"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

ST. THERESE - LITTLE FLOWER **ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: 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

SCHOOL DOL 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. 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 & Christmas Visitors,

Welcome to all of our visitors and to all who are returning home to Little Flower for Christmas. We are delighted that you have chosen to celebrate Christmas with us. The entire parish staff and I want to wish all of you, visitors and parishioners, a blessed and joyful Christmas.

In the midst of 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. It is he who makes all human love possible.

Little Flower is a wonderful parish made up of people who genuinely

care about each other and others. At Christmas I personally experience this care through your cards and generous gifts. However, this genuine care and concern is evident all year long as you ask about parishioners whom you miss seeing at church or who you hear are sick.

As we celebrate Christmas, then, let us thank God for the gift of Jesus, for the gift of family and friends, and for the gift of our parish family.

The parish office will be closed on both Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26.

Next weekend the Mass schedule for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day will be the normal weekend Mass schedule: 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Because January 1st falls on Monday this year, it is not a Holyday of Obligation. Therefore, the only Mass for January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, will be on Monday at 9:30 a.m.

Finally, one of our important liturgical ministries is the ministry of church cleaning. This is a ministry families can do together, or individuals or couples can build community with their team. Scheduling is flexible. It can help you take pride in our parish. Please check out the announcement elsewhere in The Theresean. If you might be interested or have questions, please call Michele Rosenbaum at 317-443-7342.

Have a blessed and joyful Christmas!

fr. Bob



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, send words of encouragement, or care packages 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 <u>www.HearGodsCall.com</u>.



100th Anniversary!

Little Flower Parish will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2025! An executive committee has been formed to begin planning a year's worth of celebrations, and subcommittees will be established to

assist with details. If you are interested in contributing in some way to the planning of our events, please contact Angie at amackell@littleflowerparish.org.



On Sunday, January 21, 2024, 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.

> The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 and Tuesday, December 26, in observance of Christmas.



For the Week of December 25 -31, 2023

25	December	Monday		
	9:30 a.m.	Jesse Quiroz by the Quiroz Family		
26	December	Tuesday		
		No Mass		
27	December	December Wednesday		
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family		
28	December	Thursday		
	5:30 p.m.	Fr. Louie Manna		
29	December	Friday		
		No Mass		
30	December	Saturday – The Vigil of the Holy Family		
		of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph		
	5:00 p.m.	John Barton, Jr. by Jerry & Joan Bullock		
31	December	Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus,		
		Mary, and Joseph		
	9:30 a.m.	Paul Tuttle by Family and Friends		
	6:00 p.m.	For the People		

🖊 THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 24 - 31, 2023						
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday						
Monday	Merry Christmas!					
	Parish Office closed					
Tuesday	Parish Office closed					
Wednesday						
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Formation Group			
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA			
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
Saturday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group			
Sunday	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph					

Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608
June 2020 - May 2021	249
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2023 - September 2023	469
October 2023	459
November 2023	515
December 2023	490

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Please note! Father Bob will never ask for contributions or special favors via email or text. Should you receive such contact, do not click on links. Delete immediately.



Calling all people who love to clean! The Church cleaning ministry is looking for 6 dedicated volunteers to help with cleaning the church for the upcoming year, 2024. We are saying goodbye to some folks that have given many years to this ministry. If you are interested in learning about or

joining this ministry, please call Michele Rosenbaum at 317-443-7342. We need at least 6 people but would gladly take more!!



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, Mark

Clevenger, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Katie Goodin, Margie Greene, Linda Hedges, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Bobbie Lawless, Bobby Lesczynski, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, Ray Riley, Bill Schlosser, 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:

Sandi Adkins 446 N Bosart 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.

Javier Estrada – United States Navy, serving in Dalgren, VA. son of Liliana Estrada, grandson of Martin and Shannon Estrada.

Jared Cox - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, grandson of Ed and Cindy Wernsing.

Juan Santiago - United States Army at Fort Riley, Kansas, son of Velma Cecilio and brother of Edgar Santiago.

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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,200.00
Collection of December 16 and 17	\$	12,650.87
Electronic Contributions 12/11-12/15	\$	7,274.87
Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Actual	\$	326,529.30
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget	\$	330,000.00
Fiscal Year 2023-24 YTD DEFICIT	\$	- 3,470.70
Home Improvement	Fund	L
October Contributions	\$	2,354.00
November Contributions	\$	2,364.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,844.00

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2023, it must be received no later than the weekend of December 30/31. Also, any donations received in the envelopes marked for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (News Year's Day) will be credited in 2024.

United Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/18) \$ 62.

of gifts received or pledged Amount of gifts received or pledged \$ 62.294.00 75 \$ 17,710.00



Parish Goal

All men of Little Flower parish are invited to join **a Saturday morning prayer group.** These bi-weekly meetings will take place in the parish center from 7:00-8:00 a.m. See parish calendar for specific dates.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

This once long-standing tradition at Little Flower is coming back after several years hiatus. We will read and reflect upon the Sunday scripture passages, followed by open discussion. We hope to strengthen our spiritual lives, while encouraging group fellowship, support, and prayer.



The Ladies Club will be taking a trip to the Indiana Historical Society to see the Festival of Trees on Saturday, December 30. We will meet in the Little

Flower parking lot at 9:15 and leave by 9:30 for those who may want to carpool. Please contact Peggy Clegg at <u>pclegg@littleflowerparish.org</u> or 317-403-7444 if you want a free ticket! Free tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If we run out of tickets, you will need to purchase yours at the doors and the cost is \$14.00. This is a great way to wrap up the holiday season. All are welcome!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES DECEMBER 30 & 31 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5 P.M., Sunday at 9:30 A.M. & 6 p.m. Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 9:10 A.M.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Mass at 9:30 A.M.

WEEKEND MASSES JANUARY 6 & 7 SOLEMINITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5 P.M., Sunday 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.)



Registration is now open! The Archdiocese is encouraging strong participation from each of its parishes and the Faithful. As the host archdiocese, we have been provided with a discount code, Indy24, which reduces the cost of individual passes from \$375 to \$274.

The complete schedule is out now with a list of featured speakers. You can check it out at their website. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/schedule

The final Mass at Lucas Oil stadium on Sunday July 21, 2024, will include the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

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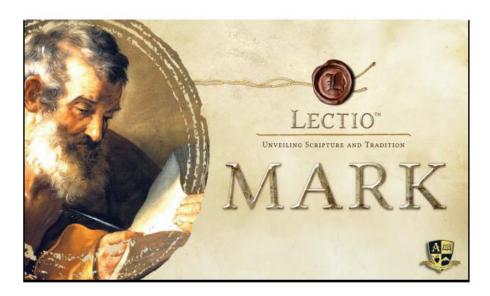
New Year's Eve Dinner, Reverse Raffle \$1,000 Grand Prize, and Music (License No. 001617) Cost \$50 (\$25 dinner-\$25 Reverse Raffle). Can purchase one or the other and additional raffle tickets. \$35 at door for dinner ticket if not purchased in advance. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. Raffle starts at 8:30 p.m. Dinner by City Barbeque includes: brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, green beans, salad, dessert and shrimp cocktail appetizer. Additional raffles for baskets, 50/50, and pull tabs throughout the night. Photo booth and champagne toast after our version of the Ball Drop countdown at 10 p.m. The proceeds go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.

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This 14 Episode series will have 7 sessions prior to Easter and 7 after



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