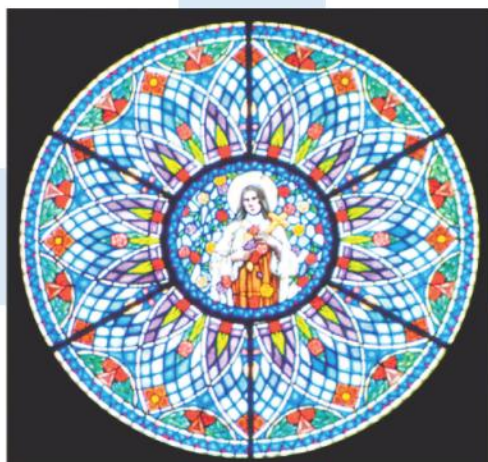


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School Commission	John Marron
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Mike Perron
At-Large Member	David Schurger
At-Large Member	Bernie Sponsel

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
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,

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Christmas Masses will be Monday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Tuesday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. On Christmas Day, the only Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

If you attend a Christmas Mass and park on the street, please do not block any driveways. Every year we receive at least one complaint that someone attending a Christmas Mass blocked a driveway. We want to be good neighbors to our neighbors.

If plan to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass, please know that you do **not** need to arrive very early to get a good seat. The 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is never crowded.

When you come to Christmas Masses, please take a close look at our Christmas Nativity scene. After last Christmas, Dick Kramer spent many hours working on our Christmas Nativity figurines. This included cleaning and in many cases repairing and repainting the statues. Dick takes great pride in this work, and it is very obvious in the finished product. Special thanks to Dick.

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25.

As 2018 draws to a close, both in your name and in my name, I want to thank our entire parish and school staff for their commitment, dedication, generosity, and kindness. The parish could not do all it does without them. Finally, the entire Little Flower staff and I want to thank all of you who share your time, talent, and treasure with Little Flower. When all is said and done, a parish is a family, and every member of the family is important to the ongoing life of the family.

Finally as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, we should remember Cardinal Tobin's definition of faith:

"I think there are a lot of ways to define faith, but a definition that means a lot to me is the capacity to be surprised by God. If you look at Scripture, it is full of a lot of surprised people, people in exile, people forgotten, a world that thought that God lived worlds beyond the last star, only to discover that God so loved the world that he sent his only Son."

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to *Denis and Mary Rector and their family and to Martin and Shannon Estrada and their family* on the death of Mary's and Shannon's mother, **Joyce Whalen**. Joyce had a strong faith and loved being a mother and grandmother. We also extend our condolences to *Gerry Watts* on the death of her son, **Joe Watts**. Finally, we remember our parishioner, **Bea Krackenberger** who passed away. Bea was a delightful woman and when she was healthier always walked to church. She most recently lived at Rosegate Assisted Living. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers. May God welcome Joyce, Joe, and Bea into his eternal glory!



For the Week of December 24 - 30, 2018

24 December	Monday
4:00 p.m.	Sheridan "Dan" and Catherine Bowron by Pat Bowron
5:30 p.m.	For the People
10:00 p.m.	In Thanksgiving for the Gift of Father
25 December	Tuesday
9:00 a.m.	Rose Priller by the Priller Family
5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
26 December	Wednesday
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
27 December	Thursday
1:30 p.m.	Crestwood – Elizabeth and Anthony Mauer
5:30 p.m.	Richard Fane
28 December	Friday
5:30 p.m.	Lyn "Andy" Carter Anderson by Lance and Wendy Jennings
29 December	Saturday – Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
5:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by Donna Clifford
30 December	Sunday – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
8:30 a.m.	Ed and Ruth Axson by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
10:30 a.m.	Robert W. Phillips, Sr. by Catherine Phillips Kippert
6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 23 - 30, 2018

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
Monday	Vigil of Christmas Parish Office and School Closed		
Tuesday	The Nativity of the Lord Parish Office and School Closed		
Wednesday			
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		



Congratulations Coca Cola fans on surpassing \$300.00 in donations. Remember as you plan your Christmas and New Years parties to collect caps and the perforated sections of boxes of

Coca Cola products (Sprite, Barq's, PowerAde, Minute Maid, etc) and turn those in to the parish or enter them yourself at www.coke.com/give. Just select St. Therese Little Flower School from the drop down menu. The zip code for the parish is 46201. Donations may also be made in support of Seccina High School. Caps are 5 cents, 12 packs are 15 cents and 24 packs are 30 cents.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018
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, 2018
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 29, at 5:00 P.M.
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)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Holyday of Obligation
Masses at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 31 and
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 1

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019
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)

Bulletin Submission Deadline 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 weekend of **January 5/6** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted by **Wednesday, December 26, at 9:00 a.m.** due to office closures for the Holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

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 Gibson
St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N 17th Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Many thanks to all those who assist with parish mailings, the most recent being the parish Christmas letter. We couldn't do it without you!

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of December 15 and 16	\$	8,869.16
Electronic Contributions 12/10 - 12/15	\$	1,965.67
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Actual	\$	326,735.51
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD Budget	\$	338,750.00
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 12,014.49

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,515.33
November Contributions	\$	2,205.83
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,423.83

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

Parish Goal	\$ 50,658.00
# of gifts received or pledges	135
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 28,048.00

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.



Please remember to bring your unwrapped gifts for Baby Jesus to support our Gabriel Project babies to all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. We are greatly in need of body lotions, body wash, bath towels and wash cloths, socks, wipes, bottles, bottle brushes, and diapers especially size 3, 4, and 5. Thank you for your support!



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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR - new members are always welcome!

Sunday, December 23	Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.
Monday, December 24	Sing at 4:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 3:15 p.m. in church.
Sunday, January 6:	Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass-meet at 5:00 p.m. in church.

Ladies Club News

There will be no formal meeting in January however anyone who would like to join our informal get together at the Irish Mutt, at 7041 E. 10th Street on **Thursday, January 3, at 6 p.m.** are welcome. Just drop in!

Join us on Thursday, January 10 at 9:30 a.m. in Little Flower parking lot (near parsonage) to go to the Eiteljorg Museum to see Jingle Rails, a fun nostalgic visit to the days when railroads ruled all decked out with Holiday lights. New this year is historic Route 66. Admission is \$13 in advance or \$15 at the door (you are responsible for your own ticket purchase. If you do not have access to a computer call or text Anita Moody at 317-918-0997 to purchase advance tickets)

discovering
CHRIST
a seven-week experience

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.

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