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rejoices
in my God.

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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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Faith Formation Commission	OPEN POSITION
Liturgy Commission	Marlaina Pertile
Parish Life Commission	Pat Gandalph
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.

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.

Advent

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today we welcome members of the Joseph and Veronica Thie family to our 10:30 a.m. Mass. One of our traditions is to present the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards at the 10:30 a.m. Mass preceding the Christmas party. This award is generally awarded to nine Little Flower Catholic School sixth through eighth graders who demonstrate a commitment to academics and service. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check made out to the student, and the inscription of the student's name on the permanent plaque in the school.

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" [Phil. 4:4-5]. As a sign of joy, the color of the day is rose.

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. As is our tradition, we will be joined by parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and our First Communion class, who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Several priests will be available for confessions. This will offer you the best opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas.

Today is also the 19th anniversary of the death of former pastor Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Fr. Robert was killed in a traffic accident returning home from a Penance Service. Please remember Fr. Robert in your prayers today.

In the Universal Norms of the Roman Missal, we are reminded that "the weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord" [42]. In other words, we are reminded to keep our focus on the true meaning of Christmas during this period of preparation.

Not only are we approaching the end of the calendar year, but also the mid point of our fiscal year. Our Sunday Collection deficit is significant at this point. If you have fallen behind on your Sunday contributions, this would be a great time to catch up if you are in a position to do so.

In my homily last Sunday, I quoted from the song "Come As You Are."

You can hear the entire song at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0cbQS55RTM>.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to the entire *Holle family* on the death of Cathy's daughter in law and Greg and Jennifer's sister in law, **Ronja Holle**, who passed away. May God welcome Ronja into his eternal glory.

2014 Christmas Giving Tree

Please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on **December 15**. Thank You.

Gifts for Baby Jesus

The Gabriel Project will be collecting Gifts for Baby Jesus at all of the Christmas Masses. Some items that we need are diapers size New Born, 1 and 2, wipes, towels and wash cloths, baby bottles and bottle brushes, body wash and lotion, boys and girl winter clothing sz 0-3. Please bring your gift unwrapped to any of the Christmas Masses. Thanks in advance for your support of the women and children we help.



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. After this meeting, there will not be another meeting until January 11.

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF December 15 -21, 2014**

15 December	Monday
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
16 December	Tuesday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Art Meier
17 December	Wednesday
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Charles "Ed" Spalding by Nancy Glawatz
18 December	Thursday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
1:30 p.m.	Greentree – Norbert Maurer
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
19 December	Friday
8:30 a.m.	Zachary Decker by The Decker/Cavosie Family
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20 December	Saturday
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:00 p.m.	Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mary Foor by Rita Foley
21 December	Sunday – The Fourth of Advent
8:30 a.m.	Ron Faust by Donna Faust
10:30 a.m.	For the People
6:00 p.m.	Juanita Moloy by John and Anne Burns

The Week Ahead

December 14-21, 2014

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
Monday	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	8 th grade Study Group
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Webelo
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service & 1 st Reconciliation
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	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/Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Daisy Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	School Begins Christmas Break-dismissal at 1 p.m.		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	CRHP Women's Group
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	CRHP Men's Group

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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:

Dick Hutchinson

c/o Denny Hutchinson

1932 Freedom Court, Greenfield, IN 46140

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 6 and 7	\$ 11,176.01
Electronic Contributions 12/1-12/5	\$ 6,902.67
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual	\$ 298,495.21
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget	\$ 310,500.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Deficit	\$ - 12,004.79

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,152.58
November Contributions	\$ 2,586.08
December Contributions	\$ 1,394.58

Recently \$500.00 was used from the Home Improvement Fund to repair a steam leak in the heating system in the school. This repair was completed without the need to use our normal operating budget. Thank you for your continued contributions to the Home Improvement Fund.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2014, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 27/28 or the Parish Office by December 31. Also, any donation received in an envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2015.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Parish Goal \$39,250 Amount Pledged \$27,127 % of Goal-69%
Parish Households 936 # of pledges 130 Parish Participation 14%

There are extra United Catholic Appeal Mailers at the Church doors. If you have not yet made a commitment, you may fill out and return in our collection or return it by the mail in the mailer provided.

STEWARDSHIP 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.

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.

HELP Needed

Volunteer Opportunity

The Little Flower Athletic Association is once again hosting the 5th/6th Boys Holiday Tournament and are looking for volunteers to work the concession stand and door. If you would like to give an hour or two please contact Ann Sutton at [317.979.9830](tel:317.979.9830), Jennifer Smith at [317.372.3036](tel:317.372.3036), or Sarah Stevenson at [317.946.3194](tel:317.946.3194).

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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR – new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 21:	Practice – 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in church
Wednesday, December 24:	Sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 3:15 p.m. in church
Sunday, December 28:	Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church
Sunday, January 4:	Sing at 6 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church

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.

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 moodyak1@yahoo.com. Come join us!



INDIANAPOLIS BIG TEN RECYCLING CHALLENGE

The Little Flower seventh grade class is participating in the Big Ten recycling challenge! This is a part of the MEN'S BIG TEN curriculum that our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders have participated in for over six years. **This year they have added a recycling program that we will participate in.** We are asking your help to collect ANY KIND OF PLASTIC BOTTLE CAPS. You can bring in caps from soda/water bottles, laundry detergent caps, and any other plastic caps you may have. **There will be collection containers in the cafeteria, concession stand, by the school office, and the parish center.** We will be collecting caps until the end of March 2015. Thank you for your support and please help us with this challenge.

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

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE-SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**















**Masses on Wednesday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M. (anticipation) and
Thursday, January 1, at 9:00 A.M.**

Parish Office Information

The parish office will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26, and January 1.

Historic Christmas Festival at St. John's Downtown Indianapolis & Georgia Street

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church is sponsoring the 3rd annual Christkindl Village "Christ Child Village" on Dec. 19-20. The festival will run from 5-9 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 19 & 12-9 p.m. on Sat. Dec. 20 on Georgia St. and in the parking lot of St. John's located at 126 W. Georgia St. There will be an outdoor nativity including live animals, great German food, Saturday 5:30 p.m. Mass followed by an Advent Sacred Music Festival inside St. John's Church, artisan vendors, ice sculpting, a toboggan slide, beer and gluhwein garden, and great family activities. Admittance to the festival is free. Please contact office@stjohnsindy.org with any questions. This outdoor event is on rain or shine.

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