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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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 Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PARISH CENTER 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 RECONCILIATIONSaturday: 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. 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.

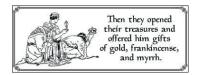
INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. This year the

Solemnity falls on the traditional date of the Epiphany, January 6, the twelfth day of Christmas. In fact, Epiphany has often been called Little Christmas. In Western Christianity, Christmas is the primary feast. However, in Eastern Christianity Epiphany is the more important and older feast. In some cultures, gift giving is part of the celebration of the Epiphany. In earlier times, the Church celebrated three mysteries on the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Invite Commission once again is sponsoring ChristLife at Little Flower both for our parishioners and members of the Eastside Catholic Community. "Discovering Christ," the first module, will begin on Monday, January 14. For more information, check out the ChristLife announcement. Those who attended ChristLife last year found their faith deepened and enriched. Please consider participating this year.

During Christmas, two areas of ministry are at the heart of our parish life: our liturgical ministries and our community outreach ministries.

Many visitors, including many former parishioners, attend our Christmas Liturgies. Invariably, I hear many wonderful comments about Christmas at Little Flower. Therefore, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Liturgies beautiful celebrations of faith, love, and worship.

Special thanks to Tom Costello, our regular music ministers, all those who participated in Christmas choir, and all the additional instrumentalists who provided so much life and energy to our Christmas Liturgies. When people compliment our Liturgies, they primarily compliment our music.

Also, special thanks to Mary Martha Costello, the Arts and Environment Committee, the Men's Club, and all the other volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas on Sunday evening, December 23. Every year people say that Little Flower is the most beautiful church at Christmas.

Thanks also to all of our Liturgical ministers who generously served in their ministries during this Christmas season: Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, hospitality ministers, sacristans, and church cleaners. Although we highlight music and arts and environment at Christmas, all liturgical ministers play a major part in making our Liturgies beautiful and prayerful and our community welcoming. For example, one parishioner commented that the floors never looked better than they did this Christmas!

Finally, I would especially like to thank the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Gabriel Project and everyone who brought Giving Tree Gifts for those in need in our community or baby gifts for those served by the Gabriel Project. These ministries help bring Christ and Christmas into the lives of those less fortunate than we are. We should never forget that these ministries are as important to the mission of the church as the liturgical ministries.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class.

Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.



For the Week of January 7 - 13, 2019

7 January Monday

5:30 p.m. Andrea Beidelman

08 January Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Marcella Bauman by Marceda Kreps

09 January Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Charles and Mary O'Hara by Jim O'Hara

10 January Thursday

5:30 p.m. John Raftery by Elizabeth Tanasovich and Mary

Jo Jordan

11 January Friday

8:30 a.m. Teresa Eckrich by Lori Cook

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

12 January Saturday - Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord

5:00 p.m. For the People

13 January Sunday – Baptism of the Lord 8:30 a.m. Jim Priller by the Priller Family

10:30 a.m. Bill Swallow by Jim and Loretta Miller6:00 p.m. Jim Clifford by the Clifford family

⁄ THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 6 - 13, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
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	
Monday	St. Patrick	1:30 p.m.	SVDP	
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary	
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Respect Life	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council	
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday				
Saturday	Storage Room	9:00 a.m.	Gabriel Project	
	Duffey Hall	4:00 p.m.	Ladies Club Chili Supper	
	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area.			
Sunday	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment for First Communion	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	

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:

Margaret Horning

4821 E 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

The Adventuresome Group will NOT meet in January. Our next get together will be on Wednesday, February 13, following the 11 a.m. Mass.



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.



Our St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Giving Trees gave a merrier Christmas to 164 children, and 45 nursing

home residents who live in our Little Flower area. The gifts were picked up on Saturday, December 15. The families also got to select some miscellaneous items. They were also given a \$25.00 Kroger gift card. This was all due to the generosity of our parish families who took tags from the Giving Tree. The families were very thankful. God bless all of you!



Regular adult choir resumes with practice this Tuesday, January 8 at 7:00 P.M. in church The adult choir sings at the 8:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays from September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M.

until 8:30 P.M. We could use some new voices in all voice sections, with a little more need in the men's sections. If you have questions, e-mail Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thanks to those who made donations to help families in need at Christmas time. The season was made brighter because of your generosity.

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00	
Collection of December 22 and 23	\$	9,003.66	
Electronic Contributions 12/17–12/21		7,532.00	
Collection of December 29 and 30		Check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 12/24-12/28		Check back next week	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Actual (as of 12/24)	\$	343,271.17	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget (as of 12/24)	\$	352,300.00	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 9,028.83	
Home Improvement Fund			
October Contributions	\$	2,515.33	
November Contributions	\$	2,205.83	
December Contributions (as of 12/24)	\$	1,888.33	
United Catholic Appeal			
(gifts processed as of 12/20) Parish Goal		\$ 50,658.00	
# of gifts received or pledges		140	
Amount of gifts received or pledged		28,908.00	
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On **Sunday, January 13, 2019**, at the **8:30 a.m. Mass**, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment. At this rite our 2nd graders will be called by name and gather around the altar with their parents

as they are enrolled as candidates for First Eucharist. Please keep these families and children in your prayers during the coming months.



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.



Confirmation Class 2018-19

Happy New Year! Our fourth session for candidates only will be Sunday, January 6,

2019 in the Parish Center after the 6 p.m. Mass. Candidates, please do not forget your books! Please call Chris Arvin, 317-270-2930, if you have questions.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Happy New Year Little Flower! Maybe you would like to review or renew your faith this year? Come join us this Tuesday, January 8 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 <u>carvin@littleflowerparish.org</u> or call the Parish Center 317-357-8352. All are welcome!



(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.

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 liparishnews@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. **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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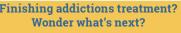
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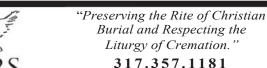
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