

Unto Us
a Child is Born



Dear Parish Family,

The Parish Staff and I want to wish everyone a most blessed and happy Christmas.

In the midst celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. *Christmas* comes from *Christ Mass*. Our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we thank God above all for the gift of Jesus, the embodiment of God's love for us.

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26.

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and New Year's Day. We will follow our normal Mass schedule next weekend. Masses will be Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Confessions on Saturday will be 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Sr. Therese Whitsett who this year celebrated her 60th year as a Sister of Providence. Sr. Therese is from Indianapolis and entered the Sisters of Providence on September 17, 1962. Sister Therese typically attends our 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you wish to read more about Sr. Therese, the December 9, 2022 edition of *The Criterion* included an article on page 7 titled "Twelve members of the Sisters of Providence celebrate jubilees."

As 2022 draws to a close, the entire parish and I want to thank our parish and school staff for their commitment, dedication, generosity, and kindness. The parish could not do all it does without them. Finally, the entire Little Flower staff and I want to thank all of you who share your time, talent, and treasure with Little Flower. When all is said and done, a parish is a family, and every member of the family is important to the ongoing life of the family.

Have a most blessed and joyful Christmas.

fr. Bob

Mass Schedule

For the Week of December 26, 2022 – January 1, 2023

26	December	Monday	No Mass
27	December	Tuesday	5:30 p.m. Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family
28	December	Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Natalie Donlan
29	December	Thursday	5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Charlie Goodman
30	December	Friday	No Mass
31	December	Saturday – The Vigil of Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	5:00 p.m. Mary Sweeney by the Ladies Club
01	January	Sunday – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	9:30 a.m. For the Intentions of Fr. Bob by Your Parish Family 6:00 p.m. For the Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 25, 2022 – January 1, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Nativity of the Lord		
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Thursday	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Saturday	New Year's Eve		
Sunday	Happy New Year's		

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Adopt-A-Seminararian Program

The Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations has assigned Alexander W. Lindberg to Little Flower in their Adopt-A-Seminararian Program. Through this program we ask everyone to pray for and send words of encouragement to Alexander throughout the year. There are prayer cards with his picture at the church doors. Direct contact information for Alexander can be found at www.HearGodsCall.org.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

December 31 and January 1

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, January 1 - 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass

(Music begins at 9:10 A.M.)

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7 and 8

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 7, at 5:00 P.M.

Sunday Masses at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass

(Music begins at 9:10 A.M.)



Catholic Youth Organization
Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Come join CYO for our annual Bingo Night on January 21, 2023,

at Primo Banquet Hall (2615 National Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227). You must be 21 to attend. The evening includes dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, snacks and 10 games of Bingo.

Register online at CYOARCHINDY.ORG by January 11, 2023. Come have a great time with family and friends while helping support all that CYO has to offer.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of December 17 and 18	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/12-12/16	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 299,755.93
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 314,400.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 14,644.07

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,318.00
November Contributions	\$ 2,034.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,493.00

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2022, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 24/25 or the parish office by December 31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day) will be credited in 2023.

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

LET US
ADORE HIM
Christ the Lord

Our Sympathy

We remember our parishioner, **Karen Alger**, who passed away on December 9 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 20. We extend our sympathy to **Bob and Janet Wilkerson** and to **Rachel Wilkerson** on the death of Janet's and Rachel's aunt, **Floretta Burton**, who passed away on December 10 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 16. We remember our parishioner, **Ledger "Joe" Schmidlin** who passed away on December 12 and whose funeral services were held at Oakley Hammond on December 20. We extend our condolences to **Dick and Peg Kramer** and their family on the death of Peg's sister in law, **Joyce Frey Fane**. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome, Karen, Floretta, Joe. and Joyce into his eternal glory.



Happy New Year!

Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center located at 1040 N. Post Road

Join us ringing in the new year on **Saturday, December 31** with a full evening of fun and an exciting reverse raffle. The cost of admission is either \$25 per person for our catered dinner and/or \$25 for entry into the reverse

raffle. The evening begins at **6:00 p.m.** with a social hour followed by a great meal consisting of a roasted chicken, special green beans, mashed potatoes with gravy and a dessert. Dinner ticket includes two bar beverages of either beer, wine or soft drink. **Reverse raffle** begins at **8:30 p.m.** with the **ball dropping** at **10:00 p.m.** Raffle registered under the gaming license #001617.

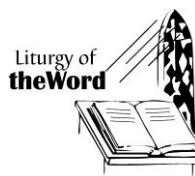


YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, January 1, meeting in church at 5:00 p.m. for 6:00 p.m. Mass.

New Members are always welcome.

Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



Readings for December 31/January 1 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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/010123.cfm>

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - August 2022	421
September 2022 - November 2022	455
December 2022 (first 2 weekends only)	487

Three Week Bible Basics!



Please call the
Parish Center for reservations:

317-357-8352

By Friday, January 13th...

Reservations Required!

Complimentary:

- ❖ Dinner
- ❖ Babysitting in the Parish Center

Wednesday Dates:

January 18th ~ January 25th ~ February 1st

6:30 - 8:00pm Parish Cafeteria



Married Couples – Do you want to give your spouse a Christmas gift that keeps on giving? – Apply for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's

the best Christmas gift you will ever give to each other and your marriage. Future Weekends at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 21-23, 2023 and from November 3-5, 2023. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "Our Weekend was, without qualification, the most fantastic and moving experience of our lives."



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, Tricia Allstatt, Fr. Mike Barton, Jane Bell, Esther Capps, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Charlene Fisher, Carol Freeland, Roberta Galluzzi, Olivia Jo Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Charlie Goodman, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Cathy Mears, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Ray Riley, Lourdes Riedeman, Bill Schlosser, Gary Walters, and 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:

Roberta Galluzzi
C/O Richard Galluzzi,
11595 Cadiz Rd, Cambridge, OH 43725

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.

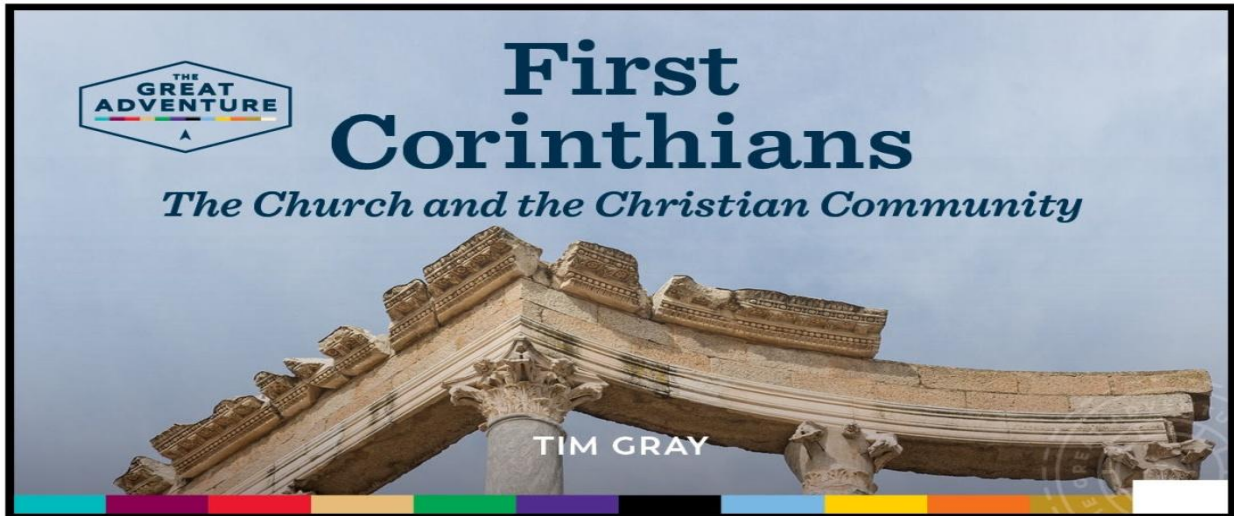
Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving aboard aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan – nephew of Mike Haigerty.

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.



On Sunday, January 8, 2023, 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.



Afternoons

Starts: Thursdays, Jan. 5th

When: 1:00 p.m.

Where: LF Parish Center,
St. Therese Room

Leader: Elizabeth Mann

Register at back of church
or just attend

Evenings

Starts: Mondays Jan. 9th

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: LF Cafeteria

Leader: Kurt Schnell

Register at back of
church or call Cac Diehr
317-501-0060

Snacks

How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture? Paul's messages to the Corinthians about divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much-needed wisdom for our own times.