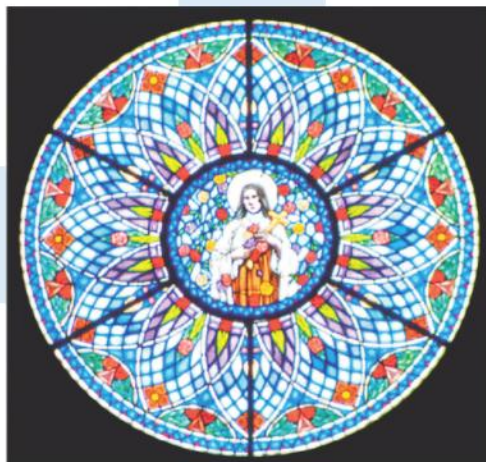


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

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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.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday is also a Day of Prayer for Peace and New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

I really want to encourage you to attend Mass not only to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, but also to pray for peace and justice and to ask God's blessing on the New Year. The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer for Peace is "Peace as a Journey of Hope: Dialogue, Reconciliation and Ecological Conversion."

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for your Christmas cards and gifts. You are unbelievably generous and affirming.

The entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Have a wonderful year.

fr. bob



On **Sunday, January 12, 2020, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment. At this rite our First Communicants 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.



Our next session will include a discussion of section 1, "Life is Choices," pages 2-28, and a preview of section 2, "What is Holding you back?" pages 30-55. We meet after the 6 p.m. Mass on **January 5, 2020** in the Parish Center until 8:30 p.m.



Please welcome into our Christian community Emerson Kay, daughter of William and Angela (Girolami) Bradley, who was baptized on Sunday, December 15, 2019.



For the Week of December 30, 2019 – January 5, 2020

30	December	Monday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary Margaret Sherfick by Jerry and Joan Bullock
31	December	Tuesday
	6:00 p.m.	Pat Reese by Cindy Woods
01	January	Wednesday – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	5:30 p.m.	No Communion Service
02	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Larry Moran
03	January	Friday
	5:30 p.m.	Jack Gilmore by Joe and Martha Finneran
04	January	Saturday – Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Amy Spalding by the Spalding Family
05	January	Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	For the People
	6:00 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 29, 2019 – January 5, 2020

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Soul Core
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary
Wednesday	Happy New Year! Parish and School Office Closed.		
Thursday	Off Site	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	10:00 a.m.	Ladies Club Chili Prep
Saturday	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Euchre Tournament & Chili Supper
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice Sing at 6 p.m. Mass
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

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

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, FEAST OF THE
HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 28, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, December 30 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 31 and
9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 1

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5,
SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule**

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 4, at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, January 5, Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 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.

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:

Deette Bennett

1704 N Spencer Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.

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 16. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com.

Our Lady of Lourdes is sponsoring a "Lunch and Learn" on Thursday, January 16 at 12:00 p.m. in Bernadette Hall. (Note: the Adventuresome Group will not meet in January.) Associates from Irvington Wellness will teach laughter yoga and also introduce some other classes that seniors might be interested in attending. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org by Monday, January 13, if you plan on attending.

your attention please

The Little Flower Ladies Club is sponsoring an evening at Beef and Boards Thursday evening, February 20, to see Saturday Night Fever. Ticket information and order forms are at all doors. Seating is limited so get your orders in by January 20 including payment. Checks may be made payable to LF Ladies Club.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5: Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass

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!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,550.00
Collection of December 21 and 22	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/16 – 12/20	Check back next week
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 this weekend 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.



Little Flower Men's Club

2nd Annual Euchre Tournament



Saturday, January 4th, 2020- 6:00 p.m. (after 5 p.m. Mass)

Duffey Hall (cafeteria)

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



Soft drinks, beer & wine will be available for purchase!



\$20 entry fee - 75% of fees go to the winners: 1st, 2nd & 3rd place!

Progressive Euchre tournament format (using a score card) - 8 hands per round and move on with a change of partners.

Euchre side pot: \$0.25 goes into a pot when you get euchred; the person with the most loners at the end of the tournament gets the pot!

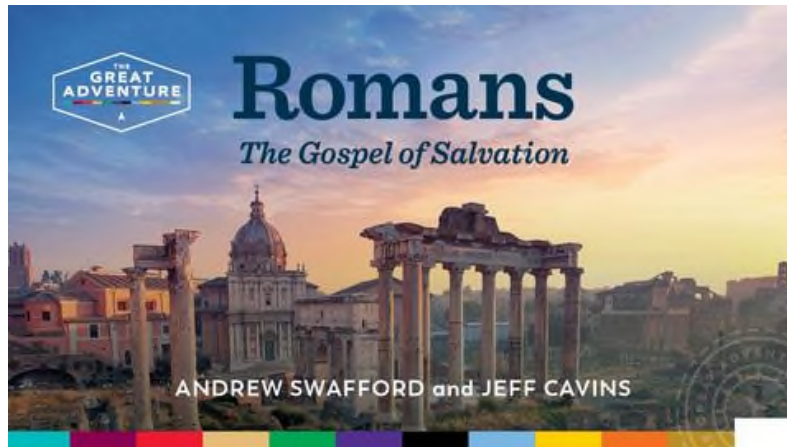
Other games of chance include: 50-50, Pull-tabs & "Squares".

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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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