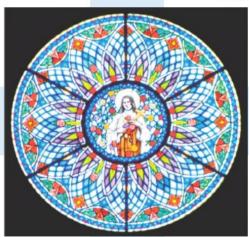


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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

5:00 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM Sunday: Weekdays and Holy Days: Check inside the bulletin for schedule.

Communion Services

At-Large Member

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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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.

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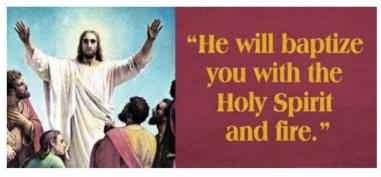
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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.



December 17 through Thursday, December 19. Please pray for me.

Dear Parish Family,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The Latin word *gaudete* means *rejoice*. At the midpoint of Advent, we are called to rejoice because the coming of the Lord is near. As a sign of joy, the vestment color today is rose. Also, the third candle of the advent wreath is rose. Two verses from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians capture the spirit of the day: "*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.... The Lord is near*" [4:4-5].

On Tuesday, December 17, I will have cataract surgery. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses from Tuesday,

We can also rejoice that sunset is already later than it was earlier in December. The earliest sunset occurs at 5:20 p.m. December 6-9. Sunset today is 5:21. Unfortunately, the latest sunrise will not occur until January 4-5 when it will rise at 8:07 a.m.

If you missed our Advent Penance Service on December 4, Holy Spirit will have their Advent Penance Service this Thursday, December 19, at 7 p.m. Also, please remember that I hear confessions every Saturday afternoon from 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Thanks to the Parish Life Commission for hosting our parish Christmas Party, to the Men's Club for helping prepare the food, and to all those dedicated volunteers who helped with set up and clean up! Thanks also to Sam Mackell and Caroline Mages for helping with the kids' craft projects!! Special thanks to Jane Gilmore for our new backdrop for Santa's visiting area and to Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us! It takes a village and we have a great one!

The following First Communion candidates received their First Reconciliation at our Advent Penance Service on Wednesday, December 4:

Santiago Alvarez-Osorio Josephine Burks Claire Cunningham Francesca Echegaray Macy Freudenstein Miguel Angel Garcia Aylin Gonzalez-Bustos Charles McGinley, Jr. Ryleigh McGinley Zyla Miller Rocket Mundell Camila Velazquez

Special thanks to Lisa Gibbons, our Sacraments Coordinator, and to their catechists, Caroline Mages and Emily Pingel. Thanks to Joanne Mages who assisted at the Penance Service. They did an outstanding job. Finally, thanks to Tom Costello, the choir members, and the instrumentalists who provided music during the Penance Service. Over the years, I have participated in many Penance Services in different parishes, and I really believe that we have the best music at Penance Services.

Finally, every year at Christmas, you are so generous to me. Therefore, if you are considering a **gift card** as a Christmas gift to me, may I suggest as an alternative that you could make a gift to our Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Society in my name. As we saw from the tags on the giving trees, there is so much need, and the holidays will definitely deplete their reserves. Those donations can be directed to me (made out to Little Flower) or may be placed in the collection (appropriately marked) or dropped off at the parish center, and I will be notified of your gift. Thank you.

Have a wonderful week.



We extend our sympathy to *Butch and Donna Brown* on the death of Donna's sister, **Carol Ann Cogdill**, who passed away. We also extend our condolences to *Fr.*

Bob on the death of his cousin, **Mike Boyle**, who passed away on November 28 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on December 13. Mike was an alumnus of Little Flower School and was also one of our Outstanding Alumni Honorees. Please keep all of Carol's and Mike's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Carol and Mike eternal life.



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 a strict deadline for bulletin submissions. Please make note of the changes.

Christmas & New Years Schedule

- December 29 bulletin submissions are <u>due by</u> Wednesday December 18, by noon.
- **January 5 bulletin** submissions are <u>due by Monday</u>, December 23 by Noon.



Mass Intentions

For the Week of December 16 - 22, 2024

16 December Monday

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

17 December Tuesday

No Mass

18 December Wednesday

No Mass

19 December Thursday

No Mass

20 December Friday

9:30 a.m. Jean Bultman by Scott Gray

21 December Saturday - The Vigil of the Fourth

Sunday of Advent

5:00 p.m. Manuel Corpuz by Judy Corpuz

22 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Charlotte Shea by Joe & Theresa Bruno

6:00 p.m. For the People

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 - May 2024	497
June 2024 - August 2024	469
September 2024 - November 2024	490
December 2024 (thru 12/1)	521



The Ladies Club will be collecting for Christmas Flowers the weekend of December 21-22 after every Mass. We appreciate your support.

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 15 - 22, 2024

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses.		
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	Off-Site	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Tuesday	St. Therese & St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	Parking Lot	9:30 a.m.	Ladies Club meeting for Festival of Trees
	Gym	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Program
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	Distribution of Giving Tree Gifts
	Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



Readings for December 21 and 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122224.cfm





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, Marylyn Blackwell, Esther

Capps, Joe Clegg, Mark Clevenger, Dan Dugan, Sherri (Ruegamer) Dugger, Joanna Estes, Forestal Family, Carol Freeland, Olivia Garrison, Haydee Gloria, Margie Greene, Mary Lou Hoggatt, Lois Irwin, Carrie Jones, John Jones, Bob Lawless, Bobby Leszcynski, Karen Lientz, Larry Lynch, Catherine McKenna-Sexton, Richard Mattingly, Sally Meth, Gene Miller, Carol Murphy, Jimmy Murphy, Mike Payne, Ray Quinn, Bill Rathz, Judy Rathz, Mary Rector, Scott Rhinehart, Lourdes Riedeman, 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:

Natalie Isom 2520 S Rockport Rd Apt 303 Bloomington, IN 47403

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 in Tokyo, Japan – nephew of Rita Cooning.

Aden S. Haigerty, United States Navy, serving with Naval Security Forces, Deveselu, Romania – 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.

Zach Meyer, Marine Reserve in South Bend, son-in-law of Dave and Dora Hughey.

lan Carter, serving on the Dwight D. Eisenhower Aircraft Carrier in the Persian Gulf, great nephew of Pauline and Charlie Graf.

Lexi Robertson, Naval Submarine Base, New London, CT., granddaughter of Barb Bruce

Riley Allstatt, serving at the San Diego Marine Basic Camp, son of Mark and Christa Allstatt and grandson of Dave and Charlotte Allstatt.

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.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS 2024 – EPIPHANY 2025 CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 6:00 P.M.
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM FOR GRADES K
THROUGH 5

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21/SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Regular Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 24 AND 25 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, 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, Wednesday, December 25th - 9:30 A.M.

DECEMBER 28 AND 29 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:00 P.M.
Sunday at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.
Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass
(music begins at 9:15 A.M.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Masses on Tuesday, December 31 at 6:00 P.M. (Anticipation Mass) and Wednesday, January 1 at 9:30 A.M.

JANUARY 4 AND 5 SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,

Anticipation Mass, Saturday at 5:00 P.M., Sunday at 9:30 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Full Christmas Choir at 9:30 A.M. Mass (Music begins at 9:15 A.M.)

Knights of Columbus Fatima Event Center Located at 1040 North Post Road New Years Eve Party 12/31/2024

New Years Eve Dinner, Reverse Raffle \$1,000 Grand Prize, and Music (License No. 001617). The cost of admission is either \$30 per person for our catered dinner and/or \$25 for entry into the reverse raffle. Also, additional raffle tickets may be purchased anytime up until the raffle begins for the price of \$25; however, those who decide on dinner the night of the event will pay \$35 per person. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour followed by a terrific meal planned by PGK Andy Ritter and prepared by City Barbeque at 7:00 p.m. The menu consists of Brisket, mashed potatoes, beef gravy, green beans, salad, and a dessert. Shrimp Cocktail appetizer and other snacks will also be available. The reverse raffle will begin at 8:30 p.m. and hosted by PGK Joe Ritter. Also, we'll have our version of the Ball Drop countdown at 10 p.m., which includes a complimentary toast to the new year. Proceeds will go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of December 7 and 8	\$ 17,373.71
Electronic Contributions 12/2-12/6	\$ 9,568.54
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 307,621.45
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 305,900.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 1,721.45

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,595.75
November Contributions	\$ 2,332.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,769.00

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like a donation to be credited in 2024, it must be received in the collection no later than the weekend of December 28/29 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 2025.

Untied Catholic Appeal

Parish Goal	\$ 60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged	83
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 20,120.00



If your family took an Advent Cake bag please remember to send pictures of your decorated cake to Peggy by either text, 317-403-7444 or by email,

pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. Thank you!



Free tickets to the Festival of Trees, which runs from now through January 4 at the Indiana Historical Society are available in the parish office. This year you will need to scan a QR

code, choose the date you wish to attend, and fill in the code on your ticket in order to get your free ticket. Tickets are limited so please call the parish office, 317-357-8352, to reserve your ticket. If you need help with the QR code, please talk to Jeannie in the parish office.



Church Cleaning Ministry

The head of the Church Cleaning ministry is stepping down to focus on other responsibilities. We need someone to step into this role and keep the ministry alive and thriving! If you are an enthusiastic person who takes pride in our beautiful church,

please prayerfully consider leading this ministry. Duties include scheduling the cleaning teams, washing towels, and general communication with volunteers and staff. Most of the duties can be done on your own schedule. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Angie Mackell at amackell@littleflowerparish.org or 317-357-8352, ext. 102.



We will be having **Gifts for Baby Jesus** at all Christmas Masses. Please bring your UNWRAPPED gifts to Mass. There will be an announcement letting us know when to bring them forward to the crib. Much needed items are:

Hygiene products
Wipes
BABY Towels and washcloths
Nice receiving blankets
Diapers SIZE 4, 5, and 6
Bottles
Socks, clothing and snow suits sizes 0-12 month
Boy's clothes sizes 0 – 12 month clothes
Girl's size 6 months plus.

PAC n Play sheets Baby bathtubs

We happily accept gently used clothing, bouncers, walking toys, PAC n Plays, strollers, swings and highchairs year around Thank you for all you do to support our efforts.



Thank you to everyone who returned your gifts for the Giving Tree this weekend. Christmas will be a bit brighter for many children and nursing home residents due to your generosity. If

you forgot your gift, please return it to the Parish Center on Monday, December 16 between 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Thank you! Please attach the tag on the outside of the gift.



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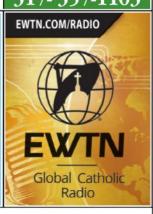
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