



# Baptism of the Lord

## ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER 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.

### 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.

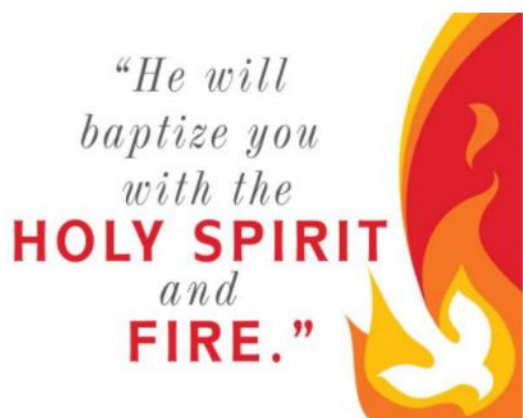
### PARISH REGISTRATION

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. Today marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas.

This weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates for First Eucharist and their parents as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

As I have previously mentioned, the baptism of Jesus was originally included in the celebration of the Epiphany. The Epiphany celebrated three events in Jesus' life: the visit of the magi, Jesus' baptism, and the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. All three were understood to be manifestations of the Son of God. This ancient understanding of the Epiphany is remembered in

the antiphon for the Cantic of Mary in Evening Prayer II for the Solemnity of the Epiphany in the Liturgy of the Hours:

Three mysteries mark this holy day: today the star leads the Magi to the infant Christ; today water is changed into wine for the wedding feast; today Christ wills to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation.

Although the visit by the Magi had been almost the sole focus of the Epiphany for a very long time, it was only after the Octave Day of the Epiphany was abolished as a feast in 1955 that a feast titled the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord" was established. It was originally on January 13, the former Octave Day of the Epiphany, which already focused on the baptism of Jesus.

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.

With the end of the Christmas liturgical season, we take down and put away all our beautiful Christmas decorations. Before they are put away, the entire parish and I want to thank Steve Wright for the beautiful stained glass Nativity. Steve designed and made this himself. It contains approximately 1500 pieces of cut glass. One can only imagine the amount of time and effort and cost that went into creating this masterpiece.

On a personal note, once again I want to thank you for all your Christmas gifts. You are a wonderfully generous and supportive parish. If I missed sending a thank you note to anyone who gave me a Christmas gift, I apologize.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob

#### 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 2021	413
January 2022 (so far)	458



NEWLY  
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian community Wyatt Ramsey, son of Nolan and Kelsey (Erlenbaugh) Otten, who

was baptized on Sunday, December 26, 2021.



We extend our condolences to *Andrea and John Sandlin and their family* on the death of Andrea's father, **Joseph Wiles**, who passed away on December

23 and whose funeral Mass was celebrated here on January 3. Joe was known to many as "coach" from his years of coaching baseball and basketball. Joe was 78 years young, a parishioner since 1983, and he had a very strong faith. Please keep all of Joe's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Joe into his eternal glory.



#### Readings for January 15 and 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5

I Corinthians 12:4-11

John 2:1-11

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011622.cfm>





## MASS Schedule

For the Week of January 10 - 16, 2022

10	January	Monday	5:30 p.m.	Al Klemmer by Mario Vian
11	January	Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Vicki Babock by Patti Hammons
12	January	Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
13	January	Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family
14	January	Friday	9:30 a.m.	Anne Hook by Bob and Mary Sitzman
15	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.	Clara & Michael Donahue by Douglas Donahue
16	January	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 a.m.	Jim Priller by Gerald St. Amand & the Priller Family
			6:00 p.m.	For the People

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 9 - 16, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
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
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	SoulCore
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	True Reformers
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Cub Scout Pack #126
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	Church/PC	11:30 a.m.	Adventuresome Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Invite Commission
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	PPS-Family Movie Night
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
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	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	School	10:30 a.m.	RCIA for Children

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



The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

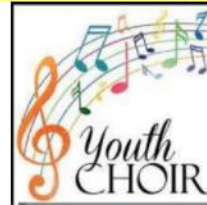
This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation

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.

**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.**

**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](mailto:kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org).

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



**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, January 23, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

New Members are always welcome. Questions? Please contact Tom at

[tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org).

Regular adult choir resumes with practice on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:00 P.M. in church. The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most Sundays, September through May.

Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. We could use some new voices in all voice sections. If you have questions, e-mail Tom at [tcostello@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tcostello@littleflowerparish.org).

(At the current time, choir members are required to wear masks at practices and when singing at Mass.)

## Make A Difference



We are looking for one or two more volunteers to join our IU Health Little Flower Congregation ministry. There will be a training session in February. The class lasts only an hour once a week for 4 weeks via Zoom. If you have an hour or less a week to phone someone that can use telephone support or help from a network of community resources, you may enjoy this ministry. We are learning how to address issues of social isolation and loneliness, especially for persons with chronic illnesses. If you would like to join our ministry or learn more about it, please contact Pattiann Gavaghan, 317-502-4630, or email [gavagpt@gmail.com](mailto:gavagpt@gmail.com).





A personal note of thanks to all members of the Christmas choir. In the midst of an upsurge in Covid cases they persisted! They endured the discomfort

of singing with masks, making their best effort to protect each other and our congregation. The results were outstanding! Although a bit smaller in size than past years, their sound was amazing!

Also, a big thanks to Pam Costello, who organized a binder with music for each of the choir members. This was a great help for us!

Thanks to all,  
Tom



*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.

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:

**Mary Helen Eckrich**  
1455 Eagle Trace Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143

**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](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

## 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](mailto:steveclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

### Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,000.00
Collection of December 26	\$	4,4495.00
Electronic Contributions 12/20-12/24	\$	2,927.00
Collection of January 1 and 2	\$	8,703.00
Electronic Contributions 12/27-12/31	\$	4,777.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Actual	\$	336,226.35
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget	\$	351,000.00
Fiscal Year 2021-2022 DEFICIT	\$	- 14,773.65

### Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	1,820.00
December Contributions	\$	1,928.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$	460.00

*All things are possible with God*



### 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](mailto:amackell@littleflowerparish.org).



## FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2022 June 3, 4, and 5

We can't believe it either – it's time to start planning SUMMERFEST 2022!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 26 in the school cafeteria** 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](mailto: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](mailto:sclegg@littleflowerparish.org), with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" **by January 31**:

- 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 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!**



For those of you who like Coca Cola products, but don't think that bringing in caps or the perforated sections of the boxes is worth the bother, please take note:

The Coca-Cola Give Program recently passed \$1,300 in donations to Little Flower School.

Thanks again to those who regularly turn in their caps and boxes, and a gentle reminder to those who don't that those codes do add up over time, so please turn them in at the main door of the church or add them yourself at [www.coke.com/give!](http://www.coke.com/give!)

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