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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.

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our 22 candidates for First Eucharist and their parents as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

Monday, January 16, our nation celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King. I am always moved by Dr. King's words in his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963:

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."... I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

Wednesday begins the Week of Prayer for Church Unity (January 18-25). The theme for 2017 is "Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us" (2 Corinthians 5:14-20). According to the Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, "this biblical text emphasizes that reconciliation is a gift from God, intended for the entire creation... As a result of God's action, those who have been reconciled in Christ are called in turn to proclaim this reconciliation in word and deed: 'The love of Christ compels us.'"

Friday, January 20, is Inauguration Day. Today we are a divided country. However, one of the distinguishing qualities of the United States is the peaceful transition of power from one president to another. Although the language is dated, this Friday you might want to pray this excerpt from a prayer written by Archbishop John Carroll, the first bishop in the United States, on November 10, 1791:

We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

Archbishop Carroll was a cousin of Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Little Flower Catholic School OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 29
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

All are welcome! We invite all of Little Flower Parish to come share the good news of your school. Tours will be available all day, community organizations will have booths, and teachers and principal look forward to meeting you. Come and see the current successes and the future bright outlook for the largest ministry of our parish.

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

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF January 16 - 22, 2017**

16	January	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Joseph Thuc Chu by Son T. Chu
17	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
18	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Ann Roman by Ron and Diane Sharp
19	January	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Green Brier – Norbert Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20	January	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Mary Bishop
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
21	January	Saturday– Anticipation of the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Bob and Julia Ross by Donna Ross
22	January	Sunday – The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:30 a.m.	Herb Hedinger by Pam and Jesse Bolte
	10:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by Mary Kay Becker

The Week Ahead**January 15-22, 2017**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 a.m.	First Communion Rite of Enrollment
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:30 p.m.	Women's CRHP
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	9:00 a.m.	Rummage Sale Drop-Off
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Dounts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice/ Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

The new Minister Schedule will be coming out soon for March-April-May 2017. If you have any changes or updates please contact the following:

- Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp by email duvkote@aol.com or phone **317-356-3488**.
- Altar Servers contact Lisa Gibbons at 317-357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Deadline for changes is Monday, February 13, 2017.
 Happy New Year and thank you for your service.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 30 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 March 2017.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of January 7/8	\$ 7,854.36
Electronic Contributions 1-2 to 1-6	\$ 11,400.50
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Actual	\$ 371,604.87
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD Budget	\$ 378,000.00
Fiscal Year 2016-2017 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 6,395.13

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,187.53
November Contributions	\$ 1,892.58
December Contributions	\$ 1,682.33
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,025.25

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL (gifts processed as of 1/5/17)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about ten weeks. The Archdiocese has begun verifying their data entry and as a result we have actually gone a bit backward in our progress to our parish goal. We are almost \$5000.00 short of our parish goal. Will you please consider helping us reach our goal? You should have received your 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	146
Amount Gifts received or pledged	\$32,576.00

2017 Little Flower Kindergarten-3rd Grade Girls and Boys Basketball Intramurals

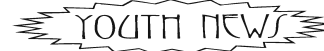
Registration will occur during the Little Flower Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria. The Intramural Basketball League is for grades Kindergarten thru 3rd Grade (Boys and Girls) and will run from February 19 thru March 26, 2017. The cost is \$30.00 per child, due at time of registration. Questions can be directed to Mike Battles at 538-3078 or mabattles@tcco.com.

Adoration Chapel

As we enter a new year, we all look at our lives & reflect on changes we might make to improve ourselves mentally or physically. I suggest we improve spiritually through time spent in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament chapel. There are many open hours; I am sure we can find one perfect for you. If interested, please contact Bobbie Lawless @ [317 727 2395](tel:3177272395). May God richly bless you in the new year.

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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 15: Practice in Church 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 22: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

then.....no commitment until practice on February 19!

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.

URGENT REQUEST

If you plan to volunteer in any capacity at this year's summer festival, we need your help now! In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send your birth date, driver's license number, and daytime phone number by email to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Please title the e-mail Festival Worker Information. If you submitted this information last year we still have it on file. **IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list.** If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

SUMMERFEST 2017 - June 2, 3, 4
Mark your calendars now!

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2017 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are June 2, 3, and 4. A kick off meeting will be held on **Monday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.



We would like to thank everyone for all of the cards, care, love, and support given to our family during Jack Mears' final days. It is great to be part of such a wonderful community. Special thanks to Fr. Bob, Tom Costello, and Peggy Clegg for making Jack's Celebration of Life Mass so beautiful. Thanks also to all those who contributed to and served the funeral luncheon. May God continue to bless each of you. Cathy Mears & family.

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:

Andy Cavallaro,
c/o 9740 Woodson Way, Indianapolis, IN 46229



Candidates and team will gather for their fifth session on Sunday, January 22 at 7:00 P.M., in the parish center. The meeting will conclude at 9:00 P.M.

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