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sing the goodness
of the Lord.

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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.	

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Chairperson	Scott Sidor
Vice Chairperson	Jeremy Rochford
Secretary	Andrew Gordon
Finance Counsel	Jim Burks
Athletic Commission	Ann Sutton
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,

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

Christmas Masses will be Wednesday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Thursday, 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 8:30 a.m. Communion Service on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

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 Wednesday, December 24, Thursday, December 25, and Friday, December 26.

Thanks to Pat Gandolph and the Parish Life Commission and all those that assisted them in hosting such a wonderful Christmas Party. Special thanks go to the 8th graders that decorated the tree and helped with setting up and tearing down the cafeteria, Eileen Wall, chef extraordinaire, and Brent Eskew, our sound man for our Christmas music, which was a nice addition this year. Finally, thanks to all who attended.

Also, last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, representing the Thie family, Dr. Martha Thie presented the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards to ten Little Flower School students. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check to each student, and the inscription of their name on a permanent plaque outside the main office of school. Congratulations to this year's award winners:

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
Josh Thomas	Emma Gedig	Joe Battles
Julia White	Alice Hughey	Aurora Scott
Audrey Williamson	Sophie Rosenbaum	Invictus Weaver
	Annie Sidor	

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

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.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF December 22 - 28, 2014

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| 22 | December | Monday |
| | 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 23 | December | Tuesday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 5:30 p.m. | June Harris |
| 24 | December | Wednesday |
| | 7:00 a.m. | No Communion Service |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Dan "Sheridan" Bowron by Patricia Bowron |
| | 5:30 p.m. | For the People |
| | 10:00 p.m. | John and Alvina Wurz by the Wurz Family |
| 25 | December | Thursday – Christmas Day |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Charles and Rite Ernestes Family by the Ernestes Family |
| | 5:30 p.m. | No Communion Service |
| 26 | December | Friday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 27 | December | Saturday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Bill Bordenkecher by Patricia and Richard Farmer |
| 28 | December | Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Ed Spalding by Butch and Donna Brown |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the People |
| | 6:00 p.m. | John Naughton by Mike and Peggy Beltrame |

The Week Ahead

December 21-28, 2014

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner	Registration after all Masses	
	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
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	Christmas Eve		
	Parish Office and School Closed		
Thursday	Christmas Day		
	Parish Office & School Closed		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Parish Office and School Closed		
Sunday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice



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 size 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.



PLEASE RE-REGISTER YOUR MARSH FRESH IDEA CARD

In the past, once you enrolled your Fresh Ideas for Education card in support of a school, it stayed registered every year. This year, everyone needs to re-register their card to support Little Flower. They can either register their card online at <http://www.freshideasforeducation.com/> - our school number is 36491 or you may e-mail Casady Williamson at casady@indy.rr.com and I'll get them registered.

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:

Rita Fisher
Crestwood East Assisted Living
1123 N Edmondson Apt. B22
Indianapolis, IN 46219

THANKS

Thanks to all the families who took tags from our Christmas Giving Tree. We had 149 children's gifts, and 41 nursing home gifts. The gifts were picked up on Saturday, December. 20. The families got to select from miscellaneous items and received a Kroger card. All the families are from the Little Flower area and were very thankful.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 13and 14	\$	23,431.75
Electronic Contributions 12/8-12/12	\$	1,091.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Actual	\$	323,017.96
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Budget	\$	324,000.00
Fiscal Year 2014-2015 YTD Deficit	\$	- 982.04

Home Improvement Fund

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

IMPORTANT NOTE

We have received a donation from a generous parishioner of \$12,000.00 toward our Sunday Collection deficit. This extraordinary donation is very much appreciated. It gives us the opportunity for an almost clean slate for the New Year. Let's see if we can take advantage of the "new start."

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 \$30,705	% of Goal-78%
Parish Households 936	# of pledges 160	Parish Participation 17%

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.



Volunteer Opportunity

The Little Flower Athletic Association is once again hosting the 5th /6th Boys Holiday Tournament and are looking 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).



(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

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, December 28 after Mass until 8:30 p.m. It has been a while since youth room has been open to please plan to join us for pizza.



Candidates and team will meet next on Sunday January 11 in the Parish Center for Session 4. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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Are you pregnant, in your first trimester and interested in a free ultrasound? The Gabriel Project is looking for models to help our nurse maintain and refine their ultrasound skills. Morning and evening times are available. If you would like to help please call Linda Kile at 317-213-4778.











Come and See weekend retreat

January 2-4, 2015, let the world go and come to the Sisters of St. Benedict in Ferdinand, Indiana, for a Come and See weekend retreat. Through the lens of Walt Disney's movie *Frozen* reflect on your relationships with others and the ways you love yourself and others. To register, visit thedome.org/events, call [800.738.9999](tel:800.738.9999) or email vocation @ the dome.org.

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 weekend of **January 3 /4** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted by **NOON on Tuesday, December 23**. The deadline is are firm and there will not be any variation. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

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