

The Epiphany of the Lord



ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Come,
let us
adore
Him.



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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.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Epiphany has often been called Little Christmas. In some cultures, gift giving is part of the celebration of the Epiphany. In earlier times, the Church celebrated three mysteries on the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, and the wedding feast at Cana.

During Christmas, two areas of ministry are at the heart of our parish life: our liturgical ministries and our community outreach ministries.

Many visitors, including many former parishioners, attend our Christmas Liturgies. Invariably, I hear many wonderful comments about Christmas at Little Flower. Therefore, I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Liturgies beautiful celebrations of faith, love, and worship.

Special thanks to Tom Costello, our regular music ministers, all those who participated in Christmas choir, and all the additional instrumentalists who provided so much life and energy to our Christmas Liturgies. When people compliment our Liturgies, they primarily compliment our music.

Also, special thanks to Holly Hodges, the Arts and Environment Committee, the Men's Club, and all the other volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas on Wednesday evening, December 22. Every year people say that Little Flower is the most beautiful church at Christmas.

Thanks also to all of our Liturgical ministers who generously served in their ministries during this Christmas season and throughout the year: Eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers, hospitality ministers, sacristans, and church cleaners. Although we highlight music and arts and environment at Christmas, all liturgical ministers play a major part in making our Liturgies beautiful and prayerful and our community welcoming.

I would especially like to thank the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Gabriel Project and everyone who brought Giving Tree Gifts for those in need in our community or baby gifts for those served by the Gabriel Project. These ministries help bring Christ and Christmas into the lives of those less fortunate than we are. We should never forget that these ministries are as important to the mission of the church as the liturgical ministries.

Finally, we are grateful to all those who donated Christmas Flowers in memory or in honor of loved ones. A complete list is published elsewhere in The Theresean. You will undoubtedly notice we have fewer flowers in church this year. This is NOT due to any decrease in your generous gifts. We received the following note from our supplier just one week before Christmas.

"After last year where many churches didn't order and we were forced to donate or dispose of a large number of poinsettias, we had to change what we produced. Other factors such as crop losses, labor shortages, and supply chain issues this year have also contributed to shortages."

Our order was nearly cut in half. We apologize for the decrease in the number of plants this year.

Beginning this week, we will have a different process for calling in medical emergencies that require the presence of a priest. Instead of calling a separate pager number, you will now call the regular parish office number 317-357-8352 and enter the extension 200. You will be prompted to leave a detailed message. I will then receive a notification on my cell phone and listen to the message. This new process will eliminate the need for me to carry a pager.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



MASS Schedule

For the Week of January 3 - 9, 2022

03	January	Monday
	9:30 a.m.	Souls in Purgatory by John T. Kelly
04	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Maylon (Mick) Farr by Colleen Currie
05	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m.	Intentions of Steve & Cathy Mallinger by Karol & Tim Newberry
06	January	Thursday
	9:30 a.m.	Art Meier
07	January	Friday
	9:30 a.m.	Connie Gill by Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Quiroz
08	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Norma Jean Clark by Jim and Loretta Miller
09	January	Sunday – The Baptism of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by James T. O'Hara
	6:00 p.m.	For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 2 - 9, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
Tuesday	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment for First Communion
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

**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.



We extend our condolences to Cathy Mears on the death of her sister, Peggy Litzelman, who passed away on December 16. Please

keep all of Peggy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Peggy into his eternal glory.

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)	455

Help Wanted: Little Flower Catholic School is looking for a caring, organized person to run our After School program. Hours are 3 to 6 PM, Monday - Friday. Please contact Mr. Gawrys @ kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org.



YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, January 2, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, January 16, in church from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

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



On Sunday, January 9, 2021, 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.



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.

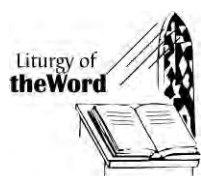
STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 18 and 19	\$	7,458.00
Electronic Contributions 12/13-12/17	\$	8,742.00
Collection of December 26	Check back next week	
Electronic Contributions 12/20-12/24	Check back next week	
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	315,324.35
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	325,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 9,675.65

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$	2,064.66
November Contributions	\$	1,820.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,706.00



Readings for January 8 and 9

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010922.cfm>



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, Denise Rose, Gary Walters, Janet Wilkerson.

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:

Elizabeth Dyer

1427 N Drexel 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.

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.



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.

TRUE REFORMERS



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These Saints led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. Come learn about their lives!

Starts Monday, January 10th, 6:30 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. 6 sessions

Led by Kurt Schnell. Free Snacks! Free lively discussion! Free Fellowship!

Sign up at the back of Church or call Cac Diehr 317-501-0060



CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



The Parish gratefully acknowledges all those who donated poinsettias
in honor of loved ones for our use in Christmas decorating.

Donated By	In Honor Of
Debbie and Bill Belles	Sarah Jane Belles Deceased members of the Doig and Belles Families Sharon Rocchio
Patricia Bowron	Sheridan, Catherine and Olive Bowron The Bowron Family The Oechsli Family
Robert and Gerry Burgin	Deceased Loved Ones of the Burgin Family
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Ray and Hazel Quinn	Lawrence and Marie Knoop Earl and Marie Quinn Thelma Culver
Donna Ross	Bob and Julie Ross Julia Keating
B. J. Schmidt	Steve Schmidt Hugh and Angela Bir Glen and Nellie Mae Schmidt



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Kurt Schnell	Deceased Members of the Schnell Family Deceased Members of the Parke Family Deceased Members of the Mathias Family Deceased Members of the Kot Family
Ron Sharp	Diane Sharp Roland and Mary Sharp Emil and Bonnie Weimer Emil and Emma Weimer Helen Kaminski
Donated By	In Honor Of
Bob and Beth Ann Smith	Bob and Bonadell Brown Gordon and Rita Smith
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