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

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At-Large Member

At-Large Member SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday:

Communion Services

Check inside the bulletin.

5:00 PM Sunday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Weekdays and Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Mass

Cassie Echegaray Dan Mages Trisha Corcoran Pat Brake Lisa Gibbons (interim) Cindy Woods Tom Costello (interim) Carol Wehlage Brion St. Amour Susan Spilly-Lee Elizabeth Mann David Schurger Bernie Sponsel Kurt Schnell

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

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

SCHOOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702 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

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 negrishionari is admitted. 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,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word gaudete means rejoice. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near. As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose. Also, the third candle of the advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near" [4:4-5].

Our Advent Penance Service is this Monday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a good way to put ourselves in the right

frame of mind to prepare for the birth of Christ. Our Lenten Penance Service will be here at Little Flower.

Thanks to the Parish Life Commission for hosting our annual Christmas Party, especially Rose Sponsel, Bernie Sponsel, Peggy Clegg, and Carol Wehlage who prepared all of the food (with a little help with the oven from Steve Clegg) and to Bethany Lutes who helped all of the children make a Christmas ornament. Thanks to all those who helped with setting up the cafeteria, especially the 8th grade class who decorated the Christmas trees and Bridget and Andrew Hollada who helped with decorating the tables, and to all who helped with clean up when the party was over. We were fortunate to have a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and appreciate them taking time out of their busy schedules to join us! We were so glad they could make it. Finally, thanks to all who attended.

We can take comfort that sunset is already later than it was earlier in December. The earliest sunset occurs at 5:20 p.m. December 6-9. Sunset today is 5:22. Unfortunately, the latest sunrise will not occur until January 4-5 when it will rise at 8:07 a.m.

Recently someone asked if we had low gluten hosts available. We now have a supply of low gluten hosts. If you need a low gluten host, please contact me so that we can determine how best to make them available at Mass.

Finally, as the calendar year draws to a close, we are running a Sunday collection deficit of \$24,195.47 as of Sunday, December 8. An ever increasing deficit is unsustainable. Often parishes invite parishioners to make Christmas gifts to the parish. Today I am asking you to consider a Christmas gift to the parish to help reduce our current deficit. If you are in a position to do this, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift for Deficit Reduction." Please include your name if you are enclosing cash instead of a check. You can feel free to place this in the regular collection. We will be sure to post your donation to your account. Also, if you are behind on your Sunday contributions, I would ask that you make an effort to catch up. Finally, as we remind you every year, if anyone is planning a donation before the end of the year, it should be received in our office by December 31, 2019 to be counted as a 2019 donation.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



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.) THE LAST TIME TO ORDER **BEFORE CHRISTMAS WILL BE:**

December 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, 317-357-8352 ext. 33.

HELP NEEDED

Children's Liturgy - What you need to know!

What: This is a program that presents Catholic teachings to children 3 years old up until preparation for First Communion (January of 2nd grade year).

When: Sundays during 9:30 am Mass

Where: St. Patrick room, in the Parish Center

How Can I Help: Due to combining the two morning Masses, we are now extra excited to see more children attending! NOW MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED! Lessons and supplies are provided. You can be a helper and/or become a lead teacher. Contact Minday Dant-Gordon at 317-352-0395 or sun moon stars79@hotmail.com.

As a parent you are welcome to send your child(ren) to Children's Liturgy if they are within the age range. If your child(ren) is/are attending Children's Liturgy, we encourage you to volunteer as a helper or lead teacher of this program. Please contact Mindy to be put on the schedule. Thanks!



For the Week of December 16 - 22, 2019

16	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
17	December	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Chris Arvin by Parishioners of Little Flower Parish
18	December	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Doris Gilday by Sandy Gilday
19	December	Thursday
	1:30 p.m.	At Greenbriar – Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
20	December	Friday
	8:30 a.m.	Gerrie Sweeney by Mary Sweeney
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
21	December	Saturday – Vigil of the Forth Sunday of Advent
	5:00 p.m.	For the People
22	December	Sunday – The Fourth Sunday of Advent
	9:30 a.m.	Vicky Spalding by Ladies Club
	6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob and All Priests

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 15 - 22, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP		
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.				
	Ladies Club Bake Good Sale after all Masses.				
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts		
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed		
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children		
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice		
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible		
			Study		
Monday	St. Patrick	11:30 a.m.	SVDP		
	at Our Lady	7:00 p.m.	Advent Penance		
	of Lourdes		Service		
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	Wednesday St. Patrick 6:00 p.m. Finance Coun		Finance Council		
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA		
Friday					
Saturday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.				
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy		
Church 5:00 p.m. Choir P		Choir Practice at 5 p.m./			
		Sing at 6 p.m. Mass			

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th 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 9:20 P.M.) Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th - 9:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29th, FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 28th, at 5:00 P.M. Sunday, December 30th at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass (choir begins at 9:15)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1st SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Holyday of Obligation Masses at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st and <u>9:30 a.m.</u> on Wednesday, January 1st

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5th, SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Regular Weekend Mass Schedule Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 4th, at 5:00 P.M. Sunday, January 5th, Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 9:15)



WE NEED SVDP Truck Drivers and Helpers on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 7:45 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Saturday morning donation pick-ups are critical,

as we cannot assist those in need in our community nor have enough merchandise to supply our Mission 27 Resale Store, if we do not get our trucks out. Go to http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084da5a628a0f

<u>a7-saturday</u> to establish a username/password and to sign-up, or call Chris Arvin at 317-270-2930 if you need help signing up or have questions. Please arrive at the SVDP Distribution Center at 1201 E. Maryland Street between 7:30 - 7:45 a.m.

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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



Save the Date Little Flower Card Players!

Please join The Little Flower Men's Club's 2nd Annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at 6 p.m. (after 5 p.m. Mass), in Duffey Hall (cafeteria)

This year we are pleased to have the Ladies Club teaming up with us selling their award-winning Chili!



2019 Giving Tree Gifts IMPORTANT DEADLINE

If you forgot your Giving Tree gifts this weekend please dropped them off at the Parish Office NO LATER THAN Monday, December 16. Thank you.



November was an especially good month for donations to Little Flower Parish through the Coca Cola Gives program. We raised nearly \$50.00 through the donations of caps (5 cents each) and the

tear-off sections of Coca Cola boxes (15 cents for a 12 pack, 30 cents for a 24 pack)! Caps and box ends can be left at the rear of the church in a canister marked for Coca Cola. Thank you for taking the time to turn these items in to the church. You may also enter the codes yourself at <u>www.coke.com/give</u>. Little Flower's zip code is 46201.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, December 15 from 7 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in Church. New members are needed. Parents, encourage your kids in grades 8 through 12, and consider making the sacrifice to help them participate. They practice one Sunday evening per month and sing at the 6 p.m. Sunday evening Mass on the 1st and 4th Sunday of each month, arriving at 5 p.m. to practice before Mass. This group makes a huge contribution to our liturgy! **We will especially welcome new eighth graders to this practice as well as other new members. Please consider it!**

Sunday, December 15: Practice in Church, 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Sunday, December 22: Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass Tuesday, December 24: Meet at 3:15 p.m. to sing 4:00 p.m. Mass Sunday, January 5: Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass

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



Scecina Christmas Concert

Scecina Memorial High School's choirs and band, under the direction of Chris Ritchie, will perform a concert featuring the sounds of the season at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Scecina gymnasium.



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 Spellr



Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Barbara Spellman, Fr. Paul Koetter.

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 Nelis 8803 Madison Avenue Apt 303C, Indianapolis, IN 46227

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.

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Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of December 7 and 8	\$	9,798.65
Electronic Contributions 12/2-12/6	\$	8,419.41
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	301,004.53
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	325,200.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 24,195.47
Home Improvement Fur	nd	
October Contributions	\$	2,055.14
November Contributions	\$	1,822.55
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,196.91
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(gifts processed as of 12/5)	
Parish Goal	\$55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged	102
Amount of gifts received of pledged	\$21,901.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2019, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 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 2020.



Please remember your unwrapped Gifts for Baby Jesus at all Christmas Masses to help the Gabriel Project minister to women in crisis pregnancies. Needed items are hygiene items, towels and wash cloth

sets, wipes, baby clothing size 0-6 months, diapers, bottles and bottle brushes. Thank you for your support.

The Theresean (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 Theresean available for the weekends of December 28/29, and January 4/5 we ask that any 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.



Session 5 was held last Sunday evening December 1. We covered section 8 in our book, "The Holy Spirit." Our next session will be January 5, 2020 after the 6 p.m.

Mass. Please be ready to answer questions and discuss sections 1 and 2.



Senior Retreat 2020

What: We would like to invite High School Seniors to join us for an extended weekend to experience an encounter with Christ and His Church, community, and to learn more about themselves as

sons and daughters of God. Enjoy a break from school in nature with us (no tents...we promise). Any High School Senior is invited to participate!

- When: Friday, January 17- Monday, January 20, 2020
- Where: CYO Camp Rancho Framasa! 2230 Clay Lick Road/Nashville, Indiana 47448
- Cost: \$165 (Scholarships Available)

Senior Retreat is an opportunity for those who do not go to a school that offers a Catholic Senior Retreat (whether that be public school, home school, scheduling conflict, or others). Any High School Senior is invited to come! You may register online at archindyym.com/senior-retreat.

Indiana March for Life Wednesday, January 22, 2020 12:00 p.m.

March will be from Georgia Street to the Capitol Building

INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS

10:30 a.m. - Solemn Observance of Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade Mass St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church 126 W. Georgia Street Indianapolis, IN with Archbishop Thompson and Bishop Doherty

10:30 a.m. - Memorial Service to the Unborn: Convention Center Indianapolis, IN

12:00 p.m. - March to the Capitol Building Georgia Street to the Capitol Building

12:45 p.m. - Rally on the South Steps of the Capitol Building to follow March.



VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

Special Need: Looking for handyman to clean and help fix equipment as well as carry heavy loads to clients' cars.

DONATIONS

Always need baby wash, diaper cream, diapers, and baby wipes. Donations are received Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian Street.

> Contact Keri Carroll, at 317-236-1521 or kcarroll@archindy.org for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples - Do you want to give your spouse a Christmas gift that keeps on giving? Apply for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! It's the best Christmas gift you will ever give to each other and your marriage. Future Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 24 -26, 2020, and November 6 - 8, 2020, and at Mount Saint Francis Centre for Spirituality, New Albany, on February 14 - 16, 2020. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.



Shadow at Cathedral High School

Come be a VIP—"Very IRISH Person"—for a day! We invite all 8th grade students to spend a day in the life of one of our students, meeting teachers, attending classes and experiencing what being IRISH is all about! Visiting students will be hosted by a freshman student who has similar co-curricular interests and/or academic abilities. Go to gocathedral.com/shadow for more information or contact Maribeth Cloud at mcloud@gocathedral.com.

Cathedral High School Application Deadline

8th Graders! Get those applications in by December 15. Submit all applications to www.gocathedral.com/apply. For any questions please contact the Cathedral Admissions office at 317-968-7353.

Boys CYO/Youth Basketball

Cathedral High School takes on Roncolli Rebels. Cheer on the Irish January 10th. JV starts at 6:00/Varsity at 7:30. There's a special gift for all CYO/Youth players.

High School Placement Test

Cathedral High School will administer the High School Placement Test on Saturday, January 11 at 8:30 a.m. Families can preregister by visiting www.gocathedral.com/placementtest.

Cathedral Baseball Christmas Camp

Register now for K through 8th grade baseball camp at Cathedral High School, December 27, 2019. Camp begins at 9:30 am and concludes at 3:00 pm. \$65 fee includes a camp T-shirt. \$10 discount for siblings! Gocathedral.com/athletics/baseball-christmas-camp.

