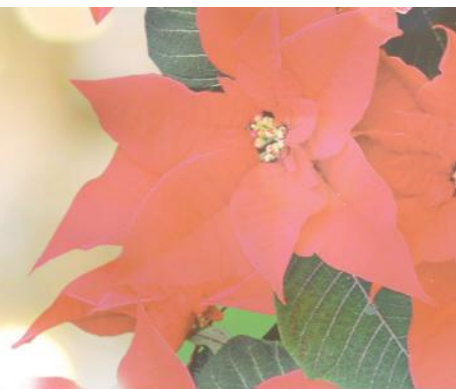




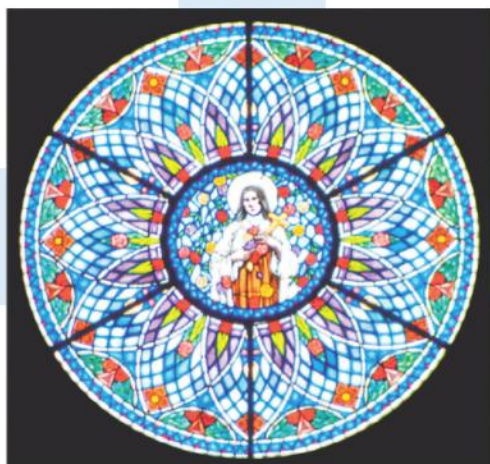
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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.

*The child
grew and
became strong,
filled with
wisdom; and
the favor
of God
was upon him.*

Luke 2:40





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. One of the lessons of the pandemic is how interconnected the human race is. Therefore, today we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves and live as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

This Saturday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is normally is a holyday of obligation. However, because it falls on Saturday, we are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on January 1. Therefore, the only Mass for the Solemnity will be Friday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m.

January 1 has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2022 is "Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace."

Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day. Therefore, the parish office will be closed on New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31.

Although Saturday is New Year's Day, there will be the usual 5:00 p.m. anticipated Mass for Sunday, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. However, there will be no confessions on Saturday, January 1. Masses on Sunday will be at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Finally, 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



For the Week of December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

27	December	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
28	December	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	James Gilday, Sr. by Sandy Gilday
29	December	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Michael & Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland
30	December	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Rita Gibson by Jeanne O'Gara
31	December	Friday – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	6:00 p.m.	Harriett Hamilton by Jerry & Joan Bullock
01	January	Saturday – Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord	5:00 p.m.	For the People
02	January	Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord	9:30 a.m.	Philip De Paul by Joe & Theresa Bruno
			6:00 p.m.	Jim Flanagan by the Flanagan Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 26, 2021 – January 2, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Parish Office Closed		
Saturday	Happy New Year!!		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

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

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - August 2020	184
September 2020 - November 2020	252
December 2020 - February 2021	238
March 2021 - May 2021	324
June 2021 - August 2021	385
September-November 2021	407
December (so far)	462



We remember **Tom Branson** who passed away on December 5 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on

December 12. Tom was 65 years young, a graduate of Little Flower School and a lifelong resident of Indianapolis' Eastside. We extend our sympathy to *Mike and Jo Ellen Eaton and to Rachel and Brandon Marks* on the death of Mike's sister and Rachel's aunt, **Marlene Reed**. Please keep all of Tom's and Marlene's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Tom and Marlene into his eternal glory.

your attention please

Building and Grounds Committee members needed!

We are in the process of reviving the Building and Grounds Committee. This committee will assist the parish administration in planning current and future projects. We specifically would like those that serve in or have knowledge of building trade fields, but all are welcome to be a part of the committee. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center. Anyone interested in serving on the Building and Grounds Committee should contact Steve Clegg at 317-538-6636 or steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,000.00
Collection of December 18 and 19	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/13-12/17	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$ 299,124.35
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$ 312,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$ - 12,875.65

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,064.66
November Contributions	\$ 1,820.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,246.50

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2021, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 25/26 or the parish office by December 30. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2022.



Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners and friends in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested

prayers for various reasons:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Tricia Allstatt, Charles Aughe, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Roberta Galluzzi, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Lois Irwin, Fr. Paul Koetter, Bobbie Lawless, Mitzi Loomis, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Gene Miller, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Denice Rose, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

Joe Dugan

5257 E. 9th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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:

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.

Matthew Hughey, serving at Scott Air Force Base – nephew of Rita Cooning.

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

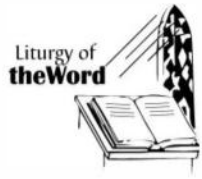
Holiday Bulletin Deadlines

Our bulletin company has been alerted by UPS and FedEx that both companies expect to be pushed to capacity this holiday season, if not beyond. Holiday shipping is expected to put an additional strain on shipping companies that are already struggling to cope with increased demand due to the supply chain issues. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of this last change:

Christmas Schedule

- January 2 bulletin submissions are due by Thursday, December 23, at noon.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31, in observance of the Holidays.



Readings for January 1, 2022
(Our only Mass is December 31 at 6 p.m.)
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Numbers 6:22-27
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010122.cfm>

Readings for January 1 and 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010222.cfm>

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Part Time Maintenance Assistant

Little Flower Catholic Church and School currently has a part-time daytime position 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. Hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with occasional opportunities for additional hours. 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, or perhaps a parent who can work during their children's school hours.

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



YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sundays, December 26 and January 2, meeting in church at 5:00 pm for 6:00 pm Mass.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? Please contact Tom at tom@littleflowerparish.org



NEW YEAR'S DAY
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
This is a holyday, but not a holyday of obligation this year.
Anticipation Mass on Friday, December 31, at 6:00 P.M.
Friday evening is the only Mass for the Holyday.
NO MORNING MASS on Saturday, January 1.
NO CONFESSIONS on Saturday, January 1.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SUNDAY, JANUARY 2
Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 1, at 5:00 P.M.
(NO confessions on Saturday Afternoon)
Sunday Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass
(music begins at 9:15 A.M.)



From our St. Vincent De Paul Society:

Our Christmas Giving Tree helped 167 children and 45 nursing home residents this year. St. Vincent de Paul members gave the families these gifts on December 18. We also had miscellaneous items to select from and Kroger gift cards. This was due to the generosity of our parish families. The families were very thankful. God Bless all of you.



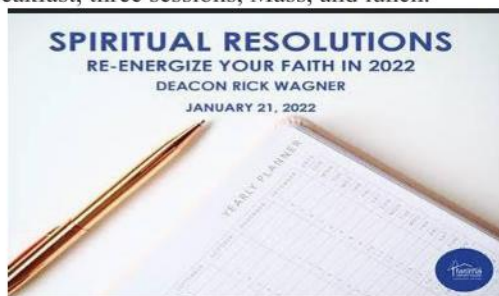
On **Sunday, January 9, 2022**, at the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate the Rite of Enrollment. At this rite our

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.



Spiritual Resolutions: Re-energize Your Faith in 2022, led by Deacon Rick Wagner

- Event will be held from 8:20 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2022.
- Registration of \$45/person includes: continental breakfast, three sessions, Mass, and lunch.



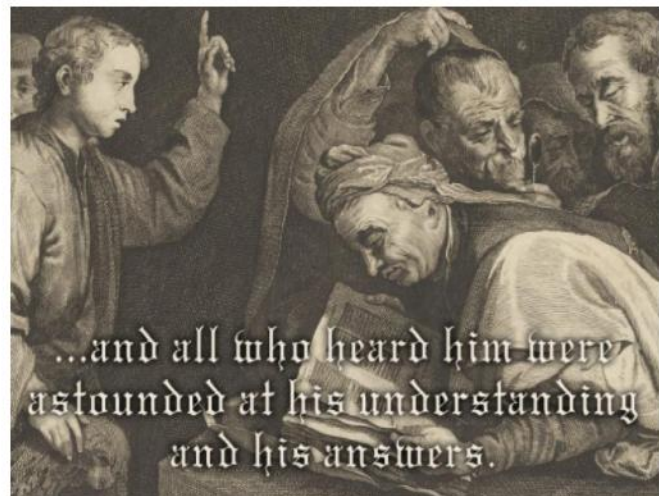
We make New Year's resolutions each year. Do we consider spiritual resolutions as well? How can we re-energize our faith in 2022? Make 2022 the year you breathe new life into your faith.

This Day of Reflection with Deacon Rick Wagner will focus first on the bigger questions:

- Am I intentional in my faith life?
- Do I have a servant's heart?
- Do I share my faith with others? (Am I a storyteller?)
- What does it mean to have an "active" prayer life?

Finally, we will look at goal-setting: What types of things can we do or participate in that will enhance our efforts to grow in our faith and become the best version of ourselves?

Contact our Registrar, Jennifer Burger at (317) 545-7681, or jburger@archindy.org with questions on registration.



Men – you are cordially invited to attend this 7th annual E6 Catholic Men's Conference, featuring Matthew Kelly and Gus Lloyd! Please join us on Saturday, February 26th 2022, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). The agenda features inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. Armor Up and invest in a quality, substance-driven, inspirational & faith-filled event that will change your life and equip you to be the man Christ calls you to be? Watch party registration is also available.

Do not miss this! Tickets are on sale now at www.e6cmc.com.



SCECINA MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Seccina's Club 53 is back!

Club 53, Scecina Memorial High School's premier event for alumni and friends 21 and older, returns on April 9, 2022! Club 53 will be a special night to come together to celebrate and support the school. Here are some of the features of the 2022 version of Club 53:

- Catered meal by Indy Anna's
- Reverse raffle with \$10,000 grand prize
- Beer and wine
- Gypsy Pixie Camper photo booth
- Live music by The Doo

Stay tuned for more information about tickets.

Apply for Admission to Scecina

Do you still need to apply? Please visit scecina.org/admissions-process/ for a step-by-step guide.

High School Placement Test: We only have 20 spots left for January 8. You can register at: https://scecina.schooladminonline.com/portal/public_calendars/placement_test

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