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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 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.

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OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5 317-357-5316

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The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
Extended Care is available until 6:00 PM. SCHOOL 317-322-7702

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,

This Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. (an All-School Mass) and Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patronness of the United States. Therefore, I would encourage everyone to attend Mass to pray for our country.

Next Sunday, December 11, will be our annual parish Christmas party after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please see the bulletin flyer for details.

Thanks to everyone who attended our Thanksgiving Day Mass. Special thanks to Tom Costello, the choir, and the instrumentalists who made the Liturgy beautiful and meaningful. The Liturgy would not have been what it was without them. Special thanks to those who gave in the collection to assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Thanks to all of our veteran altar servers who have been mentoring new altar servers these last few weeks. Many of the veteran servers have been very attentive to the new servers. I think this communicates to our parish community how important this ministry is to them.

This year our second Outstanding Alumnus was Dr. Tom Thamann, Class of 1962. Because of COVID, he was not able to attend the All-Class Reunion.

Tom was born to Joe ('36) and Alma Thamann, the first of five children, all of whom attended Little Flower. Tom graduated from the Latin School of Indianapolis before entering St. Meinrad Seminary to pursue the priesthood. During his two years at St. Meinrad, the Lord revealed that his calling was not to the priesthood. Since he was always interested in science, he finished college at Indiana University, receiving a B.S. in Chemistry. While working as a chemist for the Marion County Health Department, he earned an M.S. in Chemistry from what is now IUPUI. He went on to receive a Ph.D. in Chemical Physics from the University of Oregon. Subsequently Tom was on the Research Faculty of M.I.T. and Stanford University before starting a career at The Upjohn Company (now Pfizer) in Kalamazoo, Mi. His scientific research has been published in over 60 scientific journal articles, patents, and book chapters.

Tom currently resides in Vicksburg, MI with Pam, his wife of 40 years, and three children, Kathryn, Victoria, and Therese. In 2002 Tom was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Kalamazoo, MI, which keeps him extremely busy in his retirement years. He is also active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Tom relates, "I have told many people that I couldn't imagine a better, more happy childhood than mine, and Little Flower was a big part of that." For example, he had the honor of serving the last Mass in the old church and the first Mass in the current church later the same day.

Tom wrote, "I believe the education I received at Little Flower was a great one. The good Sisters of St. Francis were extremely dedicated, and with them, there was always an aura of their Catholic faith permeating the classroom. Now that I look back on those days as an adult, I don't know how they put up with us. They are all Saints!"

For his contributions to science and for his diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Kalamazoo, we honored Dr. and Deacon Tom Thamann as an outstanding alumnus of Little Flower Catholic School.

Have a wonderful week





Readings for December 10 and 11 Third Sunday of Advent Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

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To read the readings on-line, go to https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121122.cfm

Please Note:

The Parish Office will close at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 15.



We extend our condolences to Sandi Adkins, on the death of her husband, Robert "Chet" Adkins and to Jim & Melissa Maslar and their family

on the death of Jim's grandmother, Florence Maslar. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Chet and Florence into his eternal glory.



Masses of the Week

For the Week of December 5 - 11, 2022

05 December Monday

5:30 p.m. Tom Branson by the Branson Family

06 December Tuesday

5:30 p.m. Peggy Brock by the Clifford Family

07 December Wednesday

5:30 p.m. John Maio by the Maio Family

08 December Thursday 9:30 a.m. For the People

6:00 p.m. Michael Anthony Maio by the Maio Family

09 December Friday

11

5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of Carol Freeland

10 December Saturday - The Vigil the Third Sunday of

Advent

5:00 p.m. Jesse Quiroz by Charlie & Pauline Graf

December Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Tom Murray by the Schaedel Family

6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 4 - 11, 2022

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration at all Masses. Ladies Club Bake Sale			
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	Duffey Hall		PPS Pancake Breakfast	
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed	
	St. Therese	3:30 p.m.	Confirmation	
Monday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Invite Committee Craft Project	
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir	
Wednesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Invite Committee Craft Project	
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission	
Thursday	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group	
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop	
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club	
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA	
Friday		1.5	•	
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check in Gathering Area after all Masses.			
	Return Giving Tree Gifts this weekend.			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall (School Café)	10:30 a.m.	Parish Christmas Party	
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	





The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, December 14 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass to celebrate Christmas. The students in kindergarten will provide us with some Christmas music and they will also get to hear Fr. Bob read "The Night Before Christmas."

Please plan on joining us and bring a friend. There will be surprises for everyone. You may call the Parish Center, 317-357-8352 to let us know you are coming!



On December 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. the Invite Outreach committee will meet in the cafeteria to paint tin cans to turn into luminaries. We are looking for any volunteers who would like to paint. We will provide all

necessary supplies. If you have questions contact Mandie Wade 317-410-5762.



The Parish Life Commission will once again host our Advent Cake Project the weekend of December 10/11 after each Mass. Families with children will be invited to take a Christmas bag home. Inside the bag will be a cake mix, icing, and a few balloons and candles. You are encouraged to make a birthday cake for

Baby Jesus. We would welcome pictures of any cakes that are made. They may be sent to pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Thanks and we hope you enjoy this Advent project!



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. Also, to ensure delivery with office closures during the holidays, we will

have strict deadlines for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

Christmas Schedule

- <u>December 18 bulletin</u> submissions are due by Thursday,
 <u>December 8, at noon.</u>
- <u>December 25 bulletin</u> submissions are due by Thursday,
 <u>December 15, at noon.</u>
- <u>January 1 bulletin</u> submissions are due by Thursday, December 22, at noon.

Next weekend, December 10 and 11 is the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, often for little pay. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps provide prescription medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Please use your envelope provided in the regular packet and place it in the regular collection next weekend, or give online at www.retiredreligious.org.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24 4:00 P.M., 5:30 P.M., & 10:00 P.M. Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 P.M. Mass (music beginning at 9:25 P.M.) Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th - 9:30 A.M. **NO Confessions on Saturday evening**

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.)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal		13,100.00
Collection of November 19 and 20	\$	5,672.30
Electronic Contributions 11/14-11/18	\$	8,982.04
Collection of November 26 and 27	\$	4,284.13
Electronic Contributions 11/21-11/25	\$	3,306.68
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$	273,267.59
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$	288,200.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 14,932.41

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,247.00
October Contributions	\$ 2,318.00
November Contributions	\$ 2.034.00

PLEASE NOTE

November 13 was Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. If you have not turned your card in, or did not fill one out at church last weekend, please do so as soon as possible. You may place them in the regular collection or mail them to the Archdiocese in the envelope provided. Please be as generous as possible.

Please take special care that you don't mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.



Our parish Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 11, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends and hopefully get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

The menu will include eggs, ham, potatoes, muffins, fruit, sausage gravy and biscuits, milk and orange juice. Santa will be present for those Kodak moments, so please bring a camera if you want a picture. There will be a craft activity for grade school students to make if they wish. There will also be door prizes for both adults and children. Mark your calendar and plan on coming. Don't miss out on all the fun!

YOUTH CHOIR

Youth Choir will sing at the 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday December 4, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

Youth Choir will practice on

Sunday, December 11 in church from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m.

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

ATTENTION: Ladies Club Meeting will be moved to Thursday December 8 at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria!! Join us for our Christmas Celebration where we will have the Little Flower Liturgical Choir for entertainment, and have an ornament exchange. If possible, please bring a snack or dessert to share and an ornament for the exchange!! This evening is always a fun time, please consider joining us!!



Community Alma Bea and Polly Josephine, daughters of Corey and Abigail (Adrian) Zeigert, who were baptized on Sunday, November 13, 2022.





Prayer 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, Floretta Burton, Joe Clegg, Steve Critelli, Dan Dugan, Sherri Esther Capps, (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, 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:

Marianela "Nela" Delaney Fox 4400 Terrace Dr Apt 301, New Palestine, IN 46163

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.

2022 Christmas Giving Tree



Please bring the wrapped gifts (with the original tag from the tree on the outside of the package) to church NEXT WEEKEND, DECEMBER 10 and 11. If you cannot fulfill the need, please return the tag to the tree or to the parish office by DECEMBER 9.

This deadline is very important. Return gifts to church or to the parish center NO LATER THAN the end of the day on December 12. Thank You.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

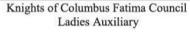
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-par	ndemic) 608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - August 2022	421
September 2022	422
October 2022	451
November 2022	465*
*adjusted due to alumni weekend	

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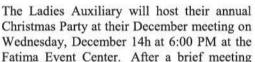


Contact

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dinner will be provided. Please bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift for our gift exchange. Contact Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840 or Holly Blagburn at 317-965-8781 as soon as possible if you plan to attend so we have an accurate count for the meal. We would love to hear from you by December 10. If you have any questions, about the Ladies Auxiliary please contact Mary McGinley at 317-627-2840.



Gifts for Baby Jesus

Please remember to bring your UNWRAPPED gifts for Baby Jesus to support our Gabriel Project babies to all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. We are greatly in need of:

- Diapers, all sizes EXCEPT 2
- Hygiene products
- Bath towel and wash cloth sets
- Snow suits size 0-9 months
- Clothing complete sets or solid color bottoms so we can match with our surplus of tops.
- Baby towels
- Bottles
- Developmental toys for infants
- Socks 0-6 months
- Amazon gift cards to purchase high end products like car seats.

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