

JANUARY 2, 2022 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



ST. THÉRÈSE *Little Flower*

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of evangelizing disciples being transformed by the Gospel in order to transform our parish, our neighborhood and our world. We will do this by cultivating faith formation, participating in spirit-filled worship, fostering stewardship, and reaching out in the name of Jesus to those in need.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY-THURSDAY: 8:00 A.M.-NOON & 1-4:00 P.M.



- Monday, January 3 - Holy Name of Jesus**
8:30 +Judy Sonderman
- Tuesday, January 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**
8:30 +William Bacher
- Wednesday, January 5 - St. John Newmann, Bishop**
8:30 +Lauren Roll
- Thursday, January 6 - St. Andre Bessette, Religious**
8:30 +Diane Sabelhaus
- Saturday, January 8**
3:30-4:00 Confessions
4:30 +Adriano Trinidad
- Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 +Shirley DeBord
11:00 For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little Flower Parish

Stewardship
Sunday, December 19, 2021

Envelopes (99)	\$4,712
Loose	\$466
Total	\$5,178
December total	\$22,264

Thank you for your support!

Please remember Little Flower in your will. For more information contact the business administrator, Kelsey Schneider.

Because of an early bulletin deadline, the financial information for Christmas and December 26 will be in the January 9 bulletin.

LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE

- Saturday, January 8, 4:30 p.m.**
Lector - Carl Rosskopf
EME - Sylvia Smith
- Sunday, January 9, 9:00 a.m.**
Lector - Maria Campbell
EME - Tom Cepluch
- Sunday, January 9, 11:00 a.m.**
Lector - Mike Bechtold
EME - Joan Kuethe

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

- Saturday, January 8**
4:30 - Charles Ricke
- Sunday, January 9**
9:00 – J.T. Schneider
11:00 – Grace Schreyer

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 3** - Parish Life meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Rm
- January 5** - Men’s Society meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27** - Scripture Study, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office
- January 7** - Men’s Society Dinner, cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- January 9** - Faith Formation program, 9:50-10:50 a.m., Hospitality Room
- January 10** - Peace and Justice meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16** - Hospitality after 9 & 11:00 a.m. Mass in Hosp. Rm
- January 17** - Faith Formation meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ATTENTION: - Weekday Mass may be canceled if the roads are bad due to winter weather. If weekday Mass is canceled, an email will be sent on Little Flower Connect and a notice regarding Little Flower Mass cancelation will be on WCPO.com and Channel 9. Weekend Masses and funerals are not canceled due to inclement weather.



Musings from Fr. Dave - The Epiphany of the Lord

Happy New Year Everyone! Winter is upon us. This has always been my favorite season! I love wintry weather. Think of me as your big brown bear with pipe and slippers!

Today the Christmas season continues with The Epiphany. The Three Wise men visit the manger guided by a star. I placed these three final figures in my Christmas Creche, it is now complete. This is also the traditional time for house blessings, chalk marks are placed inside and above the main door of your house: 20+C+M+B+22 signifying the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Whoever passes through your door for the rest of this year will be blessed. A nice tradition. I remember the priest coming to our house as a child and scratching those letters and numbers over our door, another pleasant Christmas memory!

As we enter this new year, remember that Christmas is not over yet. It continues until next Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. So, keep on celebrating.

Winter Ordinary Time will begin on January 10. Church colors will return to green until Lent. Meanwhile 10,000 blessings to you and your families and friends. May 2022 bring you goodness and peace.

Love,
Fr. Dave

WELCOME TO LITTLE FLOWER, ROSE!

Our new Director of Music Ministry, Rose Berns, began her liturgical music journey playing Sunday Mass at age 10 in her home parish, St. Casimir, Hammond, IN. She studied privately with Walter Briante and Rev. John Winterlin (Mozarteum, Salzburg, Germany), throughout her grade school and high school studies at Bishop Noll Institute, studying liturgical pipe organ, piano and choral skills.

Upon high school graduation, she joined the United States Navy and served nearly 15 years in the military, while continuing to serve Catholic communities musically in the Tidewater area and Northern Virginia, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and even Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

She attended Chaminade University, Northern Virginia Community College focusing on Liberal Arts; and Catholic University (CMAA) while continuing private study in Voice and Piano with Dagmar White (Juliard) and Naomi Tronzo (Metropolitan Opera and Kennedy Center).

Previously serving at various parishes in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, she has recently relocated to Northern Kentucky with her husband, Chad and youngest daughter, Sofia. She has 4 adult children and 5 grandchildren.



THANK YOU to all who made a contribution to the Christmas Flower Fund. The church has been decorated beautifully and is a wonderful tribute to the people mentioned in last week's bulletin, plus these additional people: Joseph W. Minges, Anita Wallet, Ron and Marie Melson, the Wallet Family, Larry, George, and the Joerger Family.



WITH SYMPATHY: Our parish community offers its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Hutzel. May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of the risen Christ.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS: Please join us for our parish Scripture study. 1/6's topic is "The Cup of Consummation" and 1/13's topic is "The Resurrection." Sessions are in the Parish Office on Thursday mornings from 9–10 (after Mass). Contact Greg Niehaus at 541-5560 #105 if interested.



OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION presents Night at the Races, January 15 at Assumption, 7711 Joseph St. 45231. All you can eat and

drink, lots of games, including Split the Pot, Wheel of Fortune, Bingo Ball and of course, Horse Races! Doors open at 7:00 p.m., First race starts at 7:40 p.m. TICKETS ARE \$20 (\$15 for Seniors) Tickets available online at <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/night-at-the-races-2022> Or contact Susan Wells at 513.520.3147.

CONGRATULATIONS NIKO!

Nico Brown made his First Communion at Mass recently. Welcome to the Lord's table, Niko!



SafeParish – The 4th Quarter child protection training bulletin is now available on the SafeParish website, aocsafeenvironment.org. **USERS HAVE UNTIL JANUARY 6 TO COMPLETE THE 4TH QUARTER BULLETIN.** Contact the parish Safe Environment Coordinator, Beth, at the Parish Office if you have any questions.

MEN'S SOCIETY: Our Little Flower Men's Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center meeting room to make final plans for the January 7 appreciation dinner. All men of the parish are welcome.

MEN'S APPRECIATION DINNER: Our Little Flower Men's Society will hold its APPRECIATION DINNER on Friday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. All men of the parish are invited to attend this annual dinner, which honors all the men who have served in various parish ministries throughout the year. There is no charge, **but reservations are required by January 3.** Call Dave Anneken (574-4503), or Steve Sullivan (662-1532).

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! - The Holy Father is asking for as many of the baptized as possible to participate in archdiocese-wide meetings taking place in January and February to discuss how we can collectively better advance the message of salvation. Please consider participating in one the twelve scheduled meetings. To learn more and to sign up, please visit www.catholicaoc.org/synod.

THANK YOU! The Parish Life Committee and the members of the Madagascar team can't say "Thank You" enough for your generous support of the Madagascar Christmas Shoppe. Over \$1,300 was raised, which will be sent to the Sisters of Divine Providence in Madagascar to assist them in building a small chapel in the village of Mangoka.

A VOCATION VIEW: The light of Christ shines upon you. Share that light with others. Consider the gift of a Church vocation.

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