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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.

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
PARISH CENTER Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
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.

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the final Sunday in this Church year. In today's Preface, we are told that Jesus came to establish "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Today we commission all of our Liturgical Ministers except Eucharistic Ministers. Today we also want to thank them for their generous service to our community. Their ministry helps make our Liturgies beautiful.

This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day! Our Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be no other Masses or Communion Services on Thursday. Little Flower School will anticipate the celebration of Thanksgiving with an all-school Mass on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.

We all have much for which to be grateful. The three best ways to give thanks for all our blessings on Thanksgiving Day are to celebrate Eucharist as a family, spend quality time with our family and/or friends, and share some of our blessings with those in need.

There will be a collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Because of the tough economic times, our St. Vincent de Paul Society will be stretched thinner than ever. Also, you are invited to bring food to donate. It may be placed on the steps around the altar.

You are also invited to bring food for your own dinner to be blessed. Please do not place this food on the steps. You will be invited to bring it forward to be blessed at the end of Mass.

Because of Thanksgiving, the parish offices and school will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of a new Church year. Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. Please mark your calendars.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to *Pat Gandolph and Chris (Rick) Pressley* on the death of their son and brother **Ron Gandolph** who passed away on November 10 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 18. We also offer our sympathy to *Rae Anne Brizendine and her family* on the death of her mother, **Barbara Elliott**, who passed away on November 10 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on November 16. Barb was 84 years young. She had an unwavering trust in God. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Ron and Barb into his eternal glory.

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get a chance please send them a card or a note! This week we especially want to remember:

Kathryn Toler
4514 E 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201



Candidates and team will gather for their third session on Sunday, December 4, at 7:00 P.M. in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.

**MASS Schedule****FOR THE WEEK OF November 21-27, 2016**

21	November	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Rev. Francis Tuohy by William Greenan
22	November	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Margaret L. Moriarty by Michael Moriarty
23	November	Wednesday
	8:30 a.m.	Jay Edele by Pam and Jesse Bolte
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
24	November	Thursday - Thanksgiving
	9:00 a.m.	James Gilday Anniversary
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
25	November	Friday
		No Mass or Communion Service
26	November	Saturday—1st Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Marilyn and Don Keutzer
27	November	Sunday – 1st Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Gary Veerkamp by Helen and Julie Kramer
	6:00 p.m.	Ruth Clifford Kunkel by Mary Ann Roberts

The Week Ahead**November 20-27, 2016**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner	Registration after all Masses	
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Acceptance – RCIA & RCIC
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
Monday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Family Advent Night
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	Happy Thanksgiving		
	Parish Office and School Closed		
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Parish Office and School Closed		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	9:00 a.m.	SVDP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy

Our Advent Journey

The **Parish Life Commission** will host "**Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun**" on **Monday, November 21, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on November 27. The evening will begin with dinner (pizza). Following dinner each family will be given the opportunity to make an Advent Calendar. The evening is free, but reservations are needed. Please call the Parish Center if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or at 357-8352.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of November 12 & 13	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 11/7 - 11/11	check back next week
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 248,939.29
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 256,500.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 7,560.71

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,933.58
September Contributions	\$ 2,041.08
October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions (as of 11/6)	\$ 1,240.25

Thank you for your continued support of the Home Improvement Fund. We recently have been able to paint and put new floor covering in the St. Therese room of the parish center. This room gets a lot of use and was really in need of some "sprucing up."

PLEASE NOTE

Last weekend was intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, *Christ our Hope*. *Christ our Hope* provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that people in all parishes are able to benefit from. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but there are extras available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection, or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible to help our parish meet our \$39,250.00 goal.

Please take special care to be sure you don't mistake this for the intention card for the parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in February.



The Liturgy Commission is looking for families to help with the lighting of our Advent wreath at the beginning of each Mass this Advent season beginning the weekend of November 26/27. This is a great way for families

to have a special part in our liturgies as we prepare for the birth of the baby Jesus! Contact Marlaina Pertile 796-6109 or marlaina81@hotmail.com to sign up.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 28, 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 January/February.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, November 20, from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in Church. New members are welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sundays, November 27 and December 4, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM will be open for pizza on Sunday, November 27, following the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 11, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please mark your calendar and plan on coming.



The Time for Singing is Upon Us

If you have always included Little Flower Christmas Choir as part of your personal and family celebration or if you've never gotten around to joining, the time is now.

Christmas Choir this year will begin on November 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The rest of the 5 practices are Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 and will go from 7 to 9 p.m. The choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 10 PM (Midnight) Mass, with music starting at 9:25 p.m., on Sundays January 1 and 8, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass with music starting at 10:15 a.m. This choir is open to young and old starting with those in 6th grade and older. It is a wonderful way to spend Advent preparation and Christmas celebration across the many generations of your family. Don't miss this chance to be part of something really big. We have a seat waiting for you.

December Ladies Club Meeting.

Please bring a favorite or looks-good book, new or used, to our Christmas meeting on Thursday, December 1, 2016. We will exchange wrapped books at the meeting as we enjoy our pitch-in dinner. The Little Flower Ladies Club will provide the meat. Not in to book exchanges and/or have no time to bring a pitch-in item? Come to the meeting anyway! We always have loads of food, and your presence is enough to contribute. Please join us and bring a friend. We begin at 7 p.m.

Ladies Club Bake Sale is just around the corner

We take out the calories! If you're worried about holiday weight gain, we can help! Our annual Ladies Club Christmas Bake Sale is on Dec. 3 & 4 after all daytime Masses. We will have delicious holiday treats for sale that may or may not be high in calories. Only our bakers know! If buying delicious, homemade goodies is not your bag, we will also be selling Warm Glow scented candles that make great hostess or Christmas gifts. Please support one of our biggest fundraisers of the year.

Ladies and Friends: we will need baked goods to sell! Please drop them off on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the back of church. Call Michele Reese for more information. [317-443-2840](tel:317-443-2840). Thank you.



LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 26 and 27. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.

Seccina Trivia Night to benefit Crusaders for Life

It's the Crusaders for Life Club's annual trivia contest. Seccina's Trivia Night helps make the annual trip to Washington for the March for Life possible for more students. Create a team of 6-8 people to compete for cash prizes in a 10-round contest.

When: Friday, December 9

Time: 6:30 p.m. (dinner) with game starting at 7 p.m.

Where: Seccina Cafeteria

Cost: \$20 a person

Food and drink: Dinner included (Bring your own adult beverages)

Contact: Please contact Jim Maslar with your team's name and members at jimaslar@scecina.org or 356-6377 ext. 1203

Spots are limited, so reserve early!

God is Calling You to a Deeper Relationship with Him

If we consider that God is the Divine Bridegroom and the Church is the Bride, then the prophets can be seen as "spiritual marriage counselors." They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness.

Little Flower is hosting an 11 week Bible Study:












The Prophets, Messengers of God's Mercy

Where: Parish Center/St Patrick Room

Beginning January 12, from 6:30-8 p.m.

Cost: \$30/ person

Call or text Anita Moody [317-918-0997](tel:317-918-0997) or email moodyak1@yahoo.com by December 26.

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