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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
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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,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. In the midst of Christmas shopping and Christmas parties, I hope that we do not forget the meaning of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas. In the past many of you have participated in Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever" e-mail program. If you have not already signed up for the program, you can sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>.

December 3rd is also the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Because of the First Sunday of Advent, his feast is not celebrated this year. However, today would be a good day to pray for the Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and especially for Archbishop Thompson.

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. and Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. As we all know, there are many problems in our country right now, not the least of which is division. I would encourage you to make a special effort to attend Mass and pray for our country.

Next Sunday will be our annual parish Christmas party after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the bulletin flyer for details.

Monday, December 11, will be our Advent Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. For many years, we have celebrated our Advent and Lenten Penance Services with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be there to help with confessions.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Advent, Sunday December 24:
Masses are at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, December 23, and
8:30 A.M. on Sunday, December 24.

There will be NO 10:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday, December 24.

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24:
4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 10:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (beginning at 9:30 P.M.)

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.
(No evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 4 - 10, 2017

04	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
05	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Betty Caito by Ron and Diane Sharp
06	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
07	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	John Anthony Maio by the Family
08	December	Friday – The Immaculate Conception
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Isabella Mathias by Kurt and Patti Schnell
09	December	Saturday-Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Tom Burke by Mike and Paula Slinger
10	December	Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Charlie McConahay by Dave & Charlotte Allstatt and Family
	10:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by his Family

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH December 3 - 10, 2017

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Off Campus	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Assoc. Chili Cook-Off
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Blood Pressure Check after all Weekend Masses		
	Giving Tree gifts Due Back		
	Ladies Club Flower Collection after All Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Church	10:30 a.m.	Thie Awards
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING**

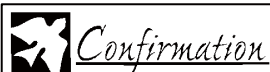


We extend our condolences to Peggy and Mark Hannah on the death of Peggy's brother, **Bernie Grismore**. Please keep all of Bernie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Bernie's wife passed away about 5 weeks ago. May God welcome Bernie into his eternal glory.



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 3, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.



Our 3rd session for students and team members only will be on Sunday, December 3, in the Parish Center from 7:00 p.m. until 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:

John Sinclair

11050 Presbyterian Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46236

NOTE:

Next weekend, December 9 and 10 is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend.

"Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection."

Are you missing your favorite serving platter, cake pan, or baking dish and donate food for funeral luncheons? If so, you might want to stop by the Parish Center and see if it is there. There are quite a few dishes that have not been claimed. Those that are not claimed may be donated to charity. Thank you!!



the Parish Center, 317-357-8352, to sign up!

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 13, following the 11 a.m. Mass. During our Christmas celebration, Fr. Bob will read "The Night Before Christmas" to the kindergarten classes. The students will sing some Christmas songs for us! Please plan on coming and bring a friend. You may call

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 weekends of **December 23/24, and December 30/31** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- **For December 23/24 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by **Friday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m.**
- **For December 30/31 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by **Thursday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m.**

These deadlines are firm due to office closures for the Holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



2017 Christmas Giving Tree Gifts IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Please bring the wrapped gifts (with original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to church on the weekend of **DECEMBER 9/10**. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to the church or parish center **NO LATER THAN Monday, December 11**. Thank you.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of November 18 and 19	\$	7,561.86
Electronic Contributions 11/13 – 11/17	\$	6,493.00
Collection of November 25 and 26	\$	8,236.80
Electronic Contributions 11/20 – 11/24	\$	6,493.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	288,646.34
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	297,000.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 8,353.66

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$	2,087.83
October Contributions	\$	2,080.33
November Contributions (to date)	\$	1,900.33

Please Note:

November 12 was intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic 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, 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.

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.

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 11/22/17)

Parish Goal	\$ 45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges	104
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 21,464.00

Finding Comfort in Christ at Christmas

The next monthly bereavement support group, sponsored by the Eastside Catholic Community: Holy Spirit ~ Little Flower ~ Our Lady of Lourdes ~ St. Philip Neri, will be on **Thursday, December 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church**. Please join us to discover ways to find comfort in Christ while grieving a loss. **All are welcome!** Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.

Ladies Club News

The Ladies Club will be hosting their annual Bake Sale this weekend accompanied by the candle sale and basket raffle. Please stop by.

Our December meeting will be December 7 at 7 p.m., in Duffey Hall (school cafeteria) we will be stuffing socks for the Cathedral Soup Kitchen and having a pitch-in.

**Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!**

There is no need to panic about the hustle and bustle that lies ahead in the weeks to come. Instead make plans to make the most of the Holiday Season by purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program!

There are Scrip Order Forms at all the entrances of Church. Orders are placed on Tuesdays, and are available for pickup on Fridays. (Payment must accompany your order.)

We will order on the following dates for your Christmas needs:
December 5, 12, 19

You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, through School, or the collection basket. We also have an assortment of gift-cards on hand to purchase. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the parish office, 357-8352 ext. 33.

THANKS

THANK YOU from SVDP for the donations of food for our Thanksgiving baskets. We made 59 bags to give to school families and people in our Little Flower boundaries.

**Angels' Corner
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Inventory Reduction Sale

25% Off Everything*

(*few select seasonal items not reduced)

Discount may increase

Call weekly for current discount

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Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 10-6 • Fri.-Sat. 9-5



We still need families to help with the lighting of our Advent wreath at the beginning of each Mass this Advent season (Dec. 10, 17, 24.) 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 advent season is a special time where we can draw closer in celebrating Christ as a community. The Invite Commission encourages you to attend the Christ Life program to carry the joy of Christ

well into the New Year. The first series "Discovering Christ" is an opportunity to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus. Anyone over 18 is welcome to attend. It is a seven-week commitment on Monday evenings starting January 29 and a retreat on Saturday, March 10, 2018. The weekly sessions include four components: a free meal, prayer time, a video teaching, and small group discussion. We encourage you to plan to attend and to invite guests. For more information contact Cac Diehr at [317-501-0060](tel:317-501-0060) or email the team at lfchristlife@gmail.com.

**Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of Fatima Council
Fatima Event Center
1040 North Post Road**

ALL are WELCOME. You do not have to belong to the Knights to attend.

Thursday, December 7 at 1:00 PM – Silvertones
Come play cards & other games

LADIES! Mark your calendar for the Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party on our regular meeting night – **December 13**. We will start at 6:00 PM. More details in next Sunday's bulletin or call Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840 or Pam Donaldson at 317-431-5239.

**New Year's Eve Reverse Raffle
at Our Lady of Fatima Event Center
Sunday, December 31**

\$40.00 for the evening per person (includes your reverse raffle ticket). Starts at 6:00 PM with Social Hour, followed by a catered dinner at 7:00 PM. The raffle begins at 8:00 PM. Drinks (draft beer, wine & soda) and dinner are included. DJ to follow. In addition to your admittance entry, you will have the opportunity to participate in cash tip board raffles, 50/50 split the pot, and basket raffles. These raffles are not included in the ticket price. Come join us for a fun & festive evening. Call for reservations or more information 317-897-1577.

News from Scecina**Scecina Trivia Night**

Scecina Trivia Night to benefit Crusaders for Life student trip to the March for Life in Washington.

Date: Dec. 8

Time: 7 p.m.

Where: Scecina cafeteria

Cost: \$20 a person

(includes pizza dinner and dessert, bring your own drinks)

Teams: 6-8 people

Prizes: Cash prizes for top teams

Contact Jim Maslar at jmaslar@sccecina.org or 356-6377- ext. 1203.

Scecina Memorial High School Christmas Concert

Come celebrate the spirit of the season at Scecina's Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 10, at 3 p.m., in Scecina's gymnasium. Featured groups are the Women's Choir, the Advanced and Beginning Choirs, the band and the orchestra. Join us for fun music from beloved TV holiday shows such as "How The Grinch Stole Christmas" and songs from popular artists Pentatonix and Justin Bieber.

Happy
Holidays!

Little Flower Christmas Party

**Sunday, December 10
after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
In the School Cafeteria**



Meat, potatoes, vegetable, salad,
drinks, and tableware provided.










Bring a dessert to share!

FEATURING

**Visit with Santa and craft project for the kids
Door Prizes
Lots of Holiday Cheer!
Come celebrate with your parish family!**



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