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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

> Saturday: 5:00 PM 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday:

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.

The Theresean

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 PARISH CENTER 317-357-5316

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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 9:30 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 5 times per year. 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 317-236-1490.

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 is the First Sunday of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas. In the midst of Christmas shopping and Christmas parties, I hope that we do not forget the meaning of Advent.

The First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of the new Church year. Today is also a new beginning for Little Flower as we begin our new Mass schedule. Thank you for your patience and support as we make this necessary change.

One of our biggest reasons for this necessary change is the declining attendance at our Sunday Masses. Please note that it is not that our number of registered parishioners is declining significantly. Rather, our number of parishioners attending Sunday Mass has declined significantly. Currently our Parish Council is developing a strategic plan for our parish. Our goals and objectives include growing our parish and growing the number who attend Sunday Mass.

As we prepared to begin our new Sunday Mass schedule today, we had the opportunity to update our bulletin cover. I thought it would be an appropriate time to return to the name the bulletin had for many years in the past. Therefore, from now on, we will refer to the bulletin as *The Theresean*. Although the change seems minor, it helps us remain connected with our roots.

In the past many of you have participated in Matthew Kelly and Dynamic Catholic's "Best Advent Ever" e-mail program. If you have not already signed up for the program, you can sign up at the Dynamic Catholic website:

http://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Day Mass. Special thanks to Tom Costello, the choir, and the instrumentalists who made the Liturgy beautiful and meaningful. The Liturgy would not have been what it was without them. Special thanks to those who brought food and/or gave in the collection to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Tuesday, December 3, is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the Principal Patron of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Today we should all pray to St. Francis Xavier for the Church in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He and St. Therese are the copatrons of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the missions.

Next Sunday, December 8, will be our annual parish Christmas party after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the flyer on page 5 for details.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. For many years, we have celebrated our Advent and Lenten Penance Services with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be available to help with confessions.

Finally, we have received complaints about people in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel carrying on conversations in the chapel with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. It seems to me that it is disrespectful to the Blessed Sacrament and any other adorers in the chapel. If you need to have a lengthy conversation with someone, please do so outside the chapel.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our sympathy and condolences to Ann McCarty on the death of her brother, John "Jack" Doyle, who passed away in October and whose funeral

liturgy was held at Holy Spirit Parish. Please keep all of Jack's family and friend in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jack into his eternal glory.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 2 - 8, 2019

02	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Julia McNally
03	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Jim and Dan Freeland by Carol Freeland
04	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
05	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Dane Kramer by Charlie Goodman
06	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Patricia Hawkins by Charlene Huffmeyer
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
07	December	Saturday - Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	John Maio by Mike & Mary Ann Maio & Family
08	December	Sunday - The Second Sunday of Advent
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 1 - 8, 2019

December 1 - 6, 2019								
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP					
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy					
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts					
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice					
			Sing at 6:00 p.m. Mass					
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep					
Monday	St. Patrick	11:30 a.m.	SVDP					
	Holy Family & Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Scouts					
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore					
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	A Biblical Walk					
			Through the Mass					
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary					
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA					
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir					
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission					
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Men's Christ Renews					
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club					
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA					
Friday								
Saturday								
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy					
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party					

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 P.M. Sunday 9:30 A.M. Sunday 6:00 P.M.

Also effective December 1, 2019

Coffee and Donuts will follow the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
Children's Liturgy will be during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
Sunday Religious Education will be 10:30 a.m. until 11:25 a.m.
The regular time for Baptisms will be after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.



The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 11, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month we will celebrate Christmas and the Kindergarten classes will join us! Fr. Bob will read them "The Night Before Christmas," and they will sing some Christmas carols for us! Bring a friend,

and join us for the festivities! You may call the parish center, 317-357-8352, if you plan on attending!



Spreading the Holiday Scrip Shopping Cheer!

Believe it 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 3, 10, 17

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.



Our next session is Tuesday, December 3, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Our topic is An Overview of the Sacraments. Please join us in the Parish Center.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of November 23 and 24	Check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 11/18-11/22	Check back next week	
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	262,881.48
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	284,550.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 21,668.52

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ \$	2,204.15 2,055.14
October Contributions		
November Contributions (to date)	\$	1 941 73

PLEASE NOTE

November 10 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, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, 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.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.

Ladies Club News

Please join us Thursday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. (note time change) for the Ladies Club Christmas pitch-in and meeting. The meat is provided. Bring a favorite side dish. If you have a family favorite dish, bring it and share Christmas remembrances. We will be making Christmas ornaments using buttons, Christmas pins, old Christmas cards, pretty Christmas ribbons and trim, or anything you can imagine would make a pretty decoration. We are collecting the above items, and containers are at all the church doors with pictures of the craft we will be making to give you an idea of what we need. Hope to see you there.

Christmas Bake Sale at all weekend Masses on December 14 & 15. Cheese balls will be available for pick-up at this time. **Pre-order forms are at all the Church entrances, and the deadline to order is December 9.** Bring all donated bake sale items to Church on Saturday, December 14, at 2 p.m. We will also accept your goodies at the Mass you will attend.

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



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Barbara Spellman.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will really brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

Pat Moriarty St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N 17th Avenue Beech Grove, IN 46107

If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

Next weekend, December 8 and 9, is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend. (www.retiredreligious.org)



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, December 1, meeting in church at 5 p.m. to prepare for 6 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, December 1, after the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m. Plan to stop in for pizza. All youth, grades 8 through high school, are welcome.

New "Order of the Mass" Cards

Have a non-Catholic friend or family member with you at Mass today? Be sure to offer them an "Order of the Mass Card," located in the pew rack with the Hymnals. They can then follow along and feel a part of the Mass rather than a confused outsider. Oh, and show them how they can cross their arms and go forward with you when we celebrate the Eucharist. Win-win: They receive a Blessing, and they don't feel like an obstacle just sitting in the pew! **The Invite Commission**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples go home from a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend more in love with each other than ever! Want to find out more? Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 24 - 26 and November 6 - 8, 2020, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, from February 14 - 16, 2020. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

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 28/29**, and **January 4/5** we ask that any bulletin requests be submitted as follows:

- For December 28/29 bulletin all submissions must be in by Thursday, December 19, at 9:00 a.m.
- For January 5/6 bulletin all submissions must be in by Thursday, 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.

Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will host an **All You Can Eat Breakfast** on Sunday, December 1, 2019 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon. All are encouraged to come and enjoy a breakfast buffet that includes: scrambled eggs, bacon a/o sausage, biscuits and gravy, pancakes, fried potatoes, fresh fruit, pastry, as well as coffee, milk and orange juice. The cost is \$6.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.

BINGO is every Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to Noon. We have a \$1,000 Jackpot.

The Treasure Hunt Board Drawing is every Friday night. Tickets are on sale (#147824). The Jackpot is growing weekly. Tickets are available Monday – Friday from 11:00 a.m. - 9 p.m. The kitchen opens at 6 p.m. Come, bring a friend, and enjoy a light dinner and some great camaraderie.



Our last session on Nov. 24 we covered Chapter 7, "The Eucharist," in our book and visited the Adoration Chapel. This Sunday evening, Dec. 1, after the 6 p.m. Mass we will read about,

"Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit." We will discuss our answers to this chapter's questions and will be finished by 8:30 p.m. Thank you to all parishioners who are praying for us!

Happy Holidays!

Little Flower Christmas Party

Sunday, December 8, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the School Cafeteria.



Menu: eggs, potatoes, sausage gravy and biscuits, ham, muffins, fruit, and drinks.

FEATURING
Visit with Santa and craft project for the kids!
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