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### ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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.

#### Secretary Available 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM PARISH CENTER 357-8352

OFFICE HOURS:

Fax 357-5316

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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 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 Baptism of the Lord. Today marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas.

Originally, the baptism of Jesus was included in the celebration of the Epiphany. The Epiphany originally celebrated three events in Jesus' life: the visit of the magi, Jesus' baptism, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. All three were understood to be manifestations of the Son of God. This ancient understanding of the Epiphany is remembered in the antiphon for the Canticle of Mary in Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Epiphany in the Liturgy of the Hours:

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today

Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

Although the visit by the Magi had been almost the sole focus of the Epiphany for a very long time, it was only after the Octave Day of the Epiphany was abolished as a feast in 1955 that a feast titled the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord" was established. It was originally on January 13, which formerly had been the Octave Day of the Epiphany which itself had been focused on the baptism of Jesus. The baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry.

This weekend at the 8:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates for First Eucharist and their parents as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

Tomorrow begins Week 1 of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. During Ordinary Time, green is the liturgical color, the color of hope.

This Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Little Flower School Cafeteria, Brie Anne (Eichhorn) Varick, Archdiocesan Coordinator for Human Life and Dignity, will discuss Human Dignity and Respect for Life. This is the second of four follow-up sessions to Archbishop Thompson's talk to the Eastside Catholic Community last September on his recent pastoral letter, *We are One in Christ: A Pastoral Letter on Fundamentals of Christian Anthropology.* You do not need to have attended Archbishop Thompson's talk or the first follow-up to attend this session. Please enter through Door 6.

Friday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). Traditionally January 18 was the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter at Rome. January 25 was and is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for 2019 is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:18-20). According to the Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, this theme "was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity."

On a personal note, once again I want to thank you for all your Christmas gifts. You are a wonderfully generous and supportive parish. If I missed sending a thank you note to anyone who gave me a Christmas gift, I apologize.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



#### **Little Flower School Open House**

Little Flower Catholic School, the largest ministry of our parish, is celebrating an Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. We invite ALL parishioners to come and see the

great work that is taking place in your school. If you have school age children, please consider what a Little Flower Catholic education can provide your children. If you have friends or family, please invite them to visit. Come and meet our teachers, tour the building (tours available continuously throughout), and share in the successes of your parish school.



The family of Lynn Bogle would like to thank everyone who prayed for her or attended her funeral liturgy. It was very much appreciated. May God bless each of you!

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



For the Week of January 14 - 20, 2019

14	January	Monday				
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Bill Ross by Paul				
		Commiskey				
15	January	Tuesday				
	5:30 p.m.	John Asher by Joe and Gloria Asher				
16	January	Wednesday				
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service				
17	January	Thursday				
	1:30 p.m.	at Green Briar - Souls in Purgatory by John T.				
		Kelly				
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service				
18	January	Friday				
	8:30 a.m.	Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Charles and Sheila				
		Lyon				
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service				
19	January	Saturday – Vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary				
		Time				
	5:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Mary Margaret and Gerald				
		Kelly by the Family				
20	January	Sunday - The Second Sunday in Ordinary				
		Time				
	8:30 a.m.	Veronica Ernstes by Clar Watt				
	10:30 a.m.	Joyce Whelan				
	6:00 p.m.	For the People				

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January 13 - 20, 2019

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in Gathering Area.					
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
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	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed			
Monday	St. Patrick	1:30 p.m.	SVDP			
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Discovering Christ			
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary			
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir			
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meeting			
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council			
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club			
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Cohort Presentation			
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA			
Friday						
Saturday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.					
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			
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice			

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day. 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:

Natalie Isom 2695 N Harwich Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46229



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.

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.

Our Sincere Thanks

We thank our Little Flower family for all the prayers, cards,

and words of encouragement given to us during our Mom's illness. Special thanks to Fr. Bob, Tom, Bobbie, and Casiana Warfield for the beautiful Mass and music. Also a special thanks to the Ladies Club for the honoring our mother. Finally, thank you for the amazing dinner that was prepared for us and our family. "Thank you" could never be enough for all the prayers and love shared with us.

Sincerely, The Whalen Family Shannon Estrada and Mary Rector



The Invite Commission is once again hosting the first module of the ChristLife series: Discovering Christ, which begins this Monday, January 14. More details elsewhere in the bulletin.

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00	
Collection of December 29 and 30	\$	10,157.76	
Electronic Contributions 12/24 – 12/28	\$	1,619.00	
Collection of January 5 and 6	\$	11,684.06	
Electronic Contributions 12/31 – 1/4	\$	7,371.50	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Actual	\$	374,103.49	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget	\$	379,400.00	
Fiscal Year 2018-2019 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 5,296.51	
Home Improvement Fund			
November Contributions	\$	2,205.83	
December Contributions		1,888.33	
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,286.00	
United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 1/4)			
Parish Goal # of gifts received or pledges		\$ 50,658.00 143	

THANK YOU: This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors as a thank you for their kind generosity.



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.

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 lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

#### **Confirmation Class 2019**

Our fourth session for candidates only met last Sunday. The topics for this session were, Chapters 4 and 5, "The Prayer Process and The Bible." We focused on the virtues of "Perseverance and Kindness." Candidates shared their answers to the questions in their book. They learned 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 Jeni Nevins for snacks at our class session. Heather White has snacks for the Jan. 27 session. Candidates please do not forget your books! Please call Chris Arvin, 317-270-2930 if you have questions.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Last week the three kings asked, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews?" This week, a voice comes from heaven, "You are my son, the Beloved;

with you I am well pleased." Our topic this Tuesday, January 15, will be an introduction to the Sacraments presented by Father Bob. We begin at 7:00 p.m., in the parish center and we will 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!



#### (grades 8 thru 12)

Sunday, January 20 Sunday, January 27 Sunday, February 3

Youth Choir - New Members are always welcome! Practice in Church - 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass. Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### URGENT REQUEST

If you plan to volunteer in any capacity at this year's summer festival, we need your help now! In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send your birth date, driver's license number, and daytime phone number by email to sclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Please title the e-mail Festival Worker Information. If you submitted this information last year we still have it on file. IF NOT, PLEASE SEND IT RIGHT AWAY SO WE CAN GET THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK FILED. If you are not sure if you submitted it previously, please send now it so we can make sure you are on the list. If you do not have email, you may write down the information and leave it at the parish office or place it in the collection. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

SUMMERFEST 2019 - May 31, June 1, and 2 Mark your calendars now!

#### **FESTIVAL NEWS**

SUMMERFEST 2019 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are May 31, June 1 and 2. A kick off meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org with guestions.

Hope for hurting marriages - It's a new year, and if your marriage is hurting, you may be thinking about ways to make a fresh start. If you are arguing constantly, feeling angry, frustrated or thinking about separating, there is hope. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) is a worldwide program that offers tools needed for hurting couples to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. In 2017 it served more than 4,500 couples. Designed to help spouses reawaken love, trust and commitment, the program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages by teaching skills that bring couples together. The next Indianapolis Retrouvaille weekend begins Feb. 22-24 with a weekend conference and continues with follow-up post-weekend sessions. For confidential information about or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. You can also email: Retroulndy@gmail.com or call 317-489-6811. Take the first step toward healing your family today. Reach out to learn more about Retrouvaille.



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. 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.



January is the biggest Pro-Life month.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is asking us to pray a novena for life from

Monday, January 14 - Tuesday, January 22 for the 46th anniversary of Roe V Wade and the annual Day of Prayer

for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/january-roe-

events/upload/novena-9-days-for-life-2019-english-pdf.pdf is the site if you want to follow their prayer program.

Over 60 million lives have been lost to abortion.

We will begin a spiritual adoption for the 9 months following the Roe V Wade anniversary.

Pamphlets will be available at the church doors next week,

this devotion was initiated by Venerable Fulton Sheen.

We are again supporting the March for Life bus trip for the Scecina students with a donation.

Check this site to find the Indianapolis activities for January 22, 2019 for the protection of life.

http://www.archindy.org/humanlifeanddignity/ministries-local-solemn-observance.html





## CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



## The Parish gratefully acknowledges all those who donated poinsettias in honor of loved ones for our use in Christmas decorating.

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