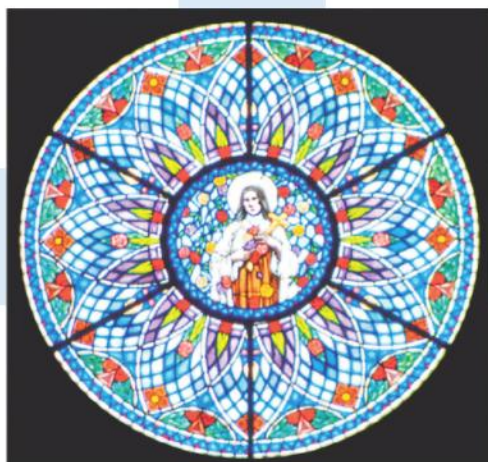


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Parish Life Commission	Carol Wehlage
School Commission	Tiffany Guthrie
Stewardship Commission	OPEN POSITION
At-Large Member	Karla Absalom
At-Large Member	Patrick Becker
At-Large Member	Kelly Dunn
At-Large Member	Katie Leszcynski
At-Large Member	Michele Rosenbaum

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?

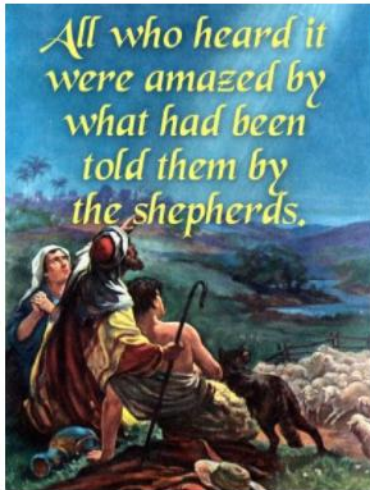
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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 Mary, Mother of God, and a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. Also, as we begin a New Year, it is appropriate that we thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the New Year. I hope we will all resolve to give more priority to our prayer and worship of God and more

priority to spending quality time with family and friends.

The title for Pope Francis's message for the 56th World Day of Peace is "No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."

Since New Year's Day falls on a Sunday this year, the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2.

The entire parish staff and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers [6:24-26], God prescribed the blessing with which Aaron and his descendants would bless the Israelites. This blessing is particularly appropriate at the beginning of the New Year:

The LORD bless you and keep you!

The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!

Have a wonderful week and a wonderful year!

fr. bob

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Masses For The Week

For the Week of January 2 -8, 2023

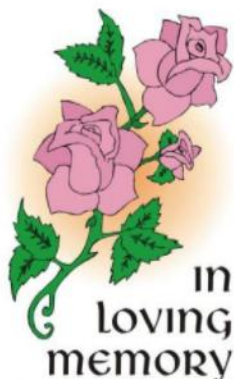
02	January	Monday	No Mass
03	January	Tuesday	Francisca Alvarado
04	January	Wednesday	Dr. H. Eric Zeller by Ron and Diane Sharp
05	January	Thursday	Nancy Lavelle by Eric and Becky Mauser
06	January	Friday	No Mass
07	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord	For the People
		5:00 p.m.	
08	January	Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord	Jim Priller by Gerald St. Amand and the Priller Family
		9:30 a.m.	
		6:00 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Wehlage Family by the Cannon Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 1 - 8, 2023

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Happy New Year's		
Monday	Parish Office Closed		
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
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. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday			
Saturday	Church	3:30 p.m.	1 st Saturday Devotion
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
Sunday	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

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, January 2, in observance of New Year's Day.**



We extend our sympathy to *Mark and Tracy Erdosy and their family* on the death of Mark's father, **Frank Erdosy** and to *Jane Gilmore* on the death of her sister-in-law, **Susan Watson**. We extend our condolences to *Judy Corpuz* on the death of her husband, **Manuel Corpuz**, who passed away on December 16. Manuel faithfully attended Sunday liturgy, until his health declined. He could often be seen in the Parish Center helping Judy, with St. Vincent de Paul projects. We remember our parishioner, **Cathy Mears**, who passed away on December 18 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 23. Until her health declined Cathy was a Eucharistic Minister and helped with cleaning the church. She also helped keep our linens for church cleaned after Masses each weekend many years ago. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Frank, Susan, Manuel, and Cathy into his eternal glory.



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 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.)



The Little Flower Men's Club and the Ladies Club will be hosting an Adult Dinner Dance here at Little Flower on **Saturday, February 18**. Watch the bulletin for more information!

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 3 weekends only)	466

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,100.00
Collection of December 17 and 18	\$ 13,487.87
Electronic Contributions 12/12-12/16	\$ 6,766.54
Collection of December 24 and 25	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/19-12/23	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Actual	\$ 320,010.34
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget	\$ 327,500.00
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 YTD DEFICIT	\$ - 7,489.66

Home Improvement Fund

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

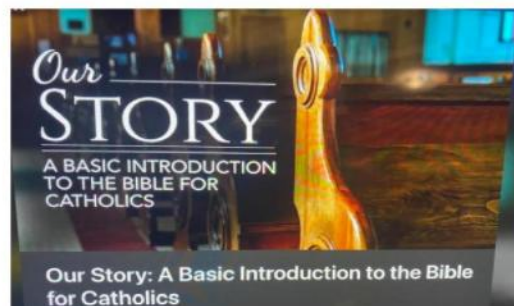
United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/17)

Parish Goal	\$ 55,359.00
# of gifts received or pledged	67
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 18,044.00

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.

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 – It's New Year's Resolution Time. Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide

Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Future Marriage Encounter Weekends will be at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, Indianapolis, from April 21-23, 2023 and November 3-5, 2023. Visit www.wwme.org for further information.

Quote from a couple who made a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: "We want you to know we thought we had a great marriage. But Marriage Encounter helped make it fantastic!"



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:

Margie Greene

1945 N Wallace Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.



YOUTH CHOIR

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

New Members are always

welcome. Questions? E-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org



Readings for January 7/8

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12

To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010823.cfm>

WELCOME / REGISTRATION

NEXT WEEKEND

January 7 & 8, 2023

Have you been attending Mass at Little Flower?
If you are not registered, we would love for you to become a member of Little Flower Parish!

Please see a friendly parishioner next weekend at the WELCOME TABLE in the gathering area for a registration form. There are also forms available if your address or contact information has changed.

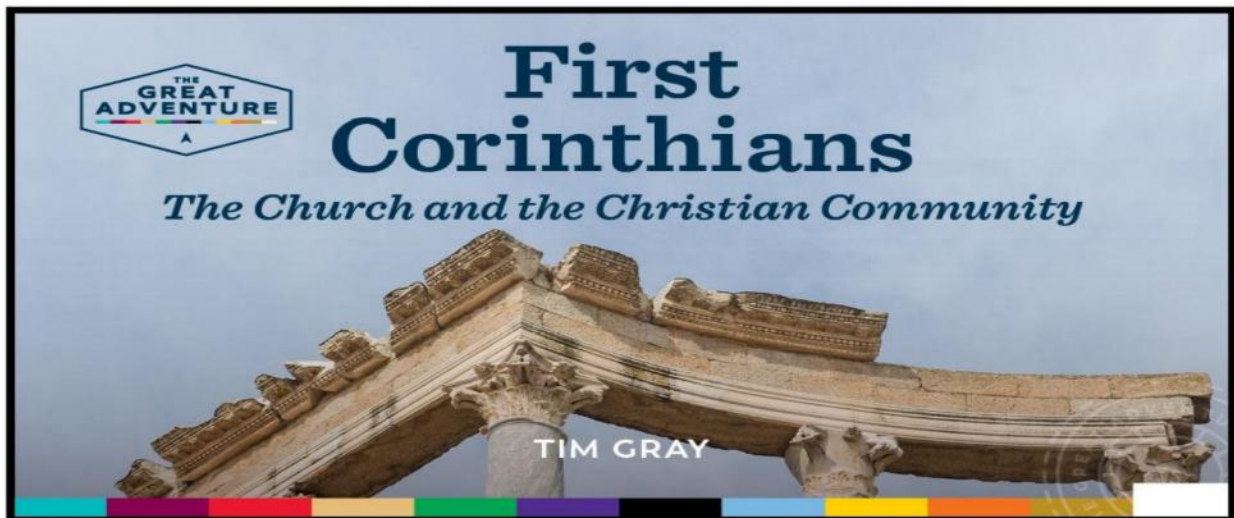
You may also register at
www.littleflowerparish.org



Knights of Columbus

Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road

The Knights of Columbus Fatima Council No. 3228 will be serving an All You-Can-Eat Breakfast on Sunday, January 8 at the Fatima Event Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children under 12, and children under 5 are free.



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

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