

# Baptism of the Lord

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Mass

At-Large Member

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 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 PARISH CENTER

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

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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?

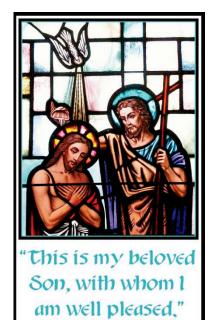
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

#### 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 Baptism of the Lord. The baptism of Jesus marked the beginning of his public ministry.

Today also marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas. 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 weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our 26 candidates for First Eucharist and their families as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their families as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

Saturday 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 2020 is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2). According to the Greymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, it is unusual kindness in dialogue that leads to growth in unity "in a world where separation and division hinder the quest for Christian Unity."

As I mentioned last Sunday, Fr. Jerry Kirkhoff died on Monday, December 30, and was buried on Monday, January 6. Although he grew up in St. Philip's, he had a lot of ties to Little Flower. His family moved from St. Philip's to 12<sup>th</sup> and Wallace. During his diaconate summer (1968),

he did a lot of ministry here at Little Flower. He was ordained May 24, 1969 and celebrated his First Mass at St. Philip's. He served as a full-time instructor at Seecina Memorial High School from 1973 to 1978. When he lived at Seecina, he often helped here at Little Flower on weekends.

From 1978 to 1985, he served as pastor of St. Philip Neri parish. Most of this time, he also served as the Dean of the East Deanery. He later served as pastor of St. Jude, St. Pius X, and Good Shepherd. When he retired from parish ministry in 2014, he continued as director of the Archdiocesan Mission Office and Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and vicar for advocacy for priests. Please pray for Fr. Jerry and for his family in this time of loss.

As I mentioned a few weeks ago, we now have a supply of low gluten hosts available. If you need a low gluten host, please contact me so that we can determine how best to make them available to you at Mass.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

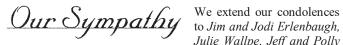


#### **Little Flower School Open House**

Little Flower Catholic School, the largest ministry of our parish, is celebrating an Open House on Sunday, January 26 from 10:30 a.m. - Noon. 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.

Little Flower and the Society of St. Vincent De Paul would like to give Vincent De Faul Wools everyone a big Thank You for donating food and presents during Thanksgiving and Christmas. We gave 75 bags of food at Thanksgiving. We helped 58 families at Christmas and 45 nursing home gifts. This was all due to the generosity of our parish families who took tags from the Giving Trees. The families were very thankful. God bless all of you!



Julie Wallpe, Jeff and Polly

Erlenbaugh, and Jessica and Cory Freudenstein on the death of Jodi's sister, Julie's and Jeff's aunt and Jessica's great aunt, Jeanette L. Kenter, who passed away on December 21 and whose funeral liturgy was held on December 27 at St. Roch. We also extend our sympathy to Diana and Jerry Martin, Michele and Joe Cougan, and Lisa Hammond on the death of Diana's, Michele's, and Lisa's parents, John and Elizabeth Roseman, who passed away on December 23 and December 25 respectively. Their funeral liturgies were celebrated at St. Philip Neri on January 11. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jeanette, John, and Elizabeth into his eternal glory.

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#### For the Week of January 13 – 19, 2020

January Monday
 5:30 p.m. Barry Jeffries
 January Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Mary Sharp by Diane and Ron Sharp

15 January Wednesday

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Bobbie Lawless by Friends

16 January Thursday

1:30 p.m. Green Briar – Margaret Monahan

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

17 January Friday

8:30 a.m. Katie White by Family and Friends

5:30 p.m. Communion Service

18 January Saturday - Vigil of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in

**Ordinary Time** 

5:00 p.m. Mary Margaret and Gerald Kelly by the Kelly

Family

12 January Sunday – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. Dottie Spalding by Ladies Club

6:00 p.m. For the People

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 12 - 19, 2020

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Blood Pressure	Check after all Masses		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
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			First Eucharist	
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible Study	
Monday	St. Patrick	1:30 p.m.	SVDP	
	Scout Room & Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts	
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Soul Core	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study	
Tuesday	St. Therese	9:30 a.m.	Legion of Mary	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir	
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	Gym	7:30 p.m.	LFAC	
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club	
Thursday	St. Partick	6:30 p.m.	Ministry Leaders	
			Dinner	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Saturday	New Parishione	ew Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts	
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Bible	
			Study	

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



Our next session will meet after the 6 p.m. Mass on January 26, 2020 in the Parish Center until 8:30 p.m. Please be sure to complete the crossword puzzles on page 28

and 55. We will check and discuss both in class!

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, Margie Greene, Pat Sweeney.

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 Sweeney 1101 N. Routiers Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46229

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.

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 Ifparishnews@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 <a href="mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org">pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a> by Monday, January 13, if you plan on attending. See the attached flyer for more information.



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir - New Members are always welcome!

Sunday, January 19 No practice this month!

Sunday, January 26 Meet at 5:00 p.m. to sing 6:00 p.m. Mass Sunday, February 2 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.

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.

#### Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

A new schedule will be coming out soon for March, April, and May. If you have away dates or changes in your profile please let us know.

- Altar Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons a lqibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-658-6550.
- Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp at <u>duvkote@aol.com</u> or leave a message at 317-356-3488.
- Lectors please contact Diane Sharp at <a href="mailto:dmsharp02@aol.com">dmsharp02@aol.com</a> or leave a message at 317-356-3488.

The deadline date is February 7. Thank you for your service in this ministry.

#### St. Paul's Letter to the Romans Bible Study

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 or text CacDiehr at 317-501-0060, or email cac.diehr@gmail.com.

Invite your friends, neighbors, and family members. All are welcome!

#### Special Event

On Thursday, February 13 there will be a Stop the Bleed class at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is to prepare anyone to assist in the event of a medical

emergency in which someone is severely bleeding. Anyone is welcome to attend this class but it would be especially beneficial to those involved in youth sports, ushers, greeters, or volunteers in school. Please e-mail or call Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org if you plan to attend. A count is needed so that Emergency Medical Services can provide enough teachers for this class.

#### **Ladies Club News**

- Join the Ladies Club Thursday, February 6, for a fun evening of art and wine (or just critique the artist's attempt to create, and visit no pressure!) Business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Wine and Canvas will begin around 7:30 p.m. Angel Adore will lead the art experience. Cost is \$10 per artist. Please RSVP if you plan to participate in the painting so we will have enough supplies. Text 317-918-0997 or email moodyak1@yahoo.comm by January 31.
- 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.





The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 3, 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.

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Weekly Budget Goal		13,550.00			
Collection of December 28 and 29		14,557.18			
Electronic Contributions 12/23 – 12/27		2,971.91			
Collection of January 4 and 5		12,163.63			
Electronic Contributions 12/30 – 1/3		9,329.41			
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual		361,771.66			
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget		379,400.00			
Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT		- 17,628.34			
Home Improvement Fund					
November Contributions		1,822.55			
December Contributions		2,194.64			
January Contributions (to date)		987.91			
Gifts to deficit reduction (to date)	\$	7,430.00			
(These gifts have been added to the regular collection figures above.)					
Untied Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/19)					
Parish Goal	\$55,359.00				
# of gifts received or pledged		112			
Amount of gifts received of pledged		\$23,731.00			

# FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2020 – May 29, 30, and 31

Holy cow, can it be?? SUMMERFEST 2020 planning will begin soon!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 29**, **at 6:00 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 <a href="mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org">amackell@littleflowerparish.org</a> with questions.

#### YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's summer festival, we need your help now! This includes anyone working/selling at Bingo, Monte Carlo, Adult Games, Pull Tabs/Tip Boards, Main Raffle, and/or any special raffles.

In order to comply with State Gaming Commission requirements, we need to provide a complete list of volunteer information. Please send the following information to <a href="mailto:sclegg@littleflowerparish.org">sclegg@littleflowerparish.org</a>, with a subject lint of "Festival Worker Information" <a href="mailto:by January 31">by January 31</a>:

- Legal Name
- Date of Birth
- Driver's License or State ID Number
- Complete Home Address
- Daytime Telephone Number

If you sent us your information last year, and nothing has changed, you don't need to send again.

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!

# I LOVE TO LAUGH! Ha Ha Ha Ha!!!

Join us for the Eastside Cohort Lunch and Learn on Thursday, January 16th at 11:30 a.m. for a fun

presentation on Laugh Yoga, presented by Rita Shilling, Tai Chi and Yoga instructor with <u>Irvington Wellness Center.</u>

#### Come to Bernadette Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes and



get your giggles ready. Be prepared to laugh away your afternoon and feel more alive and joyful! You will also learn ways to invigorate your personal energy level through tapping and breathing and moving. Lunch is provided by Our Lady of Lourdes Socialaires and the Health Ministry. RSVP's are appreciated to enable an adequate

lunch for everyone. Please contact the Parish Secretary at 317-358-2280, Kathy McCoy at <a href="mailto:kathyrnibclc@hotmail.com">kathyrnibclc@hotmail.com</a>, or Paula Bittelmeyer at <a href="mailto:paulabittelmeyer@oll.org">paulabittelmeyer@oll.org</a>.

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

Psalm 126:2

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