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ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 welcome members of the Joseph and Veronica Thie family to our 10:30 a.m. Mass. One of our traditions is to present the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service

Awards at the 10:30 a.m. Mass preceding the Christmas party. This honor is awarded to Little Flower Catholic School sixth through eighth graders who demonstrate a commitment to academics and service. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check made out to the student, and the inscription of the student's name on the permanent plaque in the school.

This year's recipients are:

8 th Grade	7 th Grade	6 th Grade
1. Sydney Anderson	1. Isabelle Comley	1. Wil Battles
2. Chris Bullock	2. Anna Erdosy	2. Hannah Comley
3. Alex Dohleman	3. Olivia Fields	3. Reanna Hollada
4. Mya White		

The children of Joseph and Veronica Thie established this award to honor their parents. Joe Thie worked for many years at St. Vincent Hospital. After his retirement, he worked for many more years as part of Little Flower's maintenance staff, especially in the church. Both he and Veronica were involved in parish organizations and activities. They helped establish the Adventuresome Group.

This year several scholarships have already been awarded. Eighth grader Madelynn Martin was awarded the Bob Kiley Scholarship at the All-Class Reunion. Eighth grader Mya White and seventh grader Anna Erdosy were awarded Tom and Eileen Costello Scholarships. Eighth Grader Maria Nevins was awarded the Kevin and Beverly Walke Farrell Scholarship. Congratulations to all the award winners.

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. During Lent the Little Flower & Our Lady of Lourdes Penance Service will be here at Little Flower.

Tuesday, December 12, is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac from December 9 to December 12 in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and was raised to the level of Feast for all the countries of the Americas in 1999. St. Juan Diego was canonized by St. John Paul II on July 31, 2002. His feast is December 9.

Thursday, December 14, is the anniversary of the death of Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer. Fr. Bob was killed in a traffic accident returning home from a Penance Service in 1995. Fr. Bob served as associate pastor of Little Flower from 1958-1968 and as pastor of Little Flower from 1985-1995. On Thursday, please pray for him and for our parish.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 11 - 17, 2017

11	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
12	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
13	December	Wednesday
	11:00 a.m.	Anna Werner by Gary Miles
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
14	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
15	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Steve Schmidt by B.J. Schmidt
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
16	December	Saturday-Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Tom Costello with appreciation by the Harris Family
17	December	Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
	10:30 a.m.	Barbara Elliott by Judy Nichols
	6:00 p.m.	Ellen Naughton Cronin by Family

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

December 10 - 17, 2017

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Weekend Masses		
	Giving Tree gifts Due Back		
	Ladies Club Flower Collection after All Masses		
	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
Monday	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	at Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service
	Off-Site	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	Athletic Commission
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting & Presentation
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts Troop #2441
	at Holy Spirit	7:00 p.m.	Grief Support
	Gym	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Program
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	SVDP
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Duffey Hall		PTO Pancake Breakfast
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice

Our Sympathy

We remember Carl Erlenbaugh who passed away on November 23 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 9. Carl graduated from Little Flower School in 1973 and from Secina in 1977. Please keep all of Carl's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Carl into his eternal glory.

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.
(There are no other Masses on Christmas Day)

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



Men's Club

Crew Carwash Fundraiser

The Little Flower Men's Club is having their annual Crew Carwash fundraiser through the month of December. Wash passes are for the basic carwash and are \$9 each or 5 for the price of 4 (same price as at the store.) These are great to use all year round and never expire! They also make great Christmas gifts! The Men's club gets to keep 50% of each carwash sold so it's a win-win. To get yours, please contact Barry Greene. Email: greenebp86@gmail.com or Phone: 317-460-0667.



Our 4th session for students and team members only will be on Sunday, January 7, 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:

Joe Swift

1310 N Colorado, Indianapolis, IN 46201



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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it come 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.

Ladies Club News

The Ladies Club will be collecting for donations to support the Christmas decorations at all entrances after all Masses this weekend.

Our January "get together" will be Thursday, January 4, 7:00 PM at the Irish Mutt.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 2 and 3	\$ 17,090.85
Electronic Contributions 11/27 - 12/1	\$ 6,585.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$ 312,322.19
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$ 310,500.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$ 1,822.19

Due to several generous contributions by an anonymous donor to the loose collection, our collection total is currently favorable to our budget. The support is very much appreciated.

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,080.33
November Contributions	\$ 1,900.33
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,094.00

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 12/1)

Parish Goal	\$ 45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges	124
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 24,628.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2017, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 30/31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2018.

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.

**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 12 & 19

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



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.

Shadow at Cathedral High School

Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8th grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Follow this link to sign up: <http://bit.ly/2x6qeGU> or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Cathedral High School Application Deadline

All applications for admission to Cathedral High School are due no later than December 15, 2017. These are submitted online at www.gocathedral.com.

Please Note:

**The Parish Office will close at noon on
Friday, December 15.**



**NEWLY
BAPTIZED**

baptized on Sunday, December 3, 2017.

Please welcome into our Christian community Leon Monaghan, son of Justin and Erin (Greene) Braun, baptized on Sunday, December 3, 2017.

O, Come let us adore Him

**A Christian-Muslim
Prayer Service**

*Discovering the Common
love of Jesus and Mary*
Sunday, December 17, 2017

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Prayer Service

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. – Light reception, Q&A

A Christian-Muslim Prayer Service will be held on Sunday, December 17 at St. Philip Neri Church (550 N. Rural St, Indpls, IN 46201). Born from the desire to live in peace, harmony, and a greater understanding among Christians and Muslims, Imam Ahmad Al-Amine and Fr. Chris Wadelton will host an Inter-religious prayer service celebrating the common love and admiration of Jesus and the Virgin Mary. Dr. Eyas Raddad will share the importance and love of the person of Jesus and the Virgin Mary from the Islamic tradition. Come and be inspired by the common threads that weave through our faith traditions.

**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.

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

Thursday, December 14 at 1 p.m.

FREE afternoon Movie – The Nativity Story

**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.

**"Story of God"
CREATION
Session 3**

Where do we come from? What is fact and what is myth about creation stories? What do you know about your own beginnings?

3rd Session: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Franciscan Hermitage
3650 E. 46th Street

Hosted by: Fr. Justin

Suggested donations is \$10.00. Seating is limited. Please RSVP at 317-545-0742 or lulugk@att.net.



St. Therese
LITTLE FLOWER
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, December 17, 2017

8am - noon in Little Flower Cafeteria

Your purchase helps pay
for school fieldtrips!

- Adults \$6
- Seniors \$5
- Kids 10 & Under \$4
- Additional Side Items \$1 each











Each Meal Includes:

- Unlimited Pancakes (starting with 2)
- Eggs
- Choice of Bacon or Sausage
- Choice of Milk or Juice
- Coffee

Little Flower Students who attend breakfast will receive out-of-uniform passes!

We appreciate the generous support of our friends at The Historic Steer-In Diner.



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