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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.

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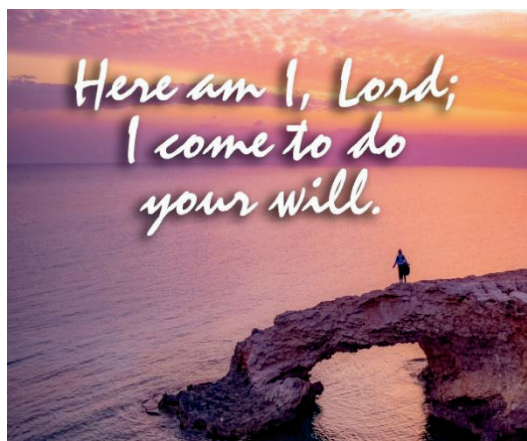
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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,

This Monday, January 18, our nation celebrates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King.

Monday also begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25). January 25 was and is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. The theme for 2021 is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit." This year's theme is based on John 15:1-17.

According to the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute, "The Church Unity Octave, a forerunner of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was developed by Servant of God Father Paul Wattson, SA, at Graymoor in Garrison, New York, and was first observed at Graymoor from January 18-25, 1908. Today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites the whole

Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus 'that they all may be one' (John 17:21)."

Wednesday, January 20, is Inauguration Day. Our country is a divided country. This has never been more evident than during the last couple of weeks. Therefore, I would suggest that we all pray the following prayer on Wednesday:

God our Father, you guide everything in wisdom and love. Today we ask you to accept the prayers we offer for our nation; by the wisdom of our leaders and integrity of our citizens, may harmony and justice be secured and may there be lasting prosperity and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

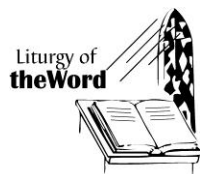
Likewise, in the midst of so much division within our country and because the Church is called to be an instrument of healing, peace, and reconciliation, I am asking that everyone please refrain from wearing any attire (t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, masks, etc.) in church that promote a particular political party or political movement.

This Friday, January 22, the Catholic Church in the United States marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* which legalized abortion throughout the United States with a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. The 5:30 p.m. Mass will be the Mass for "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life." Please join us as we give thanks for the gift of human life and pray for the legal protection of unborn children.

This past Monday Little Flower School welcomed back grades three to eight for in-person learning. I believe it is good for them to be here.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. Bob



Readings for January 23 and 24
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1:14-20

To read the readings on-line, go to:

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012421.cfm>



your attention please

Permission has now been granted for the homebound to receive Communion. If you are not able to attend Mass due to being over the age of 65 or immunocompromised, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 x 106 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, and every effort will be made to find someone to bring you Communion.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 18, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



For the Week of January 18 - 24, 2021

18	January	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Special Intentions of the Forestal Family
19	January	Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Ginny Allen by the Ladies Club
20	January	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Sue Peterson by Paul Commiskey
21	January	Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Pat Moriarty, Jr. by Fr. Joe Moriarty
22	January	Friday	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Darlene McCreery by Carol Freeland
23	January	Saturday – Vigil of the 3 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	Gerald and Mary Margaret Kelly by the Kelly Family
24	January	Sunday – Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Little Flower Parish
			6:00 p.m.	For the People



We extend our condolences to *Steve & Becky Arvin and Chris & Andrea Arvin* on the death of their sister-in-law **Millie Arvin** who passed away on January 3.

Fr. Bob celebrated Millie's funeral liturgy at Holy Spirit. We extend our sympathy to *Dewey Swanson* on the death of his mother, **Stella Swanson**, who passed away on January 2 and whose funeral service was held on January 8. Stella was 93 years young and a long-time parishioner. We offer our condolences to *Andrea Crites* on the death of her mother, **Bonda O'Gara**, who passed away on January 4. Bonda was 87 years young and the sister of Stella Swanson who passed away on January 2. We offer our sympathy to *Michael "Jason" McCoy and Bob Farrell* on the death of Michael's grandmother and Bob's sister, **Connie Gill**, who passed away on January 3. Connie's funeral liturgy will be held on April 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Little Flower. Connie was 95 years young and faithfully attended Mass each weekend until just recently. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Millie, Stella, Bonda, and Connie into his eternal glory.

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 regular parish donations.

All things are possible with God

**JOB
OPENING**

Part-Time Maintenance Assistant

We currently have a part-time daytime position (approximately 25 hours per week) for a highly motivated person to fill an immediate opening. Position will

include general maintenance and light custodial work of all parish buildings and grounds. Applicant should have general knowledge of maintenance and custodial duties related to school and church buildings. Applicant will work in conjunction with Maintenance Director and night cleaning contractor to maintain Little Flower's campus. Applicant must be able to do heavy work, with some use of equipment for floor cleaning. Previous work experience in maintenance preferred.

This position could be ideal for a handy person who is retired and looking for something part time to stay busy.

Interested persons should email information to Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org.

Next weekend, January 23 and 24, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Charles Aughe, Fr. Paul Koetter, Margie Greene, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Tricia Allstatt, Charlie Goodman, Bobbie Lawless, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Joe Clegg, Mary Skinner, Carol Freeland, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Lourdes Riedeman, and the Forestal Family.

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

Martha Haddin

1215 Shannon Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201



Pray for our active military family/friends:

Brian Ledgerwood, serving on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, son of Diane Anderson.

Victor Franco, serving at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, MT.

Christopher Torzewski, currently deployed in the United States Army.

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 **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 1, 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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of January 9 and 10	\$	9,511.00
Electronic Contributions 1/4-1/8	\$	10,286.84
Additional Annual Contributions	\$	4,015.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Actual	\$	366,865.09
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget	\$	364,000.00
Fiscal Year 2020-2021 YTD	\$	2,865.09

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,096.65
December Contributions	\$	2,619.32
January Contributions (to date)	\$	1,252.16

United Catholic Appeal

(gifts processed as of 1/7)

Parish Goal	\$	55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged		73
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$	18,984.00

Rite of Christian Initiation for Children

Classes will begin on **Sunday, January 24**, for children ages 9 or above who have not been baptized or who are baptized in another Christian denomination. These classes are designed to educate children in the Catholic faith and prepare them for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Whether your family is just entering the Church, returning to practice of the Catholic faith, or delayed your child's sacramental preparation, all are welcome. Please contact Lisa at the parish office by **Wednesday, January 20**, if you would like to enroll your child. Please email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352, ext. 105.



Right to Life of Indianapolis has once again planned the **INDIANA MARCH FOR LIFE, MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RALLY** for **Friday, January 22, 2021** starting at noon in downtown Indy on Georgia Street. This year RTL will be one of six Midwest cities partnering with March for Life Chicago MOVING THE MOVEMENT MIDWEST TOUR with events and diaper drives in seven cities until January 23. Go to marchforlifechicago.org or www.rtlindy.org for more information.

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

FESTIVAL NEWS

Summerfest 2021

Tentative dates – June 4, 5, and 6

We are not really sure what the festival might look like this year, but we are beginning to make plans. We have hope that some form of the festival will take place this year.

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 27**, via Zoom for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Angie at 317-357-8352 or email amackell@littleflowerparish.org if you'd like to be a new part of the team.

YOUR ACTION REQUIRED!

If you plan to volunteer in any **gaming** capacity at this year's 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 sclegg@littleflowerparish.org with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" by **February 5**:

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

If you sent us your information previously 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 it now 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!**

Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center

Located at 1040 North Post Road

The Treasure Hunt Board Drawing is every Friday night. Tickets are on sale (#001617). 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, enjoy a light dinner and some great camaraderie. The Fatima Council will comply with local restrictions regarding COVID 19.

9 Days of Life

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life for every human being from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days in our parishes, homes, and communities. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Live Novena, 9 Days for Life, Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29, 2021. Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

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The Invite Commission is planning to host a Parish-wide faith event starting this Lenten Season! More Details to come, but you'll need to be signed up to participate!

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