

Little Flower Catholic Elementary School -- Newsletter for Wednesday, November 25, 2015

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*The **mission** of Little Flower Catholic Elementary School is to cooperate with parents to provide our children a strong foundation, rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in academic excellence, for a life of faith, integrity and service.*

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Choose a Thanksgiving Prayer

Below are some samples of Thanksgiving prayers. Choose one or more to use with your family during this holiday. The Little Flower School staff wishes all of you a blessed Thanksgiving time!!!

These prayers and the following information can be found on this internet site:

http://www.living-prayers.com/events/thanksgiving_prayer.html

The festival of Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November in the USA, and on the second Monday in October in Canada, with many other countries celebrating in a similar way during the Autumn season. Thanksgiving is a celebration of the harvest and the year just gone.

This page features several thanksgiving prayer examples, with prayers for the family, a grace prayer for meals, and prayers for parents, children and teenagers to say. Many of these prayers may also be used throughout the year as simple "thank you" prayers of gratitude to God. As Robert Caspar Lintner observes, *"Thanksgiving was never meant to be shut up in a single day"*.

Thanksgiving prayer for the family

Lord,

We feel so blessed to have been given such a wonderful family.
We ask that our roots would be deep in your love.
Fill our hearts, friendships and homes with your truth and forgiveness.
We thank you for each person, for their unique qualities and special characters.
Watch over each one and keep them safe,
Fill their lives with your goodness,
Inspire their hearts to follow you,
Bless the work of their hands,
And weave us all closer together. Amen.

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A prayer of thanks for children

(a parents prayer of thanksgiving)

Father God,

Thank you for these very special young lives. They burst with hope and joy and fill our days with such delight. Guide them and keep them each day. May they know your loving hand upon their lives and come to know you as friend and Father. Inspire their hearts as they grow and mature to be fully alive. Protect their minds, watch over their hearts, and lead them to great adventures. Amen.

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Short grace prayer for Thanksgiving Day

(suitable as a grace prayer before the meal)

Lord, you made a world full of goodness,
Filled with beauty, love and nourishment.
Now as we talk and eat and pray,
We praise you Lord for Thanksgiving day.

+++++ **Additional Information for you to know** +++++

+++ **Reminder** that Little Flower School **Website** [<http://www.little-flower.k12.nd.us/>] has much valuable information for you: pictures, grades, menu, weekly newsletter, upcoming events, staff contact access, etc. Be sure to check it out often.

+++ **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27.

+++ **Thanksgiving Prayer Service** 12:30 PM Wednesday, November 25th in Little Flower Church. . We are asking that each child bring a canned good to offer at this time. Parents & parishioners are invited to attend. All are welcome.

+++ On Monday, **November 30**, as a service to school patrons, The Rugby Public and **Little Flower School will begin City Bussing** (mornings only) for the winter months, the same as it has done in past years. This is **FREE OF CHARGE**, to its in-town students during the winter months until the end of March, depending upon spring weather conditions.

+++ Save the Date to Light up **Rugby** as the **Parade of lights** Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Parade time 6 p.m. Line up at 5:30 at the High School. Kids Activities: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Write letters to Santa, Build an ornament, Holiday washable tattoos.

+++ Advent is a time of giving and preparing for Jesus. With the Advent season, our school will take part in **Project Joy**. During this time, we like to think of others who have little. We are asking all the classes at Little Flower to **begin collecting** monetary donations for Project Joy on Monday, **November 23rd**. There will be a jar in each classroom for the students to contribute their donations. The jars will be in the classroom until Thursday, December 3rd. On December 8th the 3rd & 4th grade class will be going to Shopko where they will make purchases for area people in need.

The classes will be competing against each other to see which classroom raises the most money. The winning class will receive a special treat.

Thank you for your participation and support. Without all of you, this project could not be successful!

Sincerely, Mrs. Mack