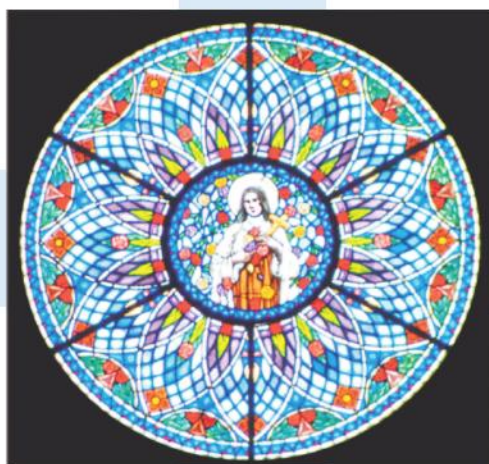


MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
AND MARY KEPT ALL THESE
THINGS, REFLECTING ON THEM
IN HER HEART. LUKE 2:19

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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| Chairperson | Scott Sidor |
| Vice Chairperson | Jeremy Rochford |
| Secretary | Andrew Gordon |
| Finance Council | Patrick Brake |
| Athletic Commission | Sarah Stevenson |
| Faith Formation Commission | OPEN POSITION |
| Liturgy Commission | OPEN POSITION |
| Parish Life Commission | Carol Wehlage |
| School Commission | John Marron |
| Stewardship Commission | OPEN POSITION |
| At-Large Member | Cassie Echegaray |
| At-Large Member | Mike Perron |
| At-Large Member | OPEN POSITION |
| 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.

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.

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| 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 Mary, Mother of God, and a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. Also, as we begin a New Year, it is appropriate that we thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the New Year. I hope we will all resolve to give more priority to our prayer and worship of God and more priority to spending quality time with family and friends.

In an early October bulletin letter, I wrote about Tom's Costello's intention to retire as Director of Stewardship and Administration on December 31, 2016. At that time, I formed a Search Committee consisting of Pat Brake, Kevin Egan, Joanne Mages, John Marron, and Ann Sutton. The position was posted on the Archdiocesan job board and advertised in *The Criterion*. We initially received five applications. The Search Committee interviewed all five and then recommended two to me to interview. I want to thank them for the excellent job they did interviewing and vetting candidates.

Today I am happy to announce that we have hired Rick Rader. Rick is a CPA and MBA. He is a 1976 graduate of Little Flower and a 1980 graduate of Scecina. He was married here at Little Flower in 1986, and he and his wife Andrea lived in Little Flower for the first six years of their marriage. While he was a member here, he served on the Finance Committee. He and his wife have four daughters. He has worked with the Department of Justice for 35 years and will retire from his current position on March 31, 2017 when he becomes eligible to retire. During our interview, I learned that I taught his wife 8th Grade English and Religion at St. Malachy in 1977-78. Besides his obvious ability in the areas of finance and administration, what most impressed me about him is that he will see this position as a ministry as Tom does. I am very grateful to Rick for accepting the position.

Since Rick will not be able to begin work until April, Tom Costello has generously agreed to continue to serve until then. I want to thank Tom (and Mary Martha) for agreeing to continue work after his planned retirement date. They will, however, still be on a pre-planned extended vacation in early February.

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 week and a wonderful year!

fr. bob



Our Christmas Giving Tree gave 166 children and 45 nursing home residents who live in our Little Flower area a merrier Christmas. The gifts were picked up on Saturday, December 17. The families got to select some miscellaneous items and were also given a Kroger gift card. This was all due to the generosity of our parish families who took tags from the Giving Tree. All of the families were very thankful. God bless all of you!

**FOR THE WEEK OF January 2-8, 2017**

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| 02 | January | Monday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 03 | January | Tuesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Michael and Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland |
| 04 | January | Wednesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | The Souls in Purgatory by Bob and Bobbie Lawless |
| 05 | January | Thursday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | John Maio by Larry and Mary Agnes Gates |
| 06 | January | Friday |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Maurice Buechlein by Pam and Jesse Bolte |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 07 | January | Saturday– Anticipation of the Epiphany of the Lord |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Charles and Mary O'Hara by Jim O'Hara |
| 08 | January | Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Art and Mildred Bolte by Pam and Jesse Bolte |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the People |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Barbara Elliott by Edgar Kern |

The Week Ahead**January 1-8, 2016**

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | Happy New Year! | | |
| | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children's Liturgy |
| | Church | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Choir Practice, sing at 6 p.m. |
| Monday | Parish Office Closed | | |
| Tuesday | St. Therese | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick | 9:30 a.m. | Bible Study |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | School Commission |
| Thursday | St. Therese | 8:00 p.m. | AA |
| Friday | Scout Room | 6:30 p.m. | Girl Scouts #2441 |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:07 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group |
| | St. Therese | 9:00 a.m. | Gabriel Project Organization |
| 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 |
| | St. Therese | 1:30 p.m. | Franciscan Associates |
| | Parish Center | 7:00 p.m. | Confirmation Prep |

Rest in Peace

We extend our condolences to Fr Bob on the death of his cousin, Tom McKeon, who passed away on December 15 and whose funeral service was held on December 21. Please keep all of Tom's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Tom 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:

Agnes Evrard
1223 N Edmondson, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 13,500.00 |
| Collection of December 24 & 25 | \$ 10,817.25 |
| Electronic Contributions 12/19- 12/23 | \$ 3,630.75 |
| Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual | \$ 337,730.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget | \$ 351,000.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT | \$ - 13,270.75 |

Christmas Collection \$ 6,939.35

The Christmas Collection was budgeted for \$8,400.00.

Home Improvement Fund

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| October Contributions | \$ 2,187.53 |
| November Contributions | \$ 1,892.58 |
| December Contributions (to date) | \$ 1,682.33 |

PLEASE NOTE: 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.

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

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.

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.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

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

CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 7, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 8 - 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 January 2.

Memorial Service for the Unborn

Sunday, January 22, 2:30 p.m. - Indiana War Memorial

Join Right to Life of Indianapolis in prayer on January 22, as we commemorate the 44th anniversary of the tragic *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. Featuring keynote speaker Fr. Josiah Trenham, speaker at the West Coast March for Life in 2016, followed by the Memorial Rose Ceremony, commemorating the lives lost to abortion each year since 1973. Immediately after the memorial service we will hold a peaceful march from the War Memorial to the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Please call (317) 582-1526 or visit the Web site www.rtlindy.org for more information.

January 2017 Happenings!

BENEDICT INN Retreat & Conference Center

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benedictinn@benedictinn.org or www.benedictinn.org

January 17 - Personal Retreat Day

Take some time away to spend with yourself and God on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rest, relax, read, walk the Labyrinth, pray, just BE! It's your day to spend as structured or unstructured as you need. Fee: \$35.00 (includes a room/lunch.) Spiritual direction \$30 (optional.) To register please call 317-788-7581 or visit us online at www.benedictinn.org.












January 27 - 6th Annual Girls' Night Out: Women Helping Women

Friday, January 27, 2017 from 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. This year we are supporting the Beacon of Hope and their work against domestic violence. A "must-go" girlfriend event with free mini manicures, fun girly photo shoots, massage, dessert bar, jewelry making, door prizes, and much, much more! Be a part of our circle of women as we help in a small way to empower women! Fee: \$25 per person. A portion of all proceeds goes to the Beacon of Hope to help those affected by domestic violence. To register please call 317-788-7581 or visit us online at www.benedictinn.org

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

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for donations to the capital campaign and school annual fund will be separate from the statements for regular parish donations.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

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