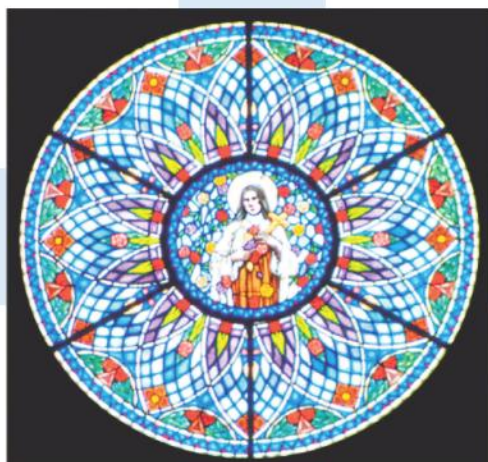


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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,

Thanks to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Day Mass. I think attendance was higher this year than it has been for at least the last

couple of years. Special thanks to Tom Costello, the choir, and the instrumentalists who made the Liturgy beautiful and meaningful. The Liturgy would not have been what was without them. Special thanks to those who brought food and/or gave in the collection to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. In the midst of Christmas shopping and Christmas parties, I hope that we do not forget the meaning of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas.

In the past many of you have participated in Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever" e-mail program. If you have not already signed up for the program, you can sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/>.

Monday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Today we should all pray to St. Francis Xavier for the Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and especially for Archbishop Thompson. St. Francis Xavier was one of the founding members of the Jesuits and was a missionary to India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He and St. Therese are the co-patrons of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the missions.

This Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Although on a Saturday, it remains a holyday of obligation because Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States. Because of the low attendance at holy day Masses, Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes will each have one holyday Mass. Our Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be Friday evening, December 7, at 6:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday morning, December 8, at 8:15 a.m. As we all know, we are living in a very divided country. I would encourage you to make a special effort to attend and pray for our country.

Next Sunday, December 9, will be our annual parish Christmas party after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the bulletin flyer for details.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. For many years, we have celebrated our Advent and Lenten Penance Services with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be here to help with confessions.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, I read the most recent edition of *The Little Flower Garden*, our parish newsletter. Our newsletter is an important ministry of Little Flower Parish because it goes to all registered parishioners. Editor Steve Grohovsky is doing an excellent job building upon the foundation built by Pam Costello who served as editor for several years. Special thanks to Steve, Pam, and all the contributors to *The Little Flower Garden*.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 3 -9, 2018

03	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Donna Weber by Ladies Club
04	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Michael and Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland
05	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
06	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
07	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	John Anthony Maio by the Family
	6:00 p.m.	Immaculate Conception – For the People
08	December	Saturday – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by Donna Clifford
09	December	Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent
	8:30 a.m.	Kate Goodin by Therese A. & John F.
	10:30 a.m.	Norbert & Mary Helen Arvin by Bob & Bobbie Lawless
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 2 - 9, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club Bake Sale after 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses		
	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	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
Monday	St. Patrick	1:30 p.m.	SVDP
	Holy Family & Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday			
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Church	6:00 p.m.	Anticipation Mass/Immaculate Conception
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area		
	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses		
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	9:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Johnsons' Camino Presentation



We extend our condolences to *Dave and Liz Schurger* on the death of Liz's grandfather, **Gene Flora** and to *Dave and Audrey Black* on the death of Audrey's father, **Leon Pritchard**. We also extend our sympathy to

Pat Reese and Judy Reese Steffey on the death of Judy's son-in-law, **Tony Shelton**, who is also Pat's grandson-in-law. Tony and his wife, Mandy, were parishioners here until they moved to Florida. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Gene, Leon, and Tony into his eternal glory.



2018 Christmas Giving Tree Gifts IMPORTANT DEADLINE Giving Tree

Please bring the wrapped gifts, with the original tag from the tree, on the outside of the package, back to church on the weekend of December 8/9. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or Parish Office by **DECEMBER 7**. This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the Parish Office **NO LATER THAN December 10**. Thank you.

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:

Marianela "Nela" Delaney Fox,
1223 N Edmondson Apt B2, Indianapolis, IN 46219



The Parish Life Commission would like to start a new tradition at Little Flower during Advent for families with children. Next weekend, December 8 and 9, there will be people handing out Christmas bags for families with children after each Mass.

Inside the bag is an activity for your family to do to help celebrate the birth of Jesus. It is our hope that the activity will help remind your family of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus, Our Savior. Merry Christmas!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Bulletin Submission Deadlines for the Holidays

This is the busiest time of the year for all of us, and with it comes deadlines.

To ensure we have the bulletin available for the weekends of **December 29/30, and January 5/6** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- For **December 29/30 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by **Wednesday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.**
- For **January 5/6 bulletin** - all submissions must be in by **Wednesday, December 26, at 9:00 a.m.**

These deadlines are firm due to office closures for the Holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, December 12, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** to celebrate Christmas. Our kindergarten classes will entertain us with some Christmas carols and Fr. Bob will read them "The Night Before Christmas." There will be surprises for all in attendance. Please call the parish center if you plan on coming!

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



Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

Believe or not, the holidays are quickly approaching! This year has flown by, but rest assured there is no need to panic about the hustle and bustle that lies ahead in the weeks to come. Instead make plans to make the most of the Holiday Season by purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program!

There are Scrip Order Forms at all the entrances of Church. Orders are placed on Tuesdays, and are available for pickup on Fridays. (Payment must accompany your order.) **We will order on the following dates for your Christmas needs:**

December 4, 11, 18

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Ministry Spotlight – Children's Liturgy

Volunteers for Children's Liturgy share the Word of God in a fun learning environment with children in pre-school through first grade during 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

"And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me."
(Matthew 18:5)

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,550.00
Collection of November 17 and 18	\$ 8,232.56
Electronic Contributions 11/12 – 11/16	\$ 4,963.67
Collection of November 24 and 25	\$ 7,194.18
Electronic Contributions 11/19 – 11/23	\$ 4,324.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Actual	\$ 279,967.07
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Budget	\$ 298,100.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 18,132.93

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,584.83
October Contributions	\$ 2,515.33
November Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,205.83

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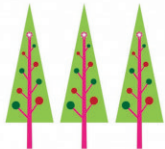
November 11 was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, 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 \$50,658.00 goal.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish support awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in February.



Join parishioners Andrea and Chris Johnson as they discuss their journey on el Camino de Santiago, the Way of Saint James. The Johnsons took a month with their daughter, Maren, to walk el Camino Frances from the French town of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Santiago, Spain. Hear about the religious and cultural experiences they had along The Way Sunday December 9 at 7 p.m. in Duffey Hall. Please enter through Door 6. Buen Camino!

Next weekend, December 10 and 11 is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. (www.retiredreligious.org)



Little Flower Ladies Club Christmas Events

Thursday, December 6 - Please join us at 6 p.m. for our annual Pitch-in Christmas Dinner/Meeting. Bring a favorite dish, meat provided. We will

have some holiday fun and a business meeting following dinner.

Thursday, December 13 - We will be going to the Indiana Historical Society to see the Festival of Trees. Meet in the school parking lot to car pool at 9:30 a.m. or meet there, 450 W Ohio Street at 10 a.m. Parking is free with admission (off New York Street). Cost is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children 5 - 17 years old.

Thursday, December 20 - Meet in the school parking lot at 6 p.m. for Christmas Caroling at several east side nursing facilities. Only requirement is Christmas spirit, singing voice is optional.

Sounds of Christmas at Scecina

Scecina's choirs and bands will perform the annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 16, in the gymnasium. Free admission. Please join us for this "Sounds of Christmas" concert.

Another 'A' for Scecina

Scecina Memorial High School again has earned a grade of "A" in the Indiana Department of Education's school accountability system. The state announced the grades on Nov. 14.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last week, Christ the King asked Pilate a question, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" This week Jesus said to his disciples, "Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

This week's topic is, "Mary" presented by Liz Davis. You are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the Little Flower Parish Center, we finish at 8:30. Light refreshments and snacks are provided. Have questions? Email carvin@littleflowerparish.org or call the Parish Center 317-357-8352. All are welcome!

With Gratitude!

Thank you for your donations of food and money for our Thanksgiving bags. We helped 60 families with food and a \$10.00 Kroger card.



Men's Club Car Wash

Do you want that right gift for the loved one in your family? Stop by the table at the back of church the weekend of December 8 and 9. The Little Flower Men's club will be at all Masses selling Crew Car Wash tickets for their annual fundraiser. The cost of each ticket is \$9.00 and the Men's Club makes \$4.50 for each ticket sold. This is a great Christmas gift that can be used all year round. If you have questions, please email Jeff Lyons at jeffly200@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday December 2, meeting in church at 5 p.m. for 6 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, December 16, from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church. New members are always welcome!



Confirmation Class 2018-19

We are learning how the fruit of the Holy Spirit will help us...We need your prayers! Would you pray for us? The Little Flower confirmation candidates and their sponsors' pictures are in the back of church if you would like to see who you are praying for.

Our third session for candidates only will be this Sunday, December 2 after 6:00 p.m. Mass, in the Parish Center. The topic for this session is, "The Jesus Question" chapter three in Decision Point. You can download the app. and check out the videos! We will finish at 9:00 pm. Candidates...please remember to bring your books and you will need a pencil with a working eraser for the activity, about sin.

The date for Confirmation has been set for Tuesday May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral mark your calendars! Please call Chris Arvin, 317-270-2930 if you have questions.

Happy
Holidays!

Little Flower Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9, 2018.
After the 10:30 a.m. Mass,
in the School Cafeteria.



Meat, potatoes, vegetable, salad,
drinks, and tableware provided.
Bring a dessert to share!

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