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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 5:00 PM Mass Saturday:

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

Catharine Diehr

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

SCHOOL 317-322-7702

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. 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,

This weekend at the 9:30 a.m. Mass we welcome our candidates for First Eucharist and their parents as we celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in First Eucharist preparation. Please pray for these children and their parents as they begin preparation for First Eucharist.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. As I mentioned last Sunday, the baptism of Jesus was originally included in the celebration of the Epiphany. Although the visit by the Magi had been almost the sole focus of the Epiphany for a very long time, it was only after the Octave Day of the Epiphany was abolished as a feast in 1955 that a feast titled the "Commemoration of the Baptism of our Lord" was established. It was originally on January 13, the former Octave Day of the Epiphany, which already focused on the baptism of Jesus.

Today also marks the end of the Liturgical Season of Christmas. Tomorrow begins Week 1 of Ordinary Time. During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. During Ordinary Time, green is the liturgical color, the color of hope.

Once again, I want to express my special thanks to Holly Hodges and the Arts and Environment Committee, as well as Tom Costello and all music ministers who made our Christmas Masses beautiful. Last Sunday, we were especially blessed that the Christmas Choir was able to sing the 9:30 a.m. Mass before the snow began in earnest.

This week, I want to especially thank Jacob Comley, John Hernandez, and Hannah Comley for all their hard work clearing snow last Sunday and Monday. Prior to Sunday and Monday, they worked to prepare the equipment and to salt the sidewalks. All three of them worked very long hours. They did an excellent job.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



We remember in prayer Nancy O'Connor, who passed away on December 14 and whose graveside service was officiated by Fr.

Bob on December 27. We remember our parishioner, Alberta Peters, who passed away on December 27 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 8. Alberta was 103 and her faith was very strong. She was very involved in the Ladies Club when she was younger. Please keep Nancy's and Alberta's families and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Nancy and Alberta into his eternal glory.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism

for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until April.



For the Week of January 13 - 19, 2025

13	January	Monday			
	5:30 p.m.	Jim Clifford by the Clifford Family			
14	January	•			
	5:30 p.m.	For the Intentions of the Leszcynski			
	-	Family by Friends			
15	January	Wednesday			
	5:30 p.m	Joseph Thuc Chu by Sam Chu			
16	January	Thursday			
		No Mass			
17	January	Friday			
	9:30 a.m.	Denis Moriarty Sr. by Mary Lou			
		Harmon			
18	January	Saturday – The Vigil of the 2 nd			
		Sunday of Ordinary Time Mary Margaret & Gerald Kelly by Family			
	5:00 p.m.				
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19	January	The Second Sunday of Ordinary			
		Time			
	9:30 a.m.	Kathleen Barry by Joe & Theresa			
		Bruno			
	6:00 p.m.	For the People			
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Weekend Mass Attendance (weekly averages)

All Christmas Masses 1	198
December 2024 (thru 12/15)	518
September 2024 – November 2024	490
June 2024 - August 2024	469
June 2023 - May 2024	497
June 2022 - May 2023	483
June 2021 - May 2022	434
June 2020 - May 2021	249
December 2019 - February 2020 (pre-pandemic)	608

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



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 12 - 19, 2025

	Januar	y 14 - 19, 4	2025			
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP			
Sunday	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the					
-	Gathering Are	a.	W			
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Rite of Enrollment			
			for First Communion			
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	(school café)					
	School	10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed and			
			First Communion			
			Prep for Older			
			Children			
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Invite Meeting			
	(Parish Center)					
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	OCIA			
	(Parish Center)					
Wednesday	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council			
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Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study			
	St. Therese	6:00 p.m.	Women's AA			
	(Parish Center)		Workshop			
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	PPS Meeting			
	(school café)					
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Little Stories			
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA			
	(Parish Center)	_				
Friday	St. Therese	4:00 p.m.	Legion of Mary			
~ -	(Parish Center)		1			
Saturday		T	T			
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy			
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts			
	(school café)					
	St. Therese	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep			
	(Parish Center)					
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group			



Today 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

Ladies Club Meeting and Canvas Painting Class

Please bring yourself, your daughters and granddaughters, and friends to the Ladies Club meeting and Canvas Painting class on **Thursday, February 6 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** (NOTE: earlier start time.) Following the meeting, the painting class will begin at 6:30 p.m., for those unable to be at the meeting but want to attend the painting class. Appetizers, desserts, and water will be provided. If you want something to drink besides water, please bring your own.

The cost is \$20.00 per person and reservations are needed, so that our instructor can bring enough supplies. Please RSVP to Mary Conway by email, Sistermm118@aol.com or by phone, 317-938-1195. Deadline for reservations is Monday, February 3.



We will soon be running the schedule for February, March and April. Could you please send a list of any dates that you would be unable to serve to the coordinators of each ministry (emails listed below).

- <u>Lectors:</u> please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- <u>Eucharistic Ministers</u>: please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- <u>Servers:</u> please email Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

Please look ahead at your calendar, as it is much easier to let us know now when you are unavailable than it is for you to try to find a substitute. However, due to an ongoing shortage of ministers, please just give us the dates that you are unable to serve. Several people are asking not to be scheduled for a month or more instead of just providing the weeks they are unable to be here. If there are no dates that you anticipate being away, there is no need to respond. If, however, you have dates to request that you do not want to be scheduled, please respond to the appropriate ministry coordinator no later than end of day on Friday, January 24.



Readings for January 18/19 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5 I Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

To read the readings on-line, go to

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011925.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 tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of December 28 and 29	\$ 8,936.26
Electronic Contributions 12/23-12/27	\$ 2,489.09
Collection of January 4 and 5	\$ 9,002.18
Electronic Contributions 12/30-1/3	\$ 10,846.74
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 369,525.52
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 332,500.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 10,425.52

Christmas collection \$ 10,906.89

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions \$ 2,332.00
December Contributions \$ 2,520.00
January Contributions (to date) \$ 1,232.00

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 \$ 22,295.00

FESTIVAL NEWS Summerfest 2025 May 30 – June 1

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

A kick off 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 office or place it in the collection. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!



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:

Thomas and Lavretta Long 9809 E 17th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46229

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 AAMDS Poland. 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.

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.

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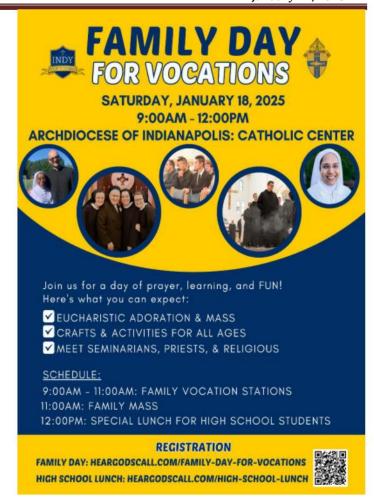
Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Christ our Hope United Catholic Appeal will be mailed by the Archdiocese. Statements for school annual fund will be separate from the statements for the regular parish donations.





!!! New Bible Study Starting !!! Divine Mercy The Second Greatest Story Ever Told

The dramatic history of God's Love and Mercy is shown through the Message of St. Faustina; the Miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima; the Witness of Maximillian Kolbe; and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul the 2nd. This beautifully filmed Augustine Institute video is narrated by Fr. Gaitley. Classes will start on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m., in the cafeteria (evening class), and on Thursday, January 30 at 1:00 p.m., in the Parish Center (afternoon class). Kurt Schnell, Bernie Sponsel, and Dianna Deputy will lead our discussions after the video. Workbooks are available for \$15. Come join us and learn why the incredible Mercy of God is the Second Greatest Story Ever Told. For more information call Cac Diehr at 317-501-0060.





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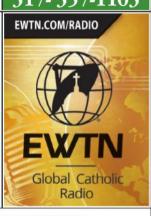
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