



HOLY FAMILY

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org



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

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. St. Christopher parish had one of the best depictions of the Holy Family I have seen. Joseph is dressed in work clothes with a tool belt around his waist with Mary, holding the infant Jesus, leaning against him.

Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another. Finally, we want to pray for Church in this intermediate time between the two Synods on the Family that as a Church God's Spirit will help us find better ways to minister to families. Pope Francis has also announced that the theme of the 7th World Meeting of Families which will take place from September 22-27 in Philadelphia will be "Love is our mission: the family fully alive."

Thursday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday 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. The parish office will be closed on Thursday, January 1.

The theme of this year's Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace is "Slaves no more, but brothers and sisters." The Holy Father wrote:

Today, as the result of a growth in our awareness, slavery, seen as a crime against humanity, has been formally abolished throughout the world. The right of each person not to be kept in a state of slavery or servitude has been recognised in international law as inviolable.

Yet, even though the international community has adopted numerous agreements aimed at ending slavery in all its forms, and has launched various strategies to combat this phenomenon, millions of people today – children, women and men of all ages – are deprived of freedom and are forced to live in conditions akin to slavery.

As the year draws to a close and a new year dawns, I once again 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

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 26. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese.

**FOR THE WEEK OF December 29, 2014 – January 4, 2015**

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| 29 December | Monday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Art Meier |
| 30 December | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Jim Hines |
| 31 December | Wednesday |
| 7:00 a.m. | No Communion Service |
| 6:00 p.m. | Harry Hosey by Therese Cangany |
| 01 January | Thursday |
| 9:00 a.m. | For the People |
| 5:30 p.m. | No Communion Service |
| 02 January | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | David Malander by the Malander Family |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 03 January | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord |
| | Jacky Strong by Pauline and Charlie Graf |
| 04 January | Sunday – the Epiphany of the Lord |
| 8:30 a.m. | Brian Hawkins by Mary Anne O'Bryan and Michael Morrissey |
| 10:30 a.m. | For the People |
| 6:00 p.m. | Zachary Decker by the Decker/Cavosie Family |

The Week Ahead

December 28, 2014 – January 4, 2015

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Capital Campaign Leadership Meeting
Thursday	Happy New Year's		
	Parish Office Closed		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer 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

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

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 e-mail Casady Williamson at casady@indy.rr.com or 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:

Andy Cavallaro
Crownpoint Senior Living
831 Swope Street, Indianapolis, IN 46140

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 19 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.



On Sunday, January 11, 2015, 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.



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 20 and 21	not available due to early deadline	
Electronic Contributions 12/15-12/19	not available due to early deadline	
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

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 \$35,440	% of Goal-90%
Parish Households 936	# of pledges 169	Parish Participation 18%

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 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 be rewarded in many times over for your gifts of stewardship!

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 3rd at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 4th, 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

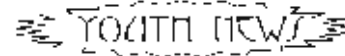
The parish office will be closed on January 1



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.

SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS AVAILABLE at Camp Rancho Framasa

Now hiring 2015 Summer Camp Staff
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(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

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's been a while since youth room has been open to please plan to join us for pizza.

High School Emmaus Nights

Any high school-age parishioners are invited to join us for Emmaus Night on Sunday, Jan. 4, at Little Flower Parish from 6-8:30 p.m. Emmaus Nights are sponsored by Scecina 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@sccecina.org or Angie Pometto at apometto@sccecina.org or 356-6377.

★ 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 Thursday, January 22. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com or follow the link available on our website.

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