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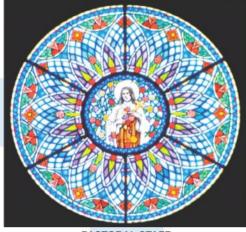
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES Mass

5:00 PM Saturday: 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

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OFFICE HOURS: PARISH CENTER Monday - Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM 317-357-8352 Fax 317-357-5316

DOL 317-353-2282 Fax 317-322-7702
The school offers Pre-school 3's and 4's through Grade 8.
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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.

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Counseling services are available to Little Flower parishioners at a reduced rate. Please call Maureen Sweeney at (317) 617-2522.

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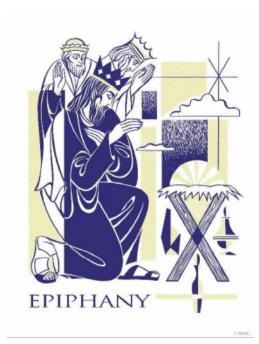
Inquiry Classes begin in late August as part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Call Parish Center for information.

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.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles. Epiphany has often been called Little Christmas. In Western Christianity, Christmas is the primary feast. However, in Eastern Christianity Epiphany is the more important and older feast. In some cultures, gift giving is part of the celebration of the Epiphany. In earlier times, the Church celebrated three mysteries on the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, Jesus' baptism by John, and the wedding feast at Cana.

During Christmas, two areas of ministry are at the heart of our parish life: our liturgical ministries and our community outreach ministries.

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, 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 life and energy to our Christmas Liturgies. When people compliment our Liturgies, they primarily compliment our music.

Also, special thanks to the Arts and Environment Committee, the Men's Club, and all the other volunteers who helped decorate the Church for Christmas on Monday evening, December 23. 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: 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.

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.

On a personal note, once again I want to thank you for your Christmas gifts to me. You are a wonderfully generous and supportive parish. Fr. Jim Moriarty, with whom I lived at St. Matthew from 1980-1985, always emphasized the importance of thank you notes. Because of my cataracts and my cataract surgery, I am still struggling to see the computer. Therefore, my thank you notes will probably be delayed. I promise to do them as soon as I reasonably can. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



For the Week of January 6 - 12, 2025

06	January 6	Monday
	9:30 a.m.	Hilda Endicott by Bridge Club
07	January	Tuesday
	5:30 p.m.	Father Francis Bryan by Jane Gilmore
08	January	Wednesday
	5:30 p.m	For the Intentions of the Leszcynski
	_	Family
09	January	Thursday
	5:30 p.m.	Mary, Charles, & Patrick O'Hara by
	_	James T. O'Hara
10	January	Friday
		No Mass
11	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the Baptism
		of the Lord
	5:00 p.m.	Patricia Durham by the Ladies Club
12	January	The Baptism of the Lord
	9:30 a.m.	Jim Priller by the Priller 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)	518

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 5 - 12, 2025

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DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishion	er Registration	after all Masses.
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	(school café)		3
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday		~	
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA Workshop
	Duffy Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	LFAA
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary
Saturday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the Gathering Area.		
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment for First Communion
	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



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 January 11/12 The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011225.cfm



Regular adult choir resumes with practice on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 P.M. in church. The adult choir sings at the 9:30 A.M. Mass on most

Sundays, September through May. Practices are held on most Tuesday evenings from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Our numbers have declined over the past couple of years and we would love to welcome some new voices in all voice sections. If you have questions, e-mail Tom at teostello@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,300.00
Collection of December 21 and 22	\$	7,197.00
Electronic Contributions 12/16-12/20	\$	9,678.19
Collection of December 28 and 29	Check ba	ack next week
Electronic Contributions 12/23-12/27	Check b	ack next week
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$	338,251.25
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$	332,500.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$	5,751.25

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,595.75
November Contributions	\$ 2,332.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,400.00

Untied Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 12/19)

Parish Goal		\$ 60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged		89
Amount of gifts received or pledged	d	\$ 22,295.00

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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, Dennis Debruhl, 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. Sr. Lucia Christi Zetzl

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:

Bob Lawless Independence Village 9745 Olympia Dr, Fishers, IN 46037

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Reverse Raffle - Bingo Night hosted by LF Athletics and LF PPS.

Saturday, February 1, 2025,

LF cafeteria, Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner provided by Steer-In.

Ticket price \$50 per person includes raffle entry, five games of bingo, dinner and drinks.

Tickets can be purchased from the Little Flower School or Parish Office, or after all Masses on January 11/12 & January 25/26.

Cash prizes, auction items, cash games.

Must be age 21+

Contact <u>drewtorz@gmail.com</u> with questions. IGC# 002626

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On the heels of a transition for the adult choir, we came together with our Christmas choir additions to produce outstanding results! You all made our Christmas

season liturgies special and beautiful. Thanks to every one of you for a job nicely done

Also, a big thanks to Pam Costello, who organized our binders with music for each of the choir members. This was a great help for us!

Thanks to all, Tom



FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2025 May 30 – June 1

Yes, it's true, it's time already! - Let's start planning SUMMERFEST 2025!

A kickoff meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **January 29** 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 <u>gaming</u> 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





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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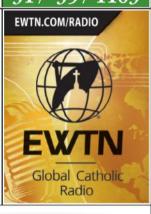
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