

FEAST OF THE Holy Family

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

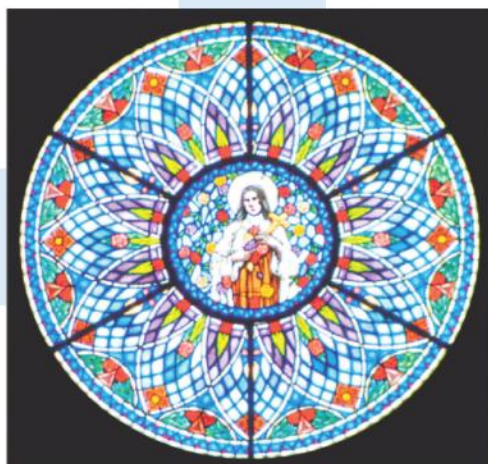
Luke 2:40



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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
	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?

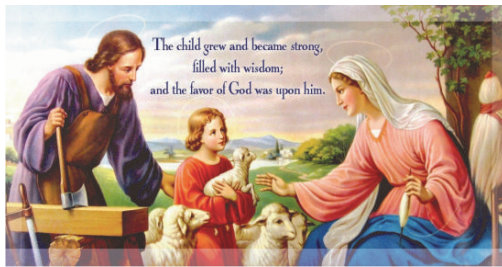
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

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

January 1 has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2018 is "Migrants and Refugees: Men and Women in Search of Peace." Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day.

Therefore, I want to strongly encourage you to attend Mass on Monday. The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1.

As 2017 ends and 2018 begins, I once again want to thank our parish staff for everything they do throughout the year. I want to thank our school staff for their commitment to providing a Catholic school education to our students.

Finally, the entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

*The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

Have a wonderful year.

fr. bob



Please welcome into our Christian community Melanie Aymar, daughter of Marco Rossainz and Maritza Baeza-Rodriguez, who was baptized on Sunday, December 17, 2017.



We extend our condolences to Jim Riedeman and his family on the death of his mother, **Grace Taddeo**, who died on December 11 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 15.

Grace was 92 years young, and until she moved to Brookdale in Carmel, was involved in the Ladies Club and Wednesday morning Bible Study group. We also remember **Phillip Weiker** who passed away. His funeral service was on December 21. Phillip was an alumnus of Little Flower.

Mass Intentions

**For the Week of January 1 - 7, 2018**

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| 01 | January | Monday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Pat Gandolph by the Spalding Family |
| | 5:30 p.m. | No Communion Service |
| 02 | January | Tuesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | For the Intentions of Dick and Peggy Kramer by the Legion of Mary |
| 03 | January | Wednesday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman |
| 04 | January | Thursday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Roseann Hamel-Harris by Ladies Club |
| 05 | January | Friday |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Isabella Mathias by Kurt and Patti Schnell |
| 06 | January | Saturday-Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Richard Lubner & Lillian Lubner Wilhelm by Mitzi and Jay Loomis |
| 07 | January | Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Chris Cardis by Little Flower SVDP Society |
| | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of Bill, Kristen, and Noelle Scott by Floretta Burton |
| | 6:00 p.m. | For the People |

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

December 31, 2017 – January 7, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday			
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Patrick & St. Therese	9:00 a.m.	Gabriel Project
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Safety Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	St. Therese	7:07 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep



We have an opening for a full-time custodian to do cleaning and light maintenance in the school building on 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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

**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 January. 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! 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. We will be selling them after all Masses in the back of Church the weekend of January 6 and 7.



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
Rita Foley

5245 E 20th Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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



**Little Flower Athletic Commission &
Little Flower PTO
Reverse Raffle & Bingo Night
January 27, 2018
6:00 PM Little Flower Gym**

Tickets are \$25.00 per event, or \$40.00 for both. Dinner & cocktails are included. Grand Prize for the Reverse Raffle is \$1000.00 and for Bingo is \$500.00. You must be 21 or older. Permit #145866.

Members of LFAC and PTO will be in the gathering after all Masses on the weekends of December 30/31 and January 13/14. Tickets are limited, get yours now!



The Adventuresome Group will NOT meet in January. Our next meeting will be on February 7 following the 11 a.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.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,500.00
Collection of December 23 and 24	check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/18 – 12/22	check back next week
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 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	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, January 7: Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

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, January 11, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church. All are welcome! This month's topic will be "Saying Goodbye, Saying Hello." Please contact Peggy Clegg at (317) 357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you have any questions.

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.

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