



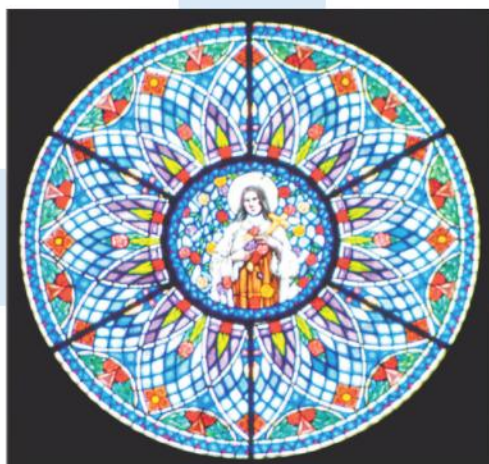
“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,”
which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 9:30 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.

The Theresean

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

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.

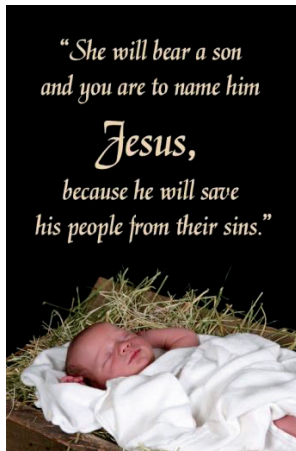
PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

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Dear Parish Family,

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

In the midst celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. *Christmas* comes from *Christ Mass*. Our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we

thank God above all for the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love for us.

Christmas Masses will be Tuesday, Christmas Eve, at 4:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. and Wednesday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. The 9:00 a.m. Mass will be the **only** Mass on Christmas Day.

If you attend a Christmas Mass and park on the street, please do not block any driveways. Every year we receive at least one complaint that someone attending a Christmas Mass blocked a driveway. We want to be good neighbors to our neighbors.

If plan to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass, please know that you do **not** need to arrive very early to get a good seat. The 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass is never crowded.

The Christmas Choir will sing at the 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. They will begin singing at 9:20 p.m. Also, there will be incense at the 10:00 p.m. Mass.

The parish office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, and Wednesday, December 25.

Thanks to Donna Clifford who recently went through all of the hymnals in church and replaced the ribbons. It was amazing how many of the hymnals lost their ribbons over the years. Now that all of them have been replaced, please take special care to make sure they stay in great shape.

One of the blessings of our new Mass schedule is that more children are able to attend Children's Liturgy during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Because there are more children, we really need more volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. Please check out the announcement elsewhere in *The Theresean*.

Finally, as 2019 draws to a close, the entire parish and I want to thank our parish and school staff for their commitment, dedication, generosity, and kindness. The parish could not do all it does without them. Finally, the entire Little Flower staff and I want to thank all of you who share your time, talent, and treasure with Little Flower. When all is said and done, a parish is a family, and every member of the family is important to the ongoing life of the family.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. bob

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 23 - 29, 2019

23	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
24	December	Tuesday
	4:00 p.m.	Sheridan & Catherine Bowron by Patricia Bowron
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Pat Sweeney by Little Flower Adult Choir
	10:00 p.m.	For the People
25	December	Wednesday
	9:00 a.m.	Thomas M. McMahon by the McMahon Family
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
26	December	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
27	December	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Judy Moss by Barbara Hirschauer
28	December	Saturday – Vigil of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	5:00 p.m.	Tom O'Gara by Katie McGinley
29	December	Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 22 - 29, 2019

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Choir Practice at 5 p.m./ Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Soul Core
Tuesday	Vigil of Christmas Parish and School Offices Closed		
Wednesday	The Nativity of the Lord Parish Office and School Closed		
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy



We extend our sympathy to *Peggy Hannah and her family* on the death of her husband, **Mark Hannah**, who passed away on December 7 and whose funeral service was held on December 11 at Little and Sons and to *Barb Greeson and her family* on the death of her mom, *Betty Wise*, whose funeral service was held out of state. We also extend our condolences to *Liz and Dave Schurger* on the death of Liz's grandmother, **Peggy Makielski**, who passed away on December 2. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Mark, Betty, and Peggy into his eternal glory.



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.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24

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 29, 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 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Holyday of Obligation

Masses at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st and

9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1st

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5,

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/508084da5a628a0fa7-saturday> 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 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 9:30 A.M.

Sunday 6:00 P.M.

Share Your Faith!



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!

Permit # 2626



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR SCHEDULE

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.

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, 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:

Peggy Albright

429 W Lincoln Road, Kokomo, IN 46902

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.

Special Event

World Renowned Theologian and Speaker, Dr. Scott Hahn, will be presenting a day of pilgrimage on the importance of the Holy Eucharist and evangelization at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Carmel, IN on January 18, 2020, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Registration and more information is available at <https://stpaulcenter.com/carmel/>. We hope you will join us for this special and blessed event.

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!



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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,550.00
Collection of December 14 and 15	\$	6,234.15
Electronic Contributions 12/9 - 12/13	\$	2,171.91
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual	\$	309,410.59
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget	\$	338,750.00
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 29,339.41

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,055.14
November Contributions	\$	1,822.55
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,382.82

Untied Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/12)

Parish Goal	\$55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged	107
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$23,196.00

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.

The Theresean (Bulletin)

Submission Deadline for January 4/5, 2020

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 weekend of **January 4/5** we ask that any requests be submitted by Thursday, December 26, at 9 a.m. This deadline is firm due to office closures for the holidays and delivery of bulletins. Please email submissions to Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Christmas TV and Online Mass for the Homebound

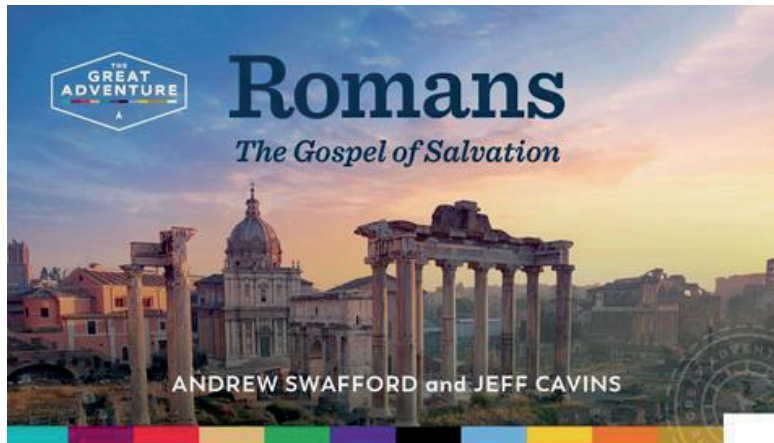
Will someone you love be unable to join us at church this Christmas? Heart of the Nation will celebrate Christmas Mass on TV and online.

TV Mass on December 25
WHMB channel 40 (LeSEA) at 8:30 a.m.

Online Christmas Mass
Christmas Mass will also be online throughout the day at www.HeartoftheNation.org.

For those who can attend church, TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Christmas Mass obligation.





Looking for a way to fulfill your Stewardship of Time Commitment and become closer to God through the Bible?

Join us as we travel the Romans Road with St. Paul in his Letter to the Romans, one of the most important documents of the Church.

The study is eight Monday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. beginning January 13, 2020, in the school cafeteria.

Materials (workbook) are \$25.00. This study is through Ascension Press.

To get a preview go to
www.ascensionpress.com/collections/romans-the-gospel-of-salvation.

It is also an interesting way to get to know fellow parishioners!

Babysitting is available.

To register call Cac Diehr at 317-501-0060 or text to cac.diehr@gmail.com.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members.

All are welcome!

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