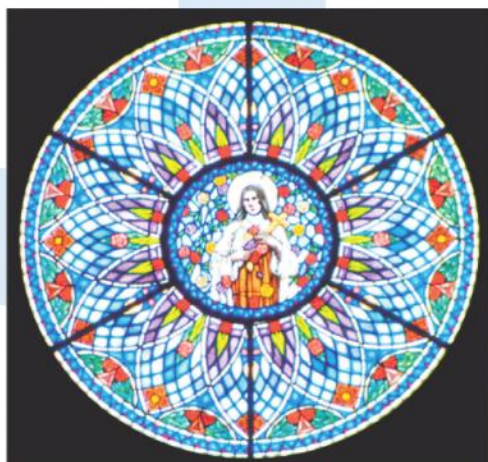


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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,

Today we welcome members of the Joseph and Veronica Thie family to our 10:30 a.m. Mass. One of our traditions is to present the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards at the 10:30 a.m. Mass preceding the Christmas party. Their children established this award to honor their parents. This award is given to Little Flower Catholic School students in the sixth through eighth grade who demonstrate a commitment to academics and service. The award consists of a plaque, a \$100 check made out to the student, and the inscription of the student's name on the permanent plaque in the school.

This year's recipients are:

8th Grade
Isabelle Comley
Andrew Minton
Lucy Williamson

7th Grade
Hannah Comley
Reanna Hollada
Gavin Turner

6th Grade
Heidi Hughey
Thomas Kring
Veronica Kring
Marek Torzewski

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Monday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. As is our tradition parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes will be joining us. Also, our second graders will make their First Reconciliation at this time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to put ourselves in the right frame of mind to prepare for the birth of Christ. Our Lenten Penance Service will be at Our Lady of Lourdes.

The retreat for our First Reconciliation candidates was on Saturday, December 1. Thanks to the families of our First Reconciliation candidates for participating in the retreat. Also, thanks to our First Reconciliation catechists. They are Little Flower teachers Mrs. Mindi Spychalski and Mrs. Jenelle Miller and our Sunday religious education teacher Mrs. Kelly Dunn and her daughter Gillian Dunn. I want to extend a special thank you to Little Flower 8th graders Anna Erdosy and Kylee McVicker who helped with the retreat.

For many years, Charlie Bauerle has taken on the task of getting gift bearers for our weekend Masses. However, over the past several months, he has been having a more difficult time finding gift bearers. Last weekend, for example, he made 85 calls!! In addition to this, occasionally people wonder how you can be a gift bearer at weekend Mass.

We would like to develop a list to give to Charlie of people who are willing to do this. If you are willing to be called occasionally to see if you would be available to take up the gifts at Mass, please call Jeannie at the parish office at 317-357-8352, and leave your name, preferred Mass time, and preferred phone number. If you prefer, you may also email this information to jzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org. Please consider placing your name on this list. It will make Charlie's job easier and allow more people the opportunity to help in this way.

Wednesday, December 12, is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast commemorates the appearance of the Blessed Mother to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac from December 9 to December 12 in 1531. Our Lady of Guadalupe was declared patroness of the Americas by Pope Pius XII and was raised to the level of Feast for all the countries of the Americas in 1999. We will also honor Our Lady of Guadalupe at our all-school Mass on Friday, December 14.

As I am sure you noticed, the sanctuary crucifix has been restored to its original place in the sanctuary. Thanks to the generous donors who paid for the restoration of the ceiling and the repair of the corpus of the crucifix. Also, thanks to the eleven men who helped hang the crucifix: Steve Clegg and Jacob Comley, our maintenance department, Paul Clegg, Tom Costello, Rick Fischer, Frank Mackell, Dan Mages, Kurt Schnell, Scott Sidor, Mike Wehlage, and Jeff Wellner. Special thanks to Kurt Schnell who provided the scaffolding.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



2018 Giving Tree Gifts IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Giving Tree gifts are due back this weekend. If you forgot your gift please drop off at the Parish Office NO LATER THAN Monday, December 10. Thank you.

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.

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 10 -16, 2018

- 10 December Monday**
5:30 p.m. No Communion Service
- 11 December Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Carol Freeland
- 12 December Wednesday**
11:00 a.m. Dennis J. & Mary Florence Sullivan
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 13 December Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 14 December Friday**
8:30 a.m. Steve Schmidt by B.J. Schmidt
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 15 December Saturday – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**
5:00 p.m. Norm McCarty by Jim and Loretta Miller
- 16 December Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Jim Priller by Bob and Mary Sitzman
10:30 a.m. Jo Ann Bauerle by Mike and Jo Ellen Eaton
6:00 p.m. For the People



We remember our parishioner, **Lynn Bogle**, who passed away on November 30. Lynn was 69 and a former catechist for Religious Education classes. Although she was not able to get to church too often, her faith was strong. Please keep all of Lynn's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Lynn into his eternal glory.

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 Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219



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!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 9 - 16, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday			Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area
			Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	9:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Church	10:10 a.m.	Liturgical Choir Meet/Sing at 10:30 a.m. Mass
	Duffey Hall	11:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Johnsons' Camino Presentation
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service/First Reconciliation
	Off site	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Association Chili Challenge
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	PTO Planning Meeting
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LF Athletic Committee Meeting
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:00 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's CRHP
Thursday	Gym	7:00 p.m.	School Christmas Program
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			New Parishioner Registration 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	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice



Wanted: More Members for the Church Cleaning Ministry!

Depending on the interest to this ad, you would clean every 7 – 8 weeks. This would be a year commitment. It takes 2 – 3 hours per 7 – 8 weeks. This ministry is a great fit for a large family, or a group of four that would enjoy cleaning together. Please email Michele Rosenbaum at rosenbaumindy@yahoo.com or call 317-443-7342.

**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 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

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Pt 4:10)

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of December 1 and 2	\$	12,648.80
Electronic Contributions 11/26 – 11/30	\$	1,664.67
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Actual	\$	294,280.54
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Budget	\$	311,650.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 17,369.46

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,515.33
November Contributions	\$	2,205.83
December Contributions (to date)	\$	770.00

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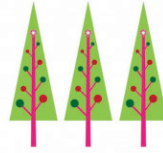
November 11 was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors.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

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.

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 11/29)

Parish Goal	\$ 50,658.00
# of gifts received or pledges	108
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 20,353.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2018, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 29/30 or the parish office by December 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 2019.



Little Flower Ladies Club Christmas Events

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 Seccina

Seccina'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.



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 after all Masses this weekend. The Little Flower

Men's club will be 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



Confirmation Class 2018-19

We are learning how the fruit of the Holy Spirit will help us. We need your prayer! 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 was this past Sunday December 2. The topic for this session was, "The Jesus Question." We focused on the virtue of "Joy" and are thinking about what brings us joy. Who is the most joyful person you know? What can you do to increase your capacity for joy and bring more joy to others? Our objective for this lesson was to rediscover Jesus, his teaching is the answer to the problems we face, and recognize the power and importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus.

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.





The Little Flower Invite Commission is once again bringing Christ Life to our parish! The first series "Discovering Christ" is an opportunity to strengthen your personal relationship with Jesus. Anyone over 18 is welcome to attend. Please consider joining us for this worthwhile program. 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 will be held at Little Flower Parish in the school cafeteria from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Please use door 6 to enter the cafeteria.

The dates are: **January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25.**

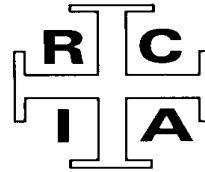
There is a retreat is on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

You may register online at <https://eventbrite.com/e/discovering-christ-tickets-53107136876>

You may also register by contacting Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352 x32.



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



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Last 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, we hear John the Baptist proclaim a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins...The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path straight."

This week's topic is, "The Saints" presented by Liz Davis. You are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 11, at 7 p.m. in the Little Flower Parish Center, we finish at 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks are provided. Have questions? Email carvin@littleflowerparish.org or call the Parish Center 317-357-8352. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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



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 after the 6 p.m. Mass today in Duffey Hall. Please enter through Door 6. Buen Camino!

All things are possible with God



The Legion of Mary

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. Are you interested in glorifying God by deepening your faith and serving others in our parish and the greater community? If so, consider joining the Legion of Mary. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the parish center. Come and see how we can become the hands and feet of Jesus and His Blessed Mother!

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