

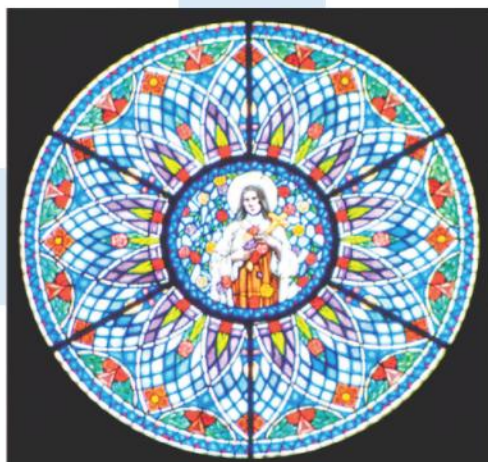


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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Holy Family



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Today we want to pray for all families that they will model themselves after the Holy Family. However, with all the violence in the world, we also want to pray for the human family that we all see ourselves as children of the same God and, therefore, brothers and sisters of one another.

This Wednesday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Holyday Masses will be on Tuesday, New Year's Eve, at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 1, at 9:30 a.m.

January 1 has also been designated as a Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. The theme for Pope Francis' annual World Day of Peace message for 2025 is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace." Of course, January 1 is also New Year's Day.

Therefore, I want to strongly encourage you to attend Mass on Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1.

Finally, 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 year.

fr. Bob



Masses For The Week

For the Week of December 30, 2024- January 5, 2025

- 30 December Monday**
5:30 p.m. Father Phil Bowers by Jane Gilmore
- 31 December Tuesday – The Vigil of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**
6:00 p.m. Bobbie Lawless by Jerry & Joan Bullock
- 01 January Wednesday – Mary, The Holy Mother of God**
9:30 a.m. For the People
- 02 January Thursday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the Leszcynski Family by Friends
- 03 January Friday**
No Mass
- 04 January Saturday – The Vigil of Epiphany**
5:00 p.m. Charles & Lillian Graf by Charlie & Pauline Graf
- 05 January The Epiphany**
9:30 a.m. Renee Gordon by the Gordon Family
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 12/15)	519

**The Parish Office will be closed on
Wednesday, January 1, 2025
in observance of New Years Day.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING
LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL
IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 29, 2024 – January 5, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Wednesday	Happy New Year! Parish Office Closed		
Thursday	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	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group



Free tickets to the Festival of Trees, which runs 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.

thank you

We wish to thank everyone who participated in our Giving Tree this year. Due to your generosity, we were able to help 176 children (61 families) and 30 nursing home residents with Christmas gifts this year. The families we help are always so grateful for the kindness shown to them. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. May God continue to bless you as you have blessed us and those we helped.

~ St. Vincent de Paul, Little Flower Conference



On Sunday, January 12, 2025, 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.

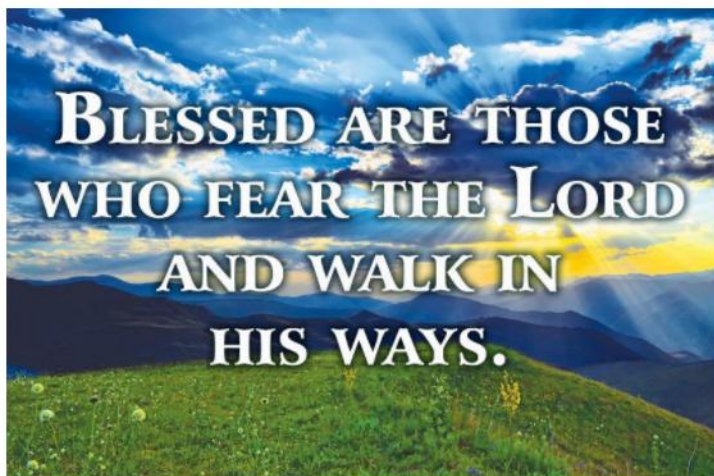


Readings for December 31/January 1
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of God
 Numbers 6:22-27
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:16-21

To read the readings on-line, go to
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010125.cfm>

Readings for January 4/5
Solemnity of the Epiphany
 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/010525.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, Charlotte Allstatt, 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:

Sarah Kielas
Rosewalk at Lutherwood
1301 N Ritter Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

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.
- Ian 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.

**CHRISTMAS 2024 – EPIPHANY 2025
CALENDAR**

**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.)



Happy New Year's Eve

**Knights of Columbus
Fatima Event Center
Located at
1040 N. 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. 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. Proceeds will go to the K of C No.3228 charity account.

*Share
YOUR
Faith!*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of December 21 and 22	Check back next week
Electronic Contributions 12/16-12/20	Check back next week
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 321,376.06
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 319,200.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 2,176.00

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,595.75
November Contributions	\$ 2,332.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,919.00

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	86
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 21,695.00

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- 5 Games of Bingo
- Dinner, Drinks
- Add'l games & raffles

\$400 Table includes:

- 8 Tickets +
- 1 Free Raffle Entry

DOORS OPEN 6PM

Tickets can be purchased in the Little Flower school or parish office,
Or after ALL masses Dec 28-29, Jan 11-12, and Jan 25-26.

Questions? Sponsor or Donation info? Email drewtorz@gmail.com

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JANUARY 26, 2025

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