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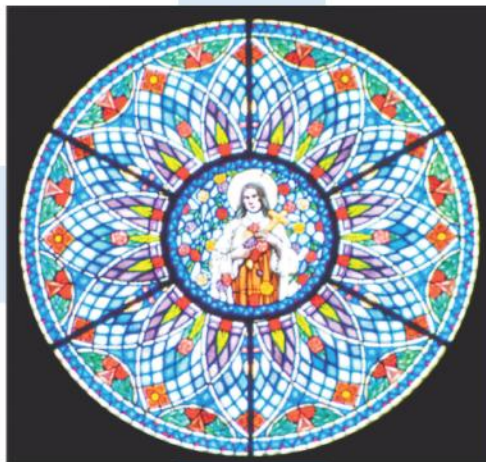
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4720 E. 13th Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46201

www.littleflowerparish.org

For today
in the city
of David
a savior
has been born
for you
who is
**MESSIAH
and LORD.**

Luke 2:11



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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	
	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.



Mass Schedule

FOR THE WEEK OF December 26 – January 1, 2016

26	December	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
27	December	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by John and Barb Stelzel
28	December	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Don Johnson by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
29	December	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Jerry Jett by the Jett Family
30	December	Friday	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
31	December	Saturday– Anticipation of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	5:00 p.m.	Sheridan W. & Catherine O. Bowron by Patricia Bowron
01	January	Sunday – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	8:30 a.m.	Ruth Kunkel by Butch and Donna Brown
			10:30 a.m.	Jim Gavaghan by Friends
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

The Week Ahead

December 25 – January 1, 2016

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Merry Christmas!		
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice, sing at 6 p.m.

Rest in Peace

We extend our condolences to *Chris and Rick Pressley and their family* on the death of Chris' mother, **Pat Gandolph**.

Pat was 88 years young and a member of Little Flower since she was a young child. She served on the Liturgy Committee and the Parish Council for many years. She was currently a member of the Ladies Club, Chairperson for the Funeral Luncheon Committee and a member of the Parish Life Commission. Please keep all of Pat's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Pat into his eternal glory.



Candidates and team will gather for their fourth session on Sunday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.

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:

Dorothy Walker

1123 N Edmondson, Indianapolis, IN 46219

Dear Parish Family & Christmas Visitors,

Welcome to all of our visitors and to all who are returning home to Little Flower for Christmas. We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Christmas with us. The entire parish staff and I want to wish all of you, visitors and parishioners, a blessed and joyful Christmas.

In my homily last Sunday, I quoted Cardinal Tobin's definition of faith:

I think there are a lot of ways to define faith, but a definition that means a lot to me is the capacity to be surprised by God. If you look at Scripture, it is full of a lot of surprised people, people in exile, people forgotten, a world that thought that God lived worlds beyond the last star, only to discover that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son.

As you celebrate Christmas with family and friends, I hope you will experience the presence of Christ in your midst.

Because Christmas and New Year's Day are holidays, the parish office will be closed on both Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

Next weekend the Mass schedule for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be the normal weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

As 2016 draws to a close, both in your name and in my name, I want to thank our entire parish and school staff for their commitment, dedication, generosity, and kindness. The parish could not do all it does without them. Finally, the entire Little Flower staff and I want to thank all of you who share your time, talent, and treasure with Little Flower. When all is said and done, a parish is a family, and every member of the family is important to the ongoing life of the family.

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.

Have a blessed Christmas.

fr. bob



**NEWLY
BAPTIZED**

Please welcome into our Christian community Nolan Robert, son of Aaron and Heather (Ames) Williams,

baptized on Sunday, December 18, 2016.

Ladies Club
No January Meeting.
See you on February 2, 2017.
Merry Christmas

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 17 & 18	\$	7,625.11
Electronic Contributions 12/6 - 12/10	\$	4,947.17
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$	323,282.25
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$	337,500.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 14,217.75

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,187.53
November Contributions	\$	1,892.58
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,244.83

PLEASE NOTE!

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2016, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 24/25 or the parish office by December 30. Also, any donations received in the envelope marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's day) and all donations received the weekend of December 31/January 1 will be credited in 2017.

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

(gifts processed as of 12/15)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about six weeks, and as you can see we are still almost \$5,000 short of our goal. Will you please consider helping us reach our goal? You should have received our intention card in the mail, but there are extras available at the church doors. If you have not yet turned your card in, 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 goal. The United Catholic Appeal funds many shared ministries from which all parishes benefit.

Parish Goal	\$39,250.00
# of gifts received or pledged	139
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$34,592.00

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 **December 31/January 1** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted Monday, December 26 at 10 a.m.

The deadline is firm due to office closures for the Holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

HELP Needed

Looking for something to do this winter? The Little Flower Athletic Commission is looking for volunteers to help plan this year's Reverse Raffle which is scheduled for Saturday, April, 29, 2017.

This is a fun time had by all, especially with your help. All proceeds from the reverse raffle help support the efforts of Little Flower Athletics. Please contact Sarah Stevenson at LFACathletics@gmail.com or 317-946-3194 for more information.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL NOTE!

As you know, Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. This may provide some budgetary challenges for us, since we usually have income from the Sunday collection as well as an extra Christmas collection. The same is true with January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Please, if at all possible, use your Holy Day envelopes in addition to your regular Sunday offering envelope.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

Sunday, January 1: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

NO 6 P.M. MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Masses on Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 1 - 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 2nd, at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 3rd - at 8:30 A.M.; 10:30 A.M.; & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 10:15 A.M.)

Parish Office Information

The parish office will be closed on
December 26 and January 2.










Please consider remembering
Little Flower in your estate planning!



On **Sunday, January 15, 2017**, the children of our parish who are in 2nd grade, and 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.

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