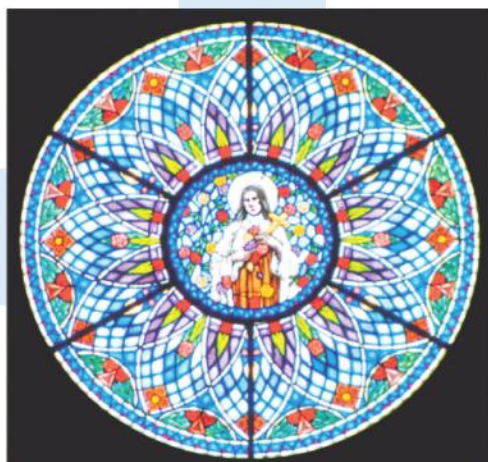


Christ THE Lord

ST. TERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Chairperson	Cassie Echegaray
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Faith Formation Commission	OPEN POSITION
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Liturgy Commission	OPEN POSITION
Parish Life Commission	Carol Wehlage
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?

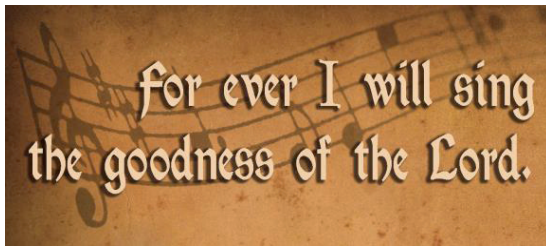
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 & Christmas Visitors,

Welcome to all of our visitors and to all who are returning home to Little Flower for Christmas. We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Christmas with us. The entire parish staff and I want to wish all of you, visitors and parishioners, a blessed and joyful Christmas.

In the midst celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. *Christmas* comes from *Christ Mass*. Our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we thank God above all for the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love for us. It is he who makes all human love possible.

Little Flower is a wonderful parish made up of people who genuinely care about each other and others. At Christmas I personally experience this care through your cards and generous gifts. However, this genuine care and concern is evident all year long as you ask about parishioners whom you miss seeing at church or who you hear are sick.

As we celebrate Christmas, then, let us thank God for the gift of Jesus, for the gift of family and friends, and for the gift of our parish family.

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

Next weekend the Mass schedule for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be the normal weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Because January 1 falls on Monday this year, it is not a Holyday of Obligation. Therefore, the only Mass for January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas!

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!

For the Week of December 25, 2017 – January 1, 2018

25	December	Monday
	9:00 a.m.	Rose Priller by the Family
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
26	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
27	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by your Family
28	December	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Crestwood – Rev. Francis T. Connolly
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
29	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Jack Mears by Kurt Schnell
30	December	Saturday-Vigil of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	5:00 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Butch and Donna Brown
31	December	Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	8:30 a.m.	Tom Burke by Quinn and Carolyn Morris
	10:30 a.m.	Chris Cardis by Jim and Loretta Miller
	6:00 p.m.	For the People
01	January	Monday – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
	9:00 a.m.	Pat Gandolph by the Spadling Family
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

December 24 – 31, 2017

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday			
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	Parish Office Closed		
Wednesday			
Thursday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday			



CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Little Flower Christmas Choir has been busily preparing for the Christmas Season for the past five weeks while sadly adjusting to a new reality. For the last 37 years or so Teresa Eckrich led our efforts and we miss her in so many ways. I would like to thank all those who returned or came out for the first time to help in our music ministry in any way this Christmas season during this transition year. I know you have sacrificed to be here. You have all had a part in helping to maintain this awesome tradition entrusted to us and I am grateful.

Tom Costello

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 6 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 7, Masses at 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.

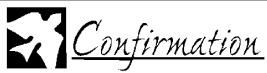
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 10:15 A.M.)



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:

Ed Galluzzi

1310 N Cecil, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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 Scecina front desk or send them to the school with your favorite Scecina student.

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

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 16 and 17	\$	10,126.30
Electronic Contributions 12/11 – 12/15	\$	5,454.67
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	339,062.86
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	337,500.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$	1,562.86

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,080.33
November Contributions	\$	1,900.33
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,577.33

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 12/14)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about six weeks, and as you can see we are only about 2/3 of the way to 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 ministers from which all parishes benefit.

Parish Goal	\$	45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges		136
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	30,498.00

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW

Little Flower's Ladies Club will be having a get together in January. We do not usually have meetings in January, but this year we are informally meeting at the Irish Mutt at 10th and Shadeland on Thursday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m.










(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR

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.



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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