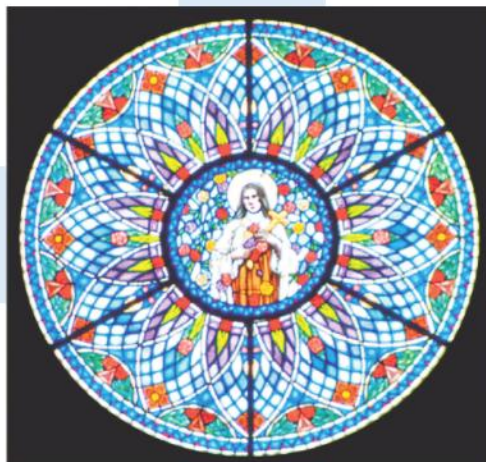


FEAST OF THE *Holy Family*

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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	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.

Tuesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday is also a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace and New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. I really want to encourage you to attend Mass not only to celebrate Mary, Mother of God, but also to pray for peace and justice and to ask God's blessing on the New Year.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and gifts. You are unbelievably generous and affirming.

Tuesday, of course, is also New Year's Day. 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

Our Sympathy

We extend our condolences to *Mandy and Tony Wade and their family* on the death

of Mandie's mother, **Judie Bergdoll** and to *Dick Mayer, Bill and Joanne Johnson, and Jeanne O'Gara* on the death of their grandson/great nephew, **Matthew Mayer**. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Judie and Matthew into his eternal glory.



ST. JEAN VIANNEY RELIC PILGRIMAGE

HEART OF A PRIEST

The incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney will be visiting the Archdiocese of Indianapolis this January. The Shrine of Ars, France, has made this major relic available for a national tour in the U.S. The Knights of Columbus is hosting this tour and welcomes this special opportunity to offer for veneration this relic of the patron of parish priests, whose holiness and integrity is a model for clergy and laity alike. **Veneration of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney will be available from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Ss. Peter and Paul Cathedral (1347 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46202). Confessions will be available from 4 – 5 p.m., and Mass will be held at 5:15 p.m. Moments of guided prayer will be observed at 10 a.m., 12 noon, and 3 p.m.** For more information about St. Jean Vianney and the relic tour, please visit www.kofc.org/vianney.

Mass Intentions



For the Week of December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019

31	December	Monday
	6:00 p.m.	Stacy Brown by Ladies Club
01	January	Tuesday - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
	9:00 a.m.	For the People
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
02	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Zore
03	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
04	January	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Bill Ross by Paul Commiskey
05	January	Saturday – Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Sr. Juliann Babcock by Bob and Mary Sitzman
06	January	Sunday – Epiphany of the Lord
	8:30 a.m.	Kate Goodin by Theresa A & John F
	10:30 a.m.	Brian Cuppy by Marilyn Ross
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 30, 2018 – January 6, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		
Monday	New Year's Eve		
Tuesday	Happy New Year!		
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Safety Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	9:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation



Congratulations Coca Cola fans on surpassing \$300.00 in donations. Remember as you plan your New Year's 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 Seecina High School. Caps are 5 cents, 12 packs are 15 cents, and 24 packs are 30 cents.

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:

Harry and Betty Heidelberger

1309 N. Parker Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

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)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." ~ Ignatius of Loyola

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,550.00
Collection of December 22 and 23	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/17- 12/21	Check back next week
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 this weekend 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.

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 East 10th Street on **Thursday, January 3, at 6 p.m.** All are welcome. Just drop in!

Join us on Thursday, January 10, at 9:30 a.m. in Little Flower parking lot (near the rectory) to go to the Eiteljorg Museum to see Jingle Rails. A fun nostalgic visit to the days when railroads ruled and 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 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 NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir - New Members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 6 - Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass.



We hope your Christmas was merry and bright. Our fourth session for candidates only will be Sunday, January 6, 2019. The topics for this session are Chapters 4 and 5, "The Prayer Process and The Bible." We will focus on the virtues of "Perseverance and Kindness." Students, please read and answer the questions in your book. We will learn that developing a dynamic prayer life requires perseverance more than anything else. We understand kindness to be an act of being friendly, generous, and considerate. Who is God calling you to be kinder to? Thanks to Luan Dao for snacks at our December class. Jeni Nevins has snacks for the Jan. 6 class! Candidates, please do not forget your books! 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Hope your Christmas was merry and bright with blessings. We are off another week to enjoy the New Year Holiday. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 8. You are invited to join us at 7 p.m. in the Little Flower Parish Center. Our topic is on the RCIA Process and Rites. 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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The next **One in Christ Series** will be held at **Little Flower in the school cafeteria** (please enter through door 6)

on **Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m.** This is the second of four follow-up sessions based upon Archbishop Thompson's recent pastoral letter, *We are One in Christ: A Pastoral Letter on Fundamentals of Christian Anthropology*. The focus of this session will be Human Dignity and Respect for Life. Our guest speaker will be Brie Anne (Eichhorn) Varick, Archdiocesan Coordinator, Human Life and Dignity. This event is being sponsored by the Eastside Catholic Community: Holy Spirit, Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes, and St. Philip Neri.

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 17. You may also e-mail items to lfp parishnews@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT SCECINA NEWS

Early Bird Deadline

Current eighth-grade students can register to be entered into a raffle for a \$3,000 scholarship to Scecina Memorial High School. One name will be drawn on January 22, 2019. The following four admissions items must be completed by **Saturday, January 12, 2019**, to become eligible for your chance at the scholarship:

- #1 Attend the 2018 Open House or Crusader for a Day experience
- #2 Take the High School Placement Test
- #3 Complete the Application
- #4 Submit all Records

Future Crusaders

Enrollment is open for eight graders looking to attend Scecina next school year. Check out our Admissions page for more information at scecina.org/admissions.

High School Placement Test

Scecina Memorial High School requires incoming freshmen to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) in order to enroll at Scecina. Scecina academic advisors use the test results to gain a better understanding of each incoming student's needs. Along with ISTEP results, report cards, and teacher recommendations, the information is used by the Scecina Memorial Admissions Committee to assess a student's academic readiness. The final test date for this year is January 12, 2019. Register by calling the Enrollment Office at 317-356-6377, ext. 1327. Scecina also accepts results from the HSPT taken at other Catholic High Schools. Scecina offers three HSPT scholarships.

Scholarships for 8th graders

Scecina is pleased to offer several scholarships for incoming freshmen. Please review these scholarships and the requirements by visiting scecina.org/scholarships.

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