

JANUARY 9, 2022 - THE BAPTISM 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.  
- Lk 3:21-22a

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### MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekend**  
Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.  
**Weekdays**  
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.  
**St. Therese Novena**  
Monday after 8:30 a.m. Mass  
**Holy days:** see schedule inside  
**Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 p.m. and by appointment

### SACRAMENTAL AND MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please call the Parish Office.

### REGIONAL SCHOOL

Our Lady of Grace Catholic School  
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### PRAYER CHAIN

Send request via email to ParishOffice@littleflower-church.org or call the Parish Office at (513) 541-5560.

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

**Monday, January 10**

8:30 +Katherine Howell

**Tuesday, January 11**

8:30 S.I. Anne Di Giacomo

**Wednesday, January 12**

8:30 +Edward Filusch

**Thursday, January 13 - St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:30 +James Carraher

**Saturday, January 15**

3:30-4:00 Confessions

4:30 Members of the Rosegarden

**Sunday, January 16 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 S.I. Vince Rizzo

11:00 For the Spiritual Needs of the People of Little Flower Parish

**LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE****Saturday, January 15, 4:30 p.m.**

Lector - Ken Stehlin

EME - Carol Stehlin

**Sunday, January 16, 9:00 a.m.**

Lector - Nancy Berling

EME - MaryBeth Brunzman, Kevin Brunzman

**Sunday, January 16, 11:00 a.m.**

Lector - Debbie Otero

EME - Dan Ciccullo, Sue Tebbe

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE****Saturday, January 15**

4:30 - Matthew Drew

**Sunday, January 16**

9:00 – Bridget Blunk and Kisanet Michael

11:00 – Nicholas Harden

**UPCOMING EVENTS:****January 10** - Peace and Justice meeting, 9:00 a.m.**Jan. 13, 20, 27** - Scripture Study, 9:00 a.m., Parish Office**Jan. 16** - Hospitality after 9 & 11:00 a.m. Mass in Hosp. Rm**January 17** - Faith Formation meeting, 7:00 p.m.**Stewardship  
Christmas**

Envelopes (126).....	\$9,973
Loose .....	\$1,729
Total.....	\$11,702

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

Envelopes (71).....	\$3,416
Loose .....	\$303
Total.....	\$3,719

WeShare (64).....	\$3,950
December total.....	\$41,635

**Sunday, January 2, 2022**

Envelopes (106).....	\$5,371
Loose .....	\$467
Total.....	\$5,838

January total.....	\$5,838
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**Thank you for your support!**

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

**Musings from Fr. Dave - The Baptism of the Lord, 9 January 2022**

The Christmas Season ends with today's Masses as we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord. Winter Ordinary Time begins Monday. The liturgical color for this time of winter will be green.

Meanwhile, we close Christmas Time with today's liturgies. In today's Gospel, Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist and this event marks the beginning of His earthly ministry.

I must say that I thoroughly enjoyed these past weeks. The church looked beautiful with all the decorations. I cannot thank the staff and all the volunteers who made this Christmas so special by their time and talents. As fun as it has been it has also been a bit tiring. It uses a particular kind of energy to make it all happen. As I was preparing for Christmas liturgies, I was praying for all the elderly priests in our Archdiocese for their faithful service to us. They often go without thanks for their faithful service to the church.

With that said, the most beautiful thing I saw during this Christmas Time, was all of you! It is a privilege to serve you! I could not be happier. May our loving God bless all of you in this new year and bring you peace, good health, and happiness.

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.

**Our New Guide Book & Directory** is here! You should receive yours by mail soon. If you don't receive one contact the Parish Office. Please patronize the advertisers, who helped provide this service at no cost to our parish.



**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: Margaret Haskins, John Haskins, Jr., Craig Haskins, Norma Jean Roszkopf, Laura Roszkopf, and Roszkopf Family and Friends.

**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](http://www.catholicaoc.org/synod).



**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.

**WITH SYMPATHY:** Our parish community offers its prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Peter Dinnesen. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace of the risen Christ.



**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.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**

**Please join us for our parish Scripture study.** 1/13's topic is "The Resurrection" and 1/20's topic is "Jesus Fulfills the Old Testament." Sessions are in the rectory office on Thursday mornings from 9–10 (after Mass). Contact Greg Niehaus at 541-5560 #105 if interested.

**Our Faith Formation Commission will present** "Prayer: Many Methods, One Purpose" in our rectory Conference Room TODAY, January 9, from 9:50–10:50 (between Masses). Please join us.

**Fr. Dave will present** "Sacraments" and "Convalidation of Civil Marriage" in our rectory Conference Room on Sunday, January 16, from 9:50–10:50 (between Masses). Please join us.

**The parish library** has over 200 books which are available to be borrowed. The list is on our parish website (tab Faith & Worship, subtab Religious Education) and includes Theology, Spirituality, Prayer, Scripture, Church, Saints, Catholicism, Ministry, Suffering/Healing, Social Justice, Pope Francis, and St. Therese Little Flower. Contact Greg Niehaus at the Parish Offices.

**Interested in visiting the home of St. Therese** the Little Flower in Lisieux, France? She was beatified in 1923, so we are proposing a pilgrimage to Lisieux in 2023 to celebrate the centennial anniversary. We will visit the Buissonnets (her childhood home), the Carmel (where she is buried), the Hermitage (for lunch with the sisters), and the Basilica. We will begin with Ignatian sites in Barcelona, Montserrat, and Manresa (Spain), go to Lourdes (France), and then to Paris with a possible day-trip to Tours. If interested, contact Greg Niehaus.

**A VOCATION VIEW:** Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22)

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