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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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School Commission	John Marron
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Mike Perron
At-Large Member	David Schurger
At-Large Member	Bernie Sponsel

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?

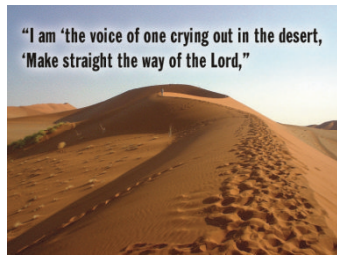
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,**

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near. As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose.

Also, the third candle of the Advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near*" [4:4-5].

Next weekend the Church asks us to attend both a Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and a Christmas Mass. We will have only two Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. **There will be no 10:30 a.m. Mass next Sunday.**

Christmas Masses will be Sunday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Monday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. **Please note that the first Mass on Christmas Eve will be at 4:00 p.m.** On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas with our families and friends, I want to thank all who brought gifts for the Christmas giving tree. Special thanks to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all their hard work with the Christmas giving tree project.

Thanks to the Parish Life Commission and all those who assisted them in planning and hosting such a wonderful Christmas Party. Special thanks to Frank, Susan, and Elizabeth Lee for preparing such delicious food. Thanks to all those who helped with set up and tear down. Thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus who met with the children. Finally, thanks to all who attended.

Also, thanks to Dr. Martha Thie who presented the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Award to ten Little Flower School students last Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are grateful to the Thie family for the award, to Martha Thie for presenting the award, and to members of the Thie family who attended. Also, thanks to Dr. Thie for meeting with the award winners prior to last Sunday.

As a parish staff, we are concerned with parishioners who may stop attending Mass because of illness or other reasons and we are not aware of their absence. Because most people have an area in church where they regularly sit during Mass, we would like to ask you to let Peggy Clegg or me know whenever someone who is usually at Mass stops coming for a few weeks so that we can follow up with him or her. We believe this will help us better serve our parishioners.

Finally, recently I have been asked if I am still not able to eat candy. I am free to have candy, and so I am once again eating dark chocolate candy.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Gifts for Baby Jesus**

Please bring your unwrapped Gifts for Baby Jesus to all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses to help our Gabriel Project babies. Items especially needed are baby wipes, body wash, lotion, bottles, towel and wash sets, warm clothing for boys size 3-6 months, bottle brushes, baby toys, and diapers. Thanks for all of your support!

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 18 - 25, 2017

18	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
19	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Frank Klinkose by Kathy Klinkose
20	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Ronald William Swain by Nina & Robert Butler
21	December	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	at Greentree – Intentions of Marge De Rosa & Family
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
22	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Sr. Sue Bradshaw by Bill Greenan
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
23	December	Saturday-Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Tom Burke by Steve and Katie Wright
24	December	Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	For the People
		Vigil of Christmas
	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan and Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron
	5:30 p.m.	Ruth Clifford Kunkel by Terry and Pat Paas
	10:00 p.m.	For the People
25	December	Monday - The Nativity of the Lord
	9:00 a.m.	Rose Priller by the Family

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

December 17 - 24, 2017

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	Duffey Hall	8:00 a.m.	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
Monday	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Marketing Committee Caroling
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday			

**Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!**

Last time to order Scrip before Christmas is:

December 19

You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, through School, or in 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.

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

CHRISTMAS SEASON 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.)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31,
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

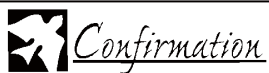
Masses on Saturday, December 30, at 5:00 P.M. and
Sunday, December 31 at 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (choir begins at 10:15 a.m.)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1,
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**
(Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.



**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:

Charlie Goodman
2313 N Graham Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

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 weekend of **December 30/31**, please submit requests by **Thursday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m.** This deadline is firm due to office closures for the holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

**4th ANNUAL KEY CLUB COAT DRIVE
Jan. 8 – Feb. 2**

Please start collecting coats, hats, mittens, scarves and other cold-weather gear for the 4th ANNUAL SCECINA KEY CLUB COAT DRIVE which takes place from Jan. 8 – Feb. 2, 2018. The club donates the coats to Catholic Charities, which provides the coats to the refugees it serves. So, as you make room in your closet for new coats and hats, save your old ones for the coat drive—and be sure to tell your family and friends! Please drop off coats at the Seccina front desk or send them to the school with your favorite Seccina student.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL NOTE!

Because Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, it could cause some budgetary challenges for us since there are two fewer regular Sunday Masses that day due to Christmas services. We rely on the regular Sunday collection as income, as well as the additional Christmas collection. Please, if at all possible, use your special Christmas envelope in addition to your regular Sunday offering envelope for December 24. As always, thank you for supporting Little Flower Parish with your time, talent, and treasure.

**Christmas
Sing-Along**



Little Flower Ladies Club will be caroling at several nursing homes on Thursday, December 21. Please meet in the Little Flower School parking lot at 5:45 p.m.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 17: Practice - 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in church.
Sunday, December 24: Sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 3:15 p.m. in church.
Sunday, January 7: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 9 and 10	\$	8,947.20
Electronic Contributions 12/4 – 12/8	\$	2,212.50
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	323,481.89
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	324,000.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 518.11

Home Improvement Fund

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












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.

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 12/7)

Parish Goal	\$	45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges		127
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	27,268.00



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.

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