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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.



**His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."**

Jackson Women's Health Organization, the battle for the legal protection of unborn children has now moved to the states. Therefore, the 5:30 p.m. Mass will be the Mass for "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life." Please join us as we give thanks for the gift of human life and pray for the legal protection of unborn children.

Friday, January 24, is the feast of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. As bishop of Geneva, he tried to bring many people back to the Church by his writings and by the witness of his life. For many years, St. Francis de Sales Parish was our neighboring parish. It is now the home of Martin University.

Saturday, January 25, is the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Saturday also marks the sixth anniversary of the death of Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, O.S.B.

Next Sunday, January 26, is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. We invite all parishioners to the Little Flower Catholic School Open House on that day from 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon. Come see our new gym and stage floors and our impressive new STEM Lab. Tour classrooms, talk to students, parents, and staff and discover The Little Way. A Catholic school should be a microcosm of the parish, and Little Flower School is a warm, welcoming, family environment. Come see YOUR school in action.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



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.



We remember our former parishioner, **Patricia Ann Forler Rapp**, who passed away on January 9 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 14. We remember our parishioner, **Richard Mattingly**, who passed away recently and whose funeral was celebrated at Calvary Cemetery on January 16th. We extend our condolences to *Jeff and Cathy Wellner* on the death of Cathy's brother, **Dave Koers**, who passed away on December 24 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on January 18. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Pat, Richard, and Dave eternal life.

Dear Parish Family,

This Monday, January 20, our nation celebrates the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Both our parish office and our school will be closed in honor of Dr. King. I am always moved by Dr. King's words in his "I Have A Dream" speech delivered on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on August 28, 1963: "I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." In that same speech, Dr. King reminded his listeners, "...unearned suffering is redemptive."

This Wednesday, January 22, the Catholic Church in the United States marks the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision *Roe v Wade* which legalized abortion throughout the United States with a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**. Although *Roe v Wade* was overturned by the Supreme Court decision *Dobbs v.*



For the Week of January 20 - 26, 2025

- 20 January Monday**
No Mass
- 21 January Tuesday**
5:30 p.m. For the Intentions of the Leszcynski Family by Friends
- 22 January Wednesday**
5:30 p.m.. For the Intentions of the Jean Miller Family by Friends
- 23 January Thursday**
5:30 p.m. Helen Varner by Ron Sharp
- 24 January Friday**
9:30 a.m. For Blessings, Grace, and Guidance for Regina Rancort by Robert & Mary Rancort
- 25 January Saturday – The Vigil of the 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Chu-Pham Families by Sam T. Chu
- 26 January The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9:30 a.m. Barb Mathews by Cathy & Mark Kippert
6:00 p.m. For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

January 19 - 26, 2025

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep
	Holy Family (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parish Office and School Closed		
	Duffey Hall (school café)	6:30 p.m.	Men’s Club
Tuesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	OCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Duffey Hall (school café)	7:00 p.m.	LF Neighborhood Association
Wednesday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	5:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Therese (Parish Center)	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	6:00 p.m.	Women’s AA Workshop
	St. Patrick (Parish Center)	6:30 p.m.	Euchre Club
	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	Church	9:00 a.m.	Liturgical Choir Sings
	Church	9:30 a.m.	Children’s Liturgy
	Duffey Hall (school café)	10:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese (Parish Center)	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Prep

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 12/22)	518
All Christmas Masses	1,198

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

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.



Readings for January 25/26
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
I Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
To read the readings on-line, go to

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012625.cfm>





The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Your Gifts of Treasure

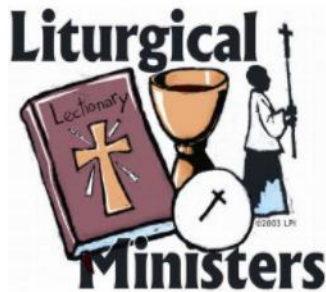
Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,300.00
Collection of January 11 and 12	\$ 5,875.10
Electronic Contributions 1/16-1/10	\$ 4,092.19
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Actual	\$ 379,492.81
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget	\$ 372,400.00
Fiscal Year 2024-2025 YTD	\$ 7,092.81

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 2,332.00
December Contributions	\$ 2,520.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,562.00

Untied Catholic Appeal (gifts processed as of 1/7)

Parish Goal	\$ 60,757.00
# of gifts received or pledged	94
Amount of gifts received or pledged	\$ 23,210.00



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).

- **Lectors:** please email Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org
- **Eucharistic Ministers:** please email Ron Sharp at duvkote@aol.com.
- **Servers:** 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.**



The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" will be distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent via email to lparishnews@yahoo.com by Wednesday, January 29. You may also bring items to the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

Next weekend, January 25 and 26, there will be a second collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain and a shortage of ministers present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support to the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how you can make a difference, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



Regular adult choir resumed with practice on Tuesday, January 14. 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. The Christmas Season has reminded us of how vital the music ministry is to our liturgy and our parish. **PLEASE, CONSIDER JOINING US!** Next practice is Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. in church. If you have questions, e-mail Tom at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org.





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 Zetzel

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:

Theresa Lotz

853 N Butler 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 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.

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, the parish office, or after all Mass on January 25/26.

Cash prizes, auction items, cash games.

Must be age 21+

Contact drewtorz@gmail.com 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.

Seccina International Student Seeking Host Family

A Junior girl from Vietnam is in need of a host family for the remainder of the school year. She also plans to return next year to graduate from Seccina. She is active in several clubs, is a cheerleader, and is hoping to play softball this spring. Ideally, she would have a bedroom of her own. ABC Education Group will pay a stipend of \$700 per month to help offset increased household expenses. Interested parties should contact Tammy Becker at tammy.becker@abceducationgroup.com or text 484-221-3348.

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude

Martin Luther King Jr.



St. Therese

Little Flower Catholic School

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JANUARY 26, 2025

10:30AM-12:00PM



Join us to learn more about our **Four Big Houses, One Little Way!**

Academics and Student Life

- Science of Reading Literacy Coach
- House System
- STEM Lab
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- Little Way

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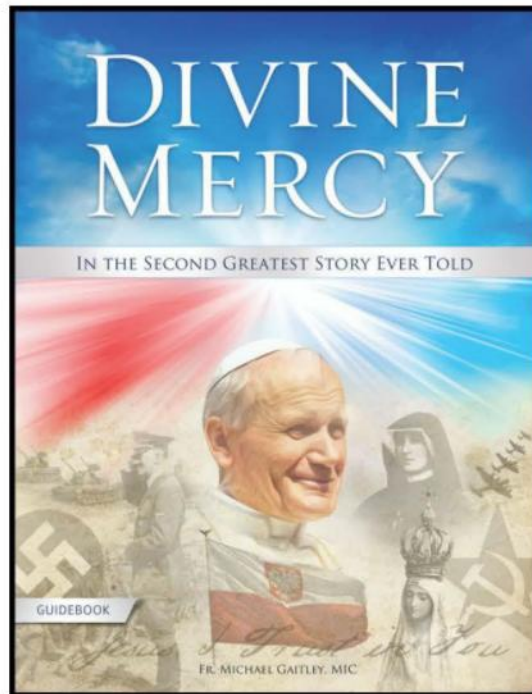
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Afternoons

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Evenings

Starts: Thursday, January 30, 2025

When: 1:00 p.m.

Where: Little Flower Parish Center
St. Therese Room

Meets: Weekly

Leader: Dianne Deputy

Register: At back of Church

Starts: Tuesday, January 28, 2025

When: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Little Flower Cafeteria

Meets: Weekly

Leaders: Bernie Sponsel, Kurt Schnell

Register: At back of Church

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