

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER

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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,**

Monday, January 15, 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 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." In that same speech, Dr. King reminded his listeners, "...unearned suffering is redemptive." Monday evening's 5:30 Mass will be a Votive Mass for Promoting Harmony.

Friday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). The theme for 2018 is "Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15:6). According to the Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, "Throughout the Biblical narrative of salvation, an unmistakable motif is the unrelenting determination of the Lord to form a people whom He could call His own...The prophets repeatedly remind Israel that their covenant demanded that relationships among its various social groups should be characterized by justice, compassion and mercy. Reconciliation often demands repentance, reparation and healing of memories."

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with *Discovering Christ* and for all who signed up to participate. The *Invite* Committee and I are very happy with your response. As of this past Tuesday, 48 people had signed up! Again, registrations are limited to the first 100 people. If you have not signed up and would like to participate, please do so as soon as possible.

In a recent letter to our parish, David Bethuram, the Executive Director of the Secretariat for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, wrote, "On behalf of Catholic Charities Relief Efforts, I would like to thank you for your generous donations of \$5,179.39 to Hurricane Harvey, \$2,610.38 to Hurricane Irma, and \$2,486.08 to the Mexico City Earthquake."

On a personal note, once again I want to thank you for all your Christmas gifts. You are a wonderfully generous and supportive parish. If I missed sending a thank you note to anyone who gave me a Christmas gift, I apologize.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to Mark and Cathy Kippert on the death of Cathy's father, Robert Wayne Phillips, Sr. on December 30. Please keep all of Robert's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Robert into his eternal glory.

**MASS Schedule****For the Week of January 15 - 21, 2018**

15	January	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Bear Family by Carol Freeland
16	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Isabella Mathias by Diane and Ron Sharp
17	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
18	January	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	Greenbrier - Elizabeth and Anthony Mauer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
19	January	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Jim Hawkins by Edward and Jeanne Guntz
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20	January	Saturday-Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	5:00 p.m.	Grace Taddeo by Ladies Club
21	January	Sunday - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
	8:30 a.m.	Teresa Eckrich by the Burgins
	10:30 a.m.	Jim Dunn by Sandra Jarosinski
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

January 14 - 21, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Associates
Monday	Martin Luther King Day - School & Parish Office Closed		
	Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Association
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	First Communion Rite of Enrollment
	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	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice

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, or activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Thursday, January 18. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 15, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



Little Flower School Open House

Little Flower Catholic School will hold an Open House on Sunday, January 28, from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM. Please come and see all the wonderful things taking place in the largest ministry of our parish.

NOTE:

The Adventuresome Group will NOT meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 7 following the 11a.m. Mass. (NOTE: there is a change in the date due to Ash Wednesday being on February 14.) Watch the bulletin for more information about the February luncheon.

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.



On Sunday, January 21, 2018, at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment. At this rite our 2nd graders will be called by name and gather around the altar with their parents as they are enrolled as candidates for First Eucharist. Please keep these families and children in your prayers during the coming months.



We have an opening for a full-time custodian to do cleaning and light maintenance in the school building Monday through Friday evenings from approximately 3 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Health insurance is available with this position. Applicant must be motivated to work, for the most part, independently. Applicant must be able to do heavy custodial work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning. Interested persons may pick up an application at the parish office, Monday thru Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No phone calls please.

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:

Pat Nelis

8803 Madison Avenue Apt. 303C, Indianapolis, IN 46227

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Early Bird Scholarship to Scecina

Current eighth-grade students can register for a chance to receive a \$3,000 scholarship to Scecina. One name will be drawn on Jan. 22, 2018. Turn in your application materials to Scecina by **January 14** to be eligible for the Early Bird scholarship. To be eligible, students must have: attended the Fall 2017 Open House OR a Crusader for a Day experience; taken the High School Placement Test; completed a Scecina application; and submitted required records. We are excited to see you at Scecina! For more information, visit scecina.org/admissions or contact Miriam Medina at [317-352-3287](tel:317-352-3287) or mmedina@scecina.org.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 21: Practice in Church 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

Sunday, January 28: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.



Our 5th session for students & team members only will be on Sunday, January 28, in the parish center from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Discovering Christ is a seven week series designed to give participants an opportunity to learn more about Jesus and to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Please consider joining us for this worthwhile program. **A commitment to all 7 weeks plus the retreat is required.** Space is limited, so please register early. Each session will begin with a free dinner, followed by a video teaching and a discussion with fellow participants. All sessions except the retreat will be held at Little Flower Parish in the school cafeteria from 6:30-9:00 p.m. Please use door 6 to enter the cafeteria.

The dates are: January 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 12, 19

The retreat is on Saturday, March 10, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 1040 N Post Road.

You may register on line at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discovering-christ-tickets-41707463145>.

You may also register by contacting Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-403-7444.



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, February 12, 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 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Please plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,500.00
Collection of December 30 and 31	\$	10,608.25
Electronic Contributions 1/1 – 1/5	\$	6,687.50
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Actual	\$	382,276.61
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD Budget	\$	378,000.00
Fiscal Year 2017-2018 YTD	\$	4,276.61

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	1,900.33
December Contributions	\$	2,289.33
January Contributions (to date)	\$	814.50

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 1/4)

The Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal, Christ Our Hope, has been going on for about eight weeks, and as you can see we are just under 70% of our 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	\$	45,060.00
# of gifts received or pledges		142
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	31,538.00

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



Marian University has invited nationally known speaker and author Sue Ellen Browder to speak on January 17, 2018 to share her story of conversion to the pro-life movement. This is a free event and is open to all. The talk will take place in the Marian University theatre (3200 Cold Spring Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46222) from 7-8 p.m. with a reception to follow. Come join us as this is a great

way to celebrate pro-life week! For any questions, please contact Sarah Wood (swood160@marian.edu).

just to let you know

The Franciscan Hermitage (3650 E. 46th St.) is presenting Part 4 the "Story of God" *Apocalypse* narrated by Morgan Freeman on Tuesday, January 23, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. *Apocalypse* means "Heavenly secrets that can make sense of earthly reality." Would you like to know how to make sense of your earthly reality? Suggested donation is \$10. Limited seating. Please RSVP at 317-545-0742 or lulugk@att.net.

Eastside Wrestling season began on January 8 & 9. All boys between kindergarten through 8th grade are welcome.

- Wrestlers in grades K-2 will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- Wrestlers in grades 3-4 will practice on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:15.
- Cadets (grades 5-8) will practice Tuesday through Friday from 7:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Practices will be held in the Scicina wrestling room located in the blockhouse building across the parking lot from the school.



Registration for Little Flower 2018-19 School Year

Current Little Flower families may register prior to our Open Registration period (beginning January 28) and reserve your spot. Following January 28 there is no guarantee of open spaces.

With many full classrooms it is imperative that current families register before Jan. 28. There is a \$50 registration fee per child, and all fees (tuition, extended care, lunch) must be current.

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.

Parent Preview Day

Cathedral High School invites interested parents to attend a Parent Preview Day this winter on January 17. Interact with school leaders, attend a class, and tour campus with a current student. To learn more and/or to pre-register, visit www.gocathedral.com/parentpreview.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, January 20, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

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 it now 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 2018 – June 1, 2, 3
Mark your calendars now!**

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, January 18 at 1:00 PM – Silvertones
Come play cards & other games

Monday, January 22 at 6:30 PM

Dinner w/ the Knights

Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad & Dessert
Cost: \$8.00 for Adults & \$4.00 for kids 4-12, (kids 3 & under eat free). ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Little Flower Athletics/PTO Reverse Raffle/Bingo Night

January 27th, 2018

6:00PM

Little Flower Gym

Each event is \$25.00 per person, or \$40.00 for both events.

Included in your ticket is dinner and drinks, must be at least 21.

Seating is limited so get your tickets now!

Questions???

Contact LFACathletics@gmail.com

Fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office or School

Tickets will be at the door the night of the event.



Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Number of Tickets _____

Reverse Raffle: _____ Bingo: _____ Combo: _____

Check #: _____ Cash: _____

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