



THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

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If you have any upcoming events, please make sure to take lots of pictures so we can use them in future issues.

Submit photos and info by 01/18/19 in order for them to be published in the **02/15/19 issue**.

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SANCTUARY CEILING ARTWORK RESTORED

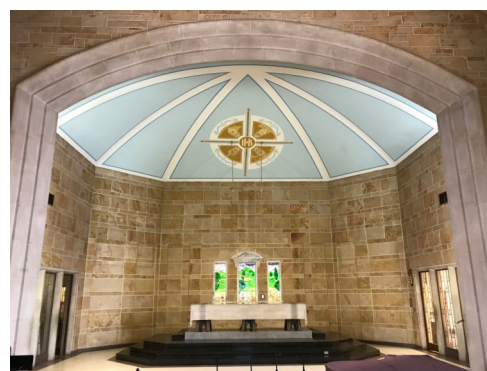
Work was completed in August to restore the original ceiling of the church sanctuary. The goal was to return the ceiling as close to its original 1962 state as possible. The biggest challenge in this endeavor was performing the restoration by working solely off of old pictures. Artists Chris Moran and his brother Greg were the true artists behind this difficult rework. Chris was also the artist who performed the restoration of the church statues that were returned in late 2017.

The letters IHS are in the center. IHS was originally a Christogram, i.e., a combination of Greek letters that represented the holy name “Jesus.” At the time of St. Bernardine of Sienna and St. John of Capistrano in the early 1300s, because of the decline of Greek and the predominance of Latin, IHS was viewed as an acronym for the Latin *Jesus Hominum Salvator*, meaning “Jesus Savior of Mankind.”

The larger circle, broken into four quadrants, has a dark gold background and a light gold design. The in-between gold represents the southern hemisphere. The cross hung from the ceiling as a symbol of Christ bearing the sins of the world and gaining our salvation by his death on the cross.

At press time, the crucifix was not hanging in its usual place in the sanctuary. When it was taken down for the restoration, the arms on the corpus, which were broken and had been previously repaired, needed further rework. Also, the corpus itself had all kinds of red blotches from the knots in the wood, necessitating additional refinishing. Chris Moran has taken the corpus back to Michigan and will complete this work soon.

Many heartfelt thanks, as well, to the generous couple who provided the funding for this project. We are truly grateful.



**This Thanksgiving and Christmas:
Act justly
Love deeply
Walk humbly with our God**

Father Bob Speaks Out

Editor's note: Fr. Bob gave this important homily to the Little Flower Parish Family the weekend of August 25 and 26. It is reprinted here in its entirety.

My Brothers and Sisters,

Almost all of us are aware of the recent accusations against retired Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the national attention drawn to Roncalli High School over the guidance counselor placed on leave because of her civil marriage to a woman, and the Pennsylvania Grand Jury report about the sexual abuse of minors in six dioceses in Pennsylvania and how it was handled by Church leaders. This comes in a year when our country has been rocked by accusations of sexual abuse in Hollywood and the conviction of Dr. Larry Nasser for abusing over 100 gymnasts.

I have to be honest. Although I know that I have to say something, I do not know what to say to you. When things happen in the Catholic Church, parishioners often think that priests have some inside knowledge that they do not have. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Like you, I only know what I have read or heard.

The Archbishop has issued a statement concerning the issues at Roncalli High School. I encourage you to read it. Some will agree with him; others will disagree with him. As you probably know, this issue is as yet not resolved.

I find it both incredible and at the same time appalling that former Cardinal McCarrick was able to sexually abuse minors and abuse his power over priests and seminarians for years and yet be promoted to bishop, archbishop, and cardinal. I find it both incredible and at the same time appalling that priests were abusing minors and bishops were covering up the abuse and continuing to allow them to function as priests. Therefore, I feel profound sadness and anger. I presume your feelings are similar to mine.

In response, this past Monday Pope Francis wrote a letter to the People of God. He began by quoting Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. In this beautiful passage describing the Church as the Body of Christ, St. Paul writes, "If one member suffers, all suffer together with it..." [12:26]. We all know that this is true.

Our thoughts and prayers and concern should go out first to those who were abused. Only those who themselves have been abused can understand their pain. However, I believe their pain is probably more profound than the pain of some other victims because the perpetrators were priests, representatives of Christ and the Church, a Christ whom we believe loves all people superabundantly and a

Church called to make the love of Christ real, visible, and present in the lives of people today. Likewise, our thoughts and prayers and concern go out to their families and the important people in their lives who have also been affected by what has happened.

Although they are our first concerns, all of us have been affected by these evils. I am sure that many Catholics, especially younger Catholics but also including priests, have had their faith shaken. I am sure that many Catholics feel that they have been betrayed and can no longer trust the Church, its leaders, or its ministers. Because of this, the Church has lost its moral credibility, which has complicated the issues involved at Roncalli High School. I am sure that young men studying to be priests or thinking about becoming priests are questioning their vocation. I am sure that many non-Catholics and non-Christians who are considering joining the Catholic Church are reconsidering.

Although some might say that the percentage of priests who abuse is not larger than that of the larger population, there is no defense for the indefensible. Although some might say that most of these crimes took place many years ago, there is no defense for the indefensible. Although some might say that since the time of these abuses much has been done nationally and in our own archdiocese to provide a safe environment for our children, there is no defense for the indefensible.

Where do we go from here? We all have to work through our feelings. We have to pray for healing for the victims and their families. Jesus himself taught the power of prayer. In his letter, Pope Francis called for prayer and fasting. We have to work for and support changes in the Church that will prevent something like this from ever happening again. If the Church is going to change for the better, it needs good, holy, committed Catholics, like you, who witness Christ's love in the world and challenge the Church as an institution to always do the right thing.

My brothers and sisters, our children and young people need to be respected, cherished, loved, and protected both in the Church and in society. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus said, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." [10:14]

As each of us struggles with all that has been revealed in the Church these last few weeks, we would do well to remember the final words in today's Gospel:

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

LF Parishioner Chris Arvin Studying to Become Permanent Deacon

Little Flower parishioner Chris Arvin has begun the four-year process which will lead to his ordination as a deacon of the archdiocese. The Little Flower Garden interviewed Chris to learn more about his decision to follow this inspired path in life.

LFG: How long have you been associated with Little Flower?

Chris: I married my high school sweetheart, Andrea Clark, at Little Flower 42 years ago. Like our parents, she and I love Little Flower. Our children are grown and on their own! We belong to the men's and women's clubs and she and I are members of the confirmation team. Andrea enjoys working with the stewardship committee. I will be Director of the RCIA process this year and it is my intention to remain available to substitute teach at Little Flower school.

LFG: How did you decide to become a deacon?

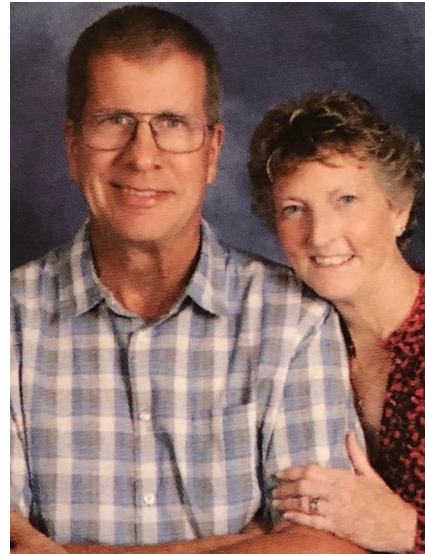
Chris: As I remember it, I was working on a riding mower for a customer and he mentioned he was going to be gone on a formation weekend. I asked, "What is a formation weekend?" Well, it began right there...the seed was planted! I began seeing articles in *The Criterion* about the diaconate and I began following along each month as another Deacon candidate was interviewed. I began thinking maybe I was experiencing a call to be a deacon...this went on for months. On June 24, 2017, I went to the Deacon ordination and was moved. I began to see myself as a person who aspired to become a Deacon!

LFG: Was there any one person or event who influenced your decision?

Chris: When I first told my wife Andrea that I was interested in learning more about becoming a deacon, she was supportive and said she would go to the inquiry meeting with me. So on September 10, 2017, off we went to St. Lawrence. Years earlier I had taught with the director of deacon formation at my first Catholic school assignment...how ironic our paths would cross again! Andrea and I would talk and sometimes pray on our way home after these monthly meetings. I kept wanting to go and learn more. She always went along...the church wants our marriage to be blessed by this. For that reason Andrea gave her consent when we applied to be considered for deacon formation. We both have a say as I share with her my annual self-evaluation.

LFG: What does your family think about this?

Chris: We found out I had been accepted into formation shortly before dad [Norb Arvin] died. He was very proud and happy for me and Andrea. He said he wanted to be there when I am ordained June 25, 2022...I am certain both his and my mom's presence will be felt. Their love remains, always.



Chris and Andrea Arvin

My children think this is a good fit for me. My father-in-law Jack Clark has told me several times he thinks it is a good thing. My brothers and sister seem fine with the idea.

LFG: Tell us about your faith.

Chris: I am a cradle Catholic, went to grade school at Little Flower in the 60's taught by the Sisters of St. Francis...my faith was sometimes lukewarm...then cool down, repeat. Gradually, my faith increased by learning more about what Catholics believe in the RCIA process at the old St. Simon. I began to live more faithfully, you might say I became a doer rather than just a listener. My faith really caught fire for Jesus when my mom died. The church became alive with love, and helped me through a tough time. Jesus became the center of my life then because my mom's love of Jesus was powerful. My dad just recently died, and his final words were, "Jesus, I love You". How can I not keep Jesus centered in my life?

A final thought about faith in 1 Peter 3:15: "Always be prepared to give an answer when anyone asks why you have hope." I call this my elevator speech...keep it short! I say, "The source of this joy or hope is in the Risen Christ...Jesus, takes away our sins and invites us to become a new creation, born again if you will...Amen." St. Therese of the Little Flower, pray for us. From her place in Heaven she makes the impossible, possible!

LFG: What do you hope to accomplish after ordination?

Chris: My highest hope would be for me to become less and less, as Jesus becomes more and more in my life! By this I mean living more dependent on Christ and less scurrying around busily, trying to accomplish things on my own. My perspective has to keep Jesus Christ center and focused, being tuned-in to a collaboration of charity and love. I know that His plans are superior! I hope the Archbishop would allow me to stay at Little Flower.

IN AND AROUND LITTLE FLOWER - SEPTEMBER

The photos say it all: Outdoor movie night hosted by the Invite Commission featuring *ET* on a spectacular late summer evening. Look for more movie nights in the future!



Below left: Peggy Clegg installs the 2018-19 Ladies Club Officers at the September meeting. President Bobbie Lawless (missing); First VP Anita Moody; Second VP Anna Marie Gutierrez; Secretary Joanne Mages; Treasurer Katie Baechaer; Membership Judy Corpuz; NCCW rep Peggy Kramer.

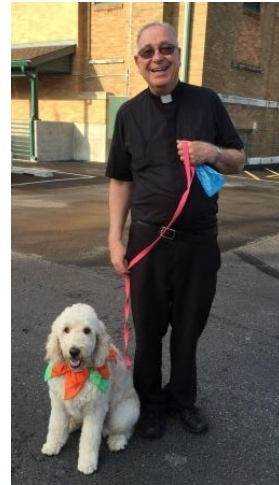
Below right: Steve Barnett, the Exec. Director of the Irvington Historical Society, told the Ladies Club about *When the Ghouls Came to Irvington*.

Bottom: Ladies Club annual wine tour. The group of 32 went to Huber Winery, Turtle Run Winery and Best Winery. Participants were able to enjoy some great weather and even better company.



IN AND AROUND LITTLE FLOWER - OCTOBER

A beautiful day in early October brought out a number of parishioners who wanted to have Fr. Bob bless man's—and woman's—best friend. Lions and tigers and bears were also welcome. No flying monkeys, however, were in attendance. The blessing is always around the feast of St. Francis on October 4.



Right: Little Flower School second-graders who participated in the closing of the Novena on October 1.
Below: our patroness as a young child.



Left: Members of the Little Flower School Class of 1963 bring up the gifts during the 6:00 p.m. Mass on October 14. The annual All-Class Reunion was held on Saturday, November 3.

THANKGIVING DAY



Please join us for Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9:00 am, so that we might together give thanks to God for all the blessings we have been given. Watch the weekly bulletin for details on this year's Thanksgiving Day Mass!

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CHOIR: VOICES IN THE SILENT NIGHT



Preparations for Little Flower Christmas Choir are right around the corner. Every year, our adult choir welcomes in adults from inside and outside the parish who may not want to commit to the choir on a year-round

basis. We also welcome parish children in grades 6 and above who wish to join.

The Christmas Choir rehearses on the five Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, November 20th. The choir will sing at the 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 30th and Sunday, January 6th.

Members are asked to commit to four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings, unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.

Questions should be directed to Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org ***Please consider being a part of this special tradition!*** If you plan to join this year, please email Tom as soon as possible so that we can have enough music ready for everyone!

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Help Wanted at St. Vincent de Paul



Little Flower's final scheduled date for 2018 to work at the St. Vincent DePaul distribution center at 1201 E. Maryland St., here in Indianapolis, is **Saturday December 1st**. We need two truck drivers and two helpers. St. Vincent de Paul provides the scheduled stops (about ten), and the truck; we provide the driver and helper! We meet there at 7:30a and are often back from our route by 2p. If that is too early for some they can come at 9a to help people pick up from the dock and/or work at the retail outlet, "Mission 27," sorting items for sale! They always need help and they appreciate help every Saturday! If anyone has any questions they can contact Chris Arvin by email at carvin@littleflowerparish.org or 317-270-2930. Thank you for your assistance.



Parish Life Commission to host Advent Family Night



Are you looking for a way to make Advent more meaningful for your children? If so, please plan on attending Advent Family Night on Monday, November 26 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is an opportunity for families and individuals to prepare for Advent before it begins on December 3. Each family present will make a special Advent Calendar that will help them focus on God and Jesus during the season of Advent. Supper (pizza) is included and there is no charge. Reservations are needed in order to have enough food. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352, x32, or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you wish to attend or if you have any questions.

Parish Christmas Party - Come Join Us!



The Parish Life Commission will host our parish Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the school cafeteria. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends over a nice lunch. The menu will be meat, potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls and beverage. Every family is asked to bring a dessert to share. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present, so bring your cameras to capture that special bond between Santa and your child. There will be a craft project for the little ones to make and door prizes for adults and kids! Get into the Christmas spirit and plan on attending!!!

A Christmas Laugh

Father John and His Young Parishioner

It was the Sunday after Christmas at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Borden, Kent, England. Father John was looking at the nativity scene prior to packing away the figures when he noticed the baby Jesus was missing from the scene. Immediately, Father John turned towards the vicarage in order to call the police. But as he was about to do so, he saw little Harry with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant, Jesus.

Father John walked up to Harry and said, 'Well, Harry, where did you get the little infant?'

Harry replied honestly, 'I took him from the church, Father John.'

'And why did you take him?'

With a sheepish smile, Harry said, 'Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it.'





ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2018 - NEW YEAR'S 2019 CALENDAR

**WEEKEND MASSES, NOVEMBER 24/25
GET YOUR GIVING TREE TAGS AT ALL MASSES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – Journey into Advent (Advent Family Night)
7:00 p.m. in Duffey Hall See weekend bulletin for details.**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, First Sunday of Advent
BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATH**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Anticipation Mass at 6:00 p.m. on December 7 at Little Flower
Mass at 8:15 a.m. on December 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Second Sunday of Advent
PLEASE RETURN YOUR GIVING TREE GIFTS TO CHURCH THIS WEEKEND
Parish Christmas Party - 11:30 A.M. in Social Hall

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 – 7:00 P.M. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE FOR OUR
LADY OF LOURDES AND LITTLE FLOWER AT LITTLE FLOWER**
This will include First Reconciliation for Little Flower 2nd Graders

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, Third Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24
Masses at 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, Tuesday, December 25 - 9:00 A.M.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**
Masses on Saturday, December 29, at 5:00 P.M. and
Sunday, December 30 at 8:30 A.M., 10:30 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (choirs begins at 10:15 a.m.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Masses at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 and
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule -Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 5, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 6, 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 P.M.)

The Meaning of 'The 12 Days of Christmas'



There is one particular Christmas Carol that we have all probably heard but has always baffled us as to what it really means. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
 2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
 3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
 4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
 5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
 6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
 7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
 8. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
 9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
 10. The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
 11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
 12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.
- So there is your Christmas history for today.

Three Generations Cherish Nativity Set

Editor's note: Alma Hoffman was a longtime original parishioner of Little Flower who was over 100 years of age when she passed away in the early 2000s. Her story appeared in The Criterion one Christmas season in the early 1990s.

Sixty-five years ago, I purchased a nativity set in Woolworth's 5 and 10 Store for \$1.98. Besides all the figures, it came with a stable and even an angel.

When my sons Charles, Thomas and David arrived, I let them play with the nativity set each year. Their greatest delight was rearranging the figures. When they had finished, I was invited to see their artwork.

One year, as the manger set was packed away, I noticed that the figures were starting to look pretty sad and worn. I purchased another nativity set but decided to keep the old one, too.

To my surprise, after Charles got married, he asked if I still had the old nativity set and, if so, could he have it. Once again, as sad as it looked, my \$1.98 manger scene honored his home until his son Mike grew up, got married and asked to have the nativity set for his own home. My dilapidated nativity set now sits on my grandson's fireplace mantel!

The stable stood up well under all of the handling over the years, but the little donkey is minus an ear, the cow has no tail, and the lambs are legless. Since all their legs are missing, the lambs now rest deep in the straw so they appear to be lying down. In spite of the age and condition of this old and well-worn nativity set, I was surprised to notice recently that the baby Jesus is still smiling.

I wonder why.

PTO Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser a Success!

Each year, Little Flower students participate in a Walk-a-Thon to raise funds for field trip expenses. Family and friends pledge a dollar amount per lap to inspire students to achieve as many laps as possible so donors will give more! Students were also motivated by the opportunity to win prizes in a drawing held after the event. The more contributions they brought in, the more chances they received to win gift cards from Target, Amazon, AMC, Dairy Queen and more.

We had beautiful weather for the event on Friday, September 28! Younger grades got to circle the baseball diamond for a shorter time while older students took a wide lap around the entire field, some for two straight hours! Many thanks to Scecina for letting us take over their field, to Kroger for providing bananas as snacks, and for the many family members and friends who volunteered that morning.

The PTO uses Walk-a-thon contributions to cover student, chaperone, and driver admissions to a variety of off-site learning locations. In the past, these have included the IRT, Tuttle Orchard, CYO Camp, JA Biztown, the Indianapolis Zoo, The Children's Museum, and others. Teachers can more easily book their field trips knowing that the costs will be covered, and parents - especially those who help out with transportation - don't have to worry about setting money aside for trips throughout the year. A student-designed T-shirt was provided compliments of the PTO for students to wear on spirit days and during excursions.

Thank you and congratulations, students, on another great event!



Little Flower Catholic School Annual Fund

In November the Annual Fund for Little Flower Catholic School was launched. We are hopeful that many alumni, parishioners, school parents, grandparents, and friends will recognize the value of a Little Flower education with a gift to the Annual Fund. An Annual Fund is essential to the operation of Little Flower School. It helps with the costs of sustaining programs and improving facilities that are not covered by tuition. A successful Annual Fund is key to our continued sustainability.

Little Flower Parish and School have played an important role in the lives of thousands of students. We want to continue to provide a valuable experience for the students of today and tomorrow. In order to do this, we need your help. Whether you are a first-time donor or a long-time benefactor, your assistance will make a positive impact on our students. We hope you will consider a gift to the Annual Fund.

A Testimonial to Little Flower School

“We moved to the Little Flower neighborhood 17 years ago as a newly married couple. It was a perfect starter home. Our oldest child started preschool at Little Flower in 2004. We added 3 more kids to the mix and have stayed put because we love Little Flower Catholic School. It's not only a great education, but the community is part of our family.”

Meet the Echegaray Family

Cassie Echegaray is a 2003 graduate of Little Flower School and currently a 5th grade teacher there. She and her husband Kevin are also members of Little Flower parish.



Kevin, Franco, Francesca and Cassie Echegaray

LFG: Who or what brought you to Little Flower and are you Indianapolis natives?

Cassie: I have lived on the east side of Indianapolis my entire life. My family joined Little Flower when I was in 2nd grade. My dad has childhood friends that are part of the parish and that connection led us to joining. We have been parishioners ever since then.

LFG: How did you meet? Tell us about your family.

Cassie: My husband and I met while we were both out separately with friends. We were engaged a little over a year later and then married at Little Flower in 2014. We have two beautiful children, Franco (3) and Francesca (1), as well as a boxer named Roco.

LFG: Are you cradle Catholics or converts? If converts, what drew you to the Catholic Church?

Cassie: My husband is a cradle Catholic and grew up in a very religious community in Lima, Peru. I am a convert, but I was baptized when I was in 2nd grade so my parents led me to the faith. However, through Catholic education and various faith-based experiences, I have deepened my faith and relationship with God.

LFG: What are your careers? Hobbies? Pets? Favorite activities?

Cassie: Previously, I worked for an environmental firm where I utilized my civil engineering degree. After listening to God's call, I transitioned into teaching and knew that I needed to teach at a Catholic school. I am currently one of the 5th grade teachers at Little Flower, teaching math, science, and religion. I am currently completing my master's in education in School Administration and hope to be done in early 2020. I really enjoy playing sports and I hope to one day get back into coaching once life settles down a little.

LFG: What activities are you involved in at Little Flower?

Cassie: At Little Flower, I am a Eucharistic Minister, volunteer during the festival, teacher, and Parish Council Chairperson. I enjoy getting to help out as much as I can in the parish while chasing my two little ones around.

LFG: What would you tell someone who is thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Cassie: The first thing I would tell someone who is thinking about becoming Catholic is to open your heart and mind to the endless possibilities that the Catholic faith can offer you. The second thing that I would say is to truly listen to the path that God is calling you to follow. He will lead you to where you need to be.

LFG: Do you have a favorite Scripture verse you'd like to share?

Cassie: "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me." Philippians 4:13



THANK YOU TO OUR GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

Our Annual Golf Outing was held on September 7 at Pleasant Run Golf Course. Thanks to Jeff Lyons and his committee, over \$6,500 was raised for tuition assistance at Little Flower School. Thanks to all those who came out to golf, and a special thanks to our sponsors listed below:

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First Communion 2019

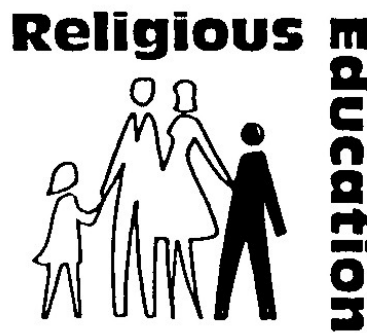


FIRST COMMUNION

Seventeen children will begin preparing for 1st Eucharist, which is Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. Mass and First Reconciliation which will take place during our Advent Penance Service. The children participated at the closing of the St. Therese Novena on October 1, by dropping rose petals in the opening procession. On Sunday, January 13, 2019 at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, they will participate in the Rite of Enrollment. This ceremony marks the

beginning of a “journey of faith” for the children and their parents who are starting the sacramental formation process. It is also a sign to the larger community that all of us have a role in the formation of anyone in the parish. Likewise, it shows children and their families that they are part of the larger faith community. Please keep the children, their families, and their catechists throughout the formation period in your prayers.

Little Flower Religious Education Classes Offered Sundays



Little Flower Catholic Church offers Religious Education classes for children who do not attend Catholic Schools. Classes are held on Sunday, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. in the school. Currently we have 40 children enrolled in grades kindergarten – eighth. If you have a child that attends public school and is not attending Religious Education please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email:

lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org

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Spotlighting Eucharistic Ministers



In a recent Sunday bulletin, Fr. Bob wrote that one of the parish's most important liturgical ministries is that of Eucharistic Minister. Currently, however, the parish needs more people to serve in this role! A shortage exists of both head Eucharistic Ministers and regular Eucharistic Ministers. **YOU** are invited to become a Eucharistic Minister as one way to serve God's people. To be a Eucharistic Minister is to know deeply that we are the Body and Blood of Christ. Do you feel called to join this important ministry? If so, please read on!

WHO: This ministry is open to all parishioners who are confirmed Catholics.

WHAT: Eucharistic ministers distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass. Each week we need 8 head ministers and 28 regular ministers.

WHEN: Ministers are scheduled to serve at the Mass that they normally attend.

HOW: All ministers receive a one hour training session. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office and your name will be forwarded to Ron Sharp who is responsible for Eucharistic Ministers at Little Flower.



Do you know of someone who goes above and beyond to help others? Then nominate that person to receive the Catholic Charities' Spirit of Service Award! Nomination forms can be found at www.helpcreatehope.org; click on the Spirit of Service tab. All nominations must be submitted to Cheri Bush, cbush@archindy.org, by November 30, 2018. The awards dinner and Benefit for Catholic Charities is on Tuesday, April 30, 2019, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom.

In Sympathy

*Please pray for our parishioners who have died,
and for their families...*



- † Bryan Cuppy, July 20, 2018
- † Ruth Axsom, August 3, 2018
- † Norb Arvin, August 8, 2018
- † Norm McCarty, August 23, 2018
- † Mary Christie, August 31, 2018
- † Mary Moriarty Adams, September 6, 2018
- † Donna Weber, September 19, 2018
- † Andy Cavallaro, October 1, 2018
- † Richard Gillin, October 2, 2018



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST LITTLE FLOWER PARISHIONERS!

Jeff & Arica Johnston and sons, Ty and Michael
Mark & Amber Hudgins
Ginger Garcia
Ryan & Lisa Busby and children, Samuel, Wesley, and Emma
Ruby Eileen Thie

Thanks for joining us!

Please Welcome Those Baptized into Our Christian Community



August 2018

- * Elliot Claire, daughter of Zachary and Shalyn (Bessler) Weldon
- * Knox Lee, son of Lynda Trimble

September 2018

- * Theodore Francis, son of Blake and Mollie (Felter) Brosmer

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Dates to Remember

Nov 20, 27, Dec 4, 11, 18: Christmas choir
Nov 22: Thanksgiving
Nov 26: Journey into Advent
Dec 2, 9, 16, 23: Sundays of Advent (see page 8)
Dec 9: Giving Tree gifts due back
Dec 10: Advent penance service at LF
Dec 24-25: Christmas Eve and Day (see page 8)
Jan 1: New Year's Day
Jan 6: Feast of the Epiphany
Feb 14: Valentine's Day

Happy Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, peace in the New Year and stay warm this winter! See you in February.

