



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Because Christmas fell on Sunday this year, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated this Monday. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 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 we mark the end of the liturgical season of Christmas, it is a time to be grateful. During Christmas, two areas of ministry are at the heart of our parish life: our liturgical ministries and our community outreach ministries.

Since my arrival in 2003, many times I have heard that our liturgies and our community draw people to Little Flower. 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, hope, 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 21. 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, 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.

Finally, 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.

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 once again want to thank Steve Wright for the beautiful stained glass Nativity, which Steve himself designed and made. It contains approximately 1,500 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 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. I think if you ask most pastors who "taught" them how to be pastors, it was the pastors of their home parishes and the pastors whom they served under as associates. Fr. Jim Moriarty, with whom I lived at St. Matthew from 1980-1985, always emphasized the importance of thank you notes.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We extend our sympathy to *Jon & Katie Tobin and their family* on the death of Katie's mother, **Denise Tobin**, who passed away on December 22 and to *Robert & Gerry Burgin* on the death of Gerry's uncle, **Vincent Tucher**, who also passed away on December 22. We extend our condolences to *Peggy Clegg, Paul & Sandy Clegg, and Steve & Amy Clegg* on the death of their nephew, Vern Ellett, who passed away on December 25 and on the death of their aunt, Helen Wilson, who passed away on December 27.

Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Denise, Vincent, Vern, and Helen eternal life.



For the Week of January 9 -15, 2023

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| 09 | January | Monday | 5:30 p.m. Mary, Charles and Patick O’Hara by James T. O;Hara |
| 10 | January | Tuesday | 5:30 p.m. Fr. Philp Bowers by Jane Gilmore |
| 11 | January | Wednesday | 5:30 p.m. Carol Dugan |
| 12 | January | Thursday | 5:30 p.m. Mary B. Moriarty Adams by Fr. Joe Moriarty |
| 13 | January | Friday | 9:30 a.m. Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family |
| 14 | January | Saturday – The Vigil of 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 5:00 p.m. Jean Manley by the Ladies Club |
| 15 | January | Sunday – The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9:30 a.m. Charlene Runge by the Mann Family 6:00 p.m. For the People |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
January 8 – 15, 2023

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | New Parishioner Registration after all Masses. | | |
| | Church | 9:30 a.m. | Rite of Enrollment for First Communion |
| | Church | 9:30 a.m. | Children’s Liturgy |
| | School | 10:30 a.m. | Religious Ed |
| | Duffey Hall (school café) | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee & Donuts |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 3:30 p.m. | Confirmation Prep |
| Monday | Duffey Hall (school Café) | 6:30 p.m. | Bible Study |
| Tuesday | Duffey Hall (school Café) | 6:00 p.m. | ESA Meeting |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 7:00 p.m. | RCIA |
| | Gym | 7:30 p.m. | LFAC |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick (Parish Center) | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Council |
| Thursday | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 1:30 p.m. | Thursday Formation Group |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 6:00 p.m. | Women’s AA Workshop |
| | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 8:00 p.m. | AA |
| Friday | | | |
| Saturday | St. Therese (Parish Center) | 8:30 a.m. | Gabriel Training |
| | Blood Pressure Check after all Masses. | | |
| Sunday | Church | 9:30 a.m. | Children’s Liturgy |
| | Duffey Hall (school café) | 10:30 a.m. | Coffee & Donuts |
| | Church | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Choir |



Adopt-A-Seminarian Program

The Office of Priestly and Religious Vocations has assigned Alexander W. Lindberg to Little Flower in their Adopt-A-Seminarian 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.

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

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| 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 three weekends) | 466 |

Mass Attendance for the four Christmas Masses was 841

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,100.00 |
| Collection of Dec. 24 and 25 | \$ | 8,669.00 |
| Electronic Contributions 12/19-12/23 | \$ | 8,172.21 |
| Collection of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 | \$ | 11,612.50 |
| Electronic Contributions 12/26-12/30 | \$ | 4,258.17 |
| Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual | \$ | 352,722.22 |
| Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget | \$ | 535,700.00 |
| Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT | \$ | - 977.78 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| November Contributions | \$ | 2,034.00 |
| December Contributions | \$ | 2,324.00 |
| January Contributions (to date) | \$ | 319.00 |

CORRECTED TOTALS

United Catholic Appeal
(gifts processed as of 12/27)

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| Parish Goal | \$ | 58,338.00 |
| # of gifts received or pledged | | 23 |
| Amount of gifts received or pledged | \$ | 11,186.00 |



A special thank you to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Tree and donated in any way to help make this Christmas special. We helped 68 families, and 39 nursing home residents for a total of 207 gifts. Each family was given a Kroger gift card. They

also got to select miscellaneous items to make their Christmas special.



Project Rachel

Experience Hope and Healing After Abortion

Upcoming Retreat in the Greater Indianapolis Area
February 10-12, 2023

For Confidential Help Contact
317-452-0054 or projectrachel@archindy.org
for more information.

All Calls and Locations Are Confidential.

A Special Word to Those Who Have Had an Abortion ...
*Do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope...
If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility
and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you
his forgiveness and his peace ...*
—Saint John Paul II, The Gospel Life



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:

Lois Irwin
815 N Chester 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.

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.

**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.



My family and I want to thank everyone who sent cards and gave us support and sympathy on the death of Manuel. We are truly a Church family. ~Judy Corpez



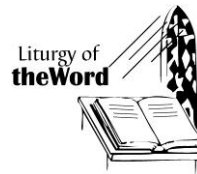
YOUTH CHOIR
(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, January 15 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church. New members are

always welcome.

We will also sing on Sundays, January 22 and February 5, meeting in church at 5:00 pm for 6:00 pm Mass.

Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



Readings for January 14/15
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

I Corinthians 1:1-3

John 1:29-34

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011523.cfm>

The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is **Monday, February 6 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.

FESTIVAL NEWS
Summerfest 2023
June 2, 3, and 4

We can't believe it either – it's time to start planning SUMMERFEST 2023!

A kick off meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 25** 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 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, with a subject line of "Festival Worker Information" **by January 15**:

- 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!**

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

YOU'D LOVE TO TAKE A SHORT CLASS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE
WITH THE SAME INTERESTS AS YOU?

DO HOMEWORK, DINNER, AND KIDS GET IN THE WAY?

LOOK NO FURTHER!

LITTLE FLOWER CHURCH HAS JUST WHAT YOU NEED

FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEDNESDAY NIGHTS BEGINNING JANUARY 18.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COMPLEMENTARY DINNER AND FREE BABYSITTING

IN A COMFORTABLE SETTING.

6:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

PLEASE DO COME! IT IS INFORMAL AND FUN!

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.

PLEASE TEXT CINDY WOODS

317-408-6396

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE



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CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS



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

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| Donated By Jacque Boak | In Honor Of Frances and William Boak Agnes and Cletus Brown Pat Conley, Joe Via, and Pat Sweeney Florence and William Boak | Donated By Pauline and Charlie Graf | In Honor Of Walter and Anna Bordenkecher Charles and Lillian Graf Anita, Charles, and Ruth Bordenkecher, Bill, Mike, and Joe Bordenkecher Phyllis and Bob Metzler Leo Kennedy and Bob Evans Norman and Edie Bordenkecher and Ron Hines |
| Tom and Julie Bullock and Family | Susan Dugan David Short Connie Gill Mary Moriarty Adams | Barbara Greeson | Joe Greeson |
| Robert and Gerry Burgin | Deceased Loved Ones of the Burgin Family | Jean and Jeremiah Jett | Jerry Jett, Sr. |
| Donna Clifford | Margaret Huter Jim Clifford | June Ann Jorgenson | John Jorgenson Louis and Ernestine Nally Albert and Sigrid Jorgenson Joe and Kathleen Hostetter Tom and Patricia Flanagan Chris Nichols Norma Jean Clark |
| Judy Corpuz | Helen Clager Manuel Corpuz | The Marron Family | DH Marron Waneta Tagtmeyer Rose Schaub |
| Tom and Mary Martha Costello | Jim and Evelyn Babcock Tom and Eileen Costello Sr. Juliann Babcock Teresa Eckrich Marilyn Jones | Helen Mouser | My Sweet husband, Mick Mouser My Family, The Vignas Carline Day The Denney Family The Arnold Family Betty and Phil Caito The Russ Family Carl and Georgianne Miller Ryan Pritt Chico Quiroz Isabel Trevino |
| Dianna Deputy | Joseph Veerkamp Mary Veerkamp Gary Veerkamp Craig Deputy | Chris Pressley | Gene and Pat Gandolph Gerry and Ron Gandolph |
| Maureen Duncan | Edward, Marica, and Alan Duncan | Consuelo Quiroz | Jesse B Quiroz Maria and Feliciano Espinoza Vicenta and Vicente Quiroz Shirley Alberts |
| Anne Flanagan | Jim Flanagan Ray and Gertrude Schonecker | | |
| Jane Gilmore | Jack Gilmore John and Josephine Watson Eileen Watson Susan Watson | | |
| Cathy Gorton | Deannie Gorton Betty Arms | | |



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| DeEtte Schmidt | In Memory of the Bennett Family | | |
| Ron Sharp | Diane Sharp Roland and Mary Sharp Emil and Bonnie Weimer Emil and Emma Weimer Dorothy Latocki Stanley Filcik | Nancy Tuttle | Paul S. Tuttle |

OPEN HOUSE

Little Flower Catholic School

January 29, 2023

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Come and see the wonderful things happening at your catholic school.
See the new gym floor, the new doors, and our awesome new STEM Lab.