spot early!

OUR APOLOGIES

In the school annual report we inadvertently omitted the name of one of our business donors. We appreciate their support and apologize for this oversight!
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