



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 9, 2001**

Dear Parish Family,

The season of Advent has officially begun, which means that Christmas cannot be too far away. Advent has a two-fold character. It prepares us to remember the first coming of Christ nearly two thousand years ago and it calls for us to direct our minds and hearts to the Second Coming of Christ at the end of time. Thus, these next three weeks are a period of joyful expectation that are filled with hope. Human beings cannot live without hope. We need something to live for and something to look forward to. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for some pretty awesome things: that the desert would be turned into fertile ground; that the blind would see, the deaf hear, the lame walk; and that the scattered and divided people would be united together in everlasting peace. Things haven't changed that much have they? After all, we still long for lasting peace, tranquil lives, adequate food, and an end to suffering, pain, misery, and despair. What we need to realize is that Christ can give us all these things if we are willing to give ourselves to Him. May this Advent season be a time for us to recommit our lives to Christ. God's love and peace to all of you.

Fr. Vince

- 3 December Monday**
7:00 a.m. Joseph Poetz by Mark and Jo Anne Haendel
5:30 p.m. Aaron Arney by Norma Arney
- 4 December Tuesday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Evelyn F. Whitworth by John and Margaret Miller
- 5 December Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Leo White by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Cunningham
5:30 p.m. Mary De Fontes Renforth by Art and Dorothy Meier
- 6 December Thursday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
Rosewalk 1:00 p.m. (1302 N. Lesley) Clara Ortmann by Dorothy Moody
5:30 p.m. Gertrude Schonecker by Grace Stites
- 7 December Friday**
8:30 a.m. Fern McConahay by Bob McConahay
6:00 p.m. Vigil – Solemnity of Immaculate Conception
Joann Hines by Leonard and Eileen Wallace
- 8 December Saturday – Immaculate Conception**
8:30 a.m. Robert Atkinson by Marie Atkinson
Vigil Mass – Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Marie Zaring by Janice England
- 9 December Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**
8:30 a.m. Amanda Flamm by John, Lori, Jared and Anna Falk
10:30 a.m. Patty Peteh by Shirley Louise
6:00 p.m. For The Parish



Thanks to the parishioners who donated canned goods at the Thanksgiving Mass. Thanks also to the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts who donated many food items to our food pantry during November. It is through your generosity that we are able to "Help Feed the Hungry".

Grace Stites would like to say "thanks" to all those who offered prayers and get-well and happy birthday cards and wishes during her recent illness. Grace is on the mend and should be back around in no time.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

On Sunday, December 9th, at 3:00 p.m., people from the East Deanery parishes will meet at the abortion clinic at 13th and Arlington to pray for an end to abortion. People will be praying at abortion clinics across the nation at this time. Won't you please join together in prayer?



**MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

- **Friday, December 7 – Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 8 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

Next weekend your contribution for the care of our retired religious community will be collected. Please use your designated envelope if possible.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 9, 2001**

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| Monday | Scout Room | 3:15 pm | Bears |
| | St. Therese | 6:30 pm | Gabriel Project |
| | St. Jerome | 6:45 pm | Women's Prayer Group |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 pm | SVDP |
| | School | 7:00 pm | Christmas Program |
| Tuesday | St. Therese | 1:30 pm | Student Nurse Program |
| | Scout Room | 6:30 pm | Wolves I (off site) |
| | Holy Family | 7:00 pm | Tigers II |
| | St. Therese | 7:00 pm | RCIA |
| | Church | 7:00 pm | Christmas Choir |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick | 9:00 am | Bible Study |
| | St. Therese | 9:00 am | Familia – Women's Group |
| | Scout Room | 3:15 pm | Wolves 2 |
| | St. Therese | 4:00 pm | LF Neighborhood Assoc. |
| | St. Therese | 7:00 pm | Respect Life |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 pm | School Commission |
| | John 23 rd | 7:00 pm | Faith Formation |
| | St. Jerome | 7:00 pm | Art and Environment |
| Thursday | Scout Room | 6:00 pm | Girl Scouts #1654 |
| | Social Hall | 7:00 pm | Ladies Club Meeting |
| | John 23 rd | 7:00 pm | Disciples in Mission |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 pm | AA |
| Friday | School | 5 – 6 pm | Market Day Pick Up |
| | Scout Room | 3:15 pm | Girl Scouts - #1692 |
| | St. Therese | 8:30 pm | Overeaters Anonymous |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 am | Men's Prayer Group |
| Sunday | St. Therese | 8:30 am | Children's Liturgy/Nursry. |
| | School | 9:30 am | Religious Education |
| | Social Hall | 9:30 am | Coffee and Donuts |
| | | 7:45 pm | Winter Band Concert |

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| St. Therese | 1:00 pm | GA and Gaminon |
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BID OUR NURSES GOODBYE!

Our University of Indianapolis student nurses will give us insight on their experiences here at Little Flower parish, Tuesday, December 4th. This presentation will be at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Center and is open to any interested parishioners. Refreshments provided. RSVP to Judi –357-8352.

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE AT LITTLE FLOWER THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 – 7:00 P.M.

Fr. Vince will also assist at St. Philip Neri Church with their Penance Service at 1:00 p.m.

RCIA

This Tuesday, December 4th, the RCIA topic will be the “Sacraments of Marriage and Holy Orders”. RICA is open to any parish member who might want to learn more about the topic for any given week and begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (Grades 8 – 12)

The Youth Room in the basement of the Parish Center will be open Sunday, December 2nd after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m. Pizza will be available!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thanks to those who took a tag from the “Giving Tree” and plan to purchase a gift. The tag has a name, a code number, the age, sex, and size of a child or adult and the suggested item for you to purchase. It is very important that you return the tag with the gift. All gifts need to be returned no later than Monday, Dec. 17th. The gifts can be brought to the Masses on any weekend or to the Parish Center during the week. The earlier that you return the gifts the better for the volunteers who sort and deliver the gifts. We need volunteers to help sort and deliver the gifts during the week of December 17th. **If you were unable to take a tag from the Giving Tree and would like to help, you can still participate. We continue to get requests for Christmas assistance during December. We have children and adults that are requesting clothes, food, and a toy or two. If you can help in this rewarding ministry, please call Kathy – 894-6524.**

BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES

Homemade treats – Sponsored by the Ladies Club



COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Your donations for purchasing Christmas Flowers to decorate the church will be gladly accepted at all Masses next weekend.

“THE LIVING ROSARY”

Close to 250 parishioners are praying the “Living Rosary”. Schedules will be ready in a couple of weeks. Please call Bud

and Dorothy Moody for details – 894-4134. Those new to this, may recite one decant a day until the schedules arrive.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

♥ Christmas wreaths and hand-painted decorations will be for sale at coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 9th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. One lucky winner of a drawing will win a Christmas decoration for taking a look at the items. The winner does not have to be present to win.



♥ **LADIES' CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY THURS. - DECEMBER 6th AT 7:00 P.M. SOCIAL HALL SCECINA CHOIR – SANTA – REFRESHMENTS** Bring a \$3.00 gift for the exchange. For additional information, call Eileen Walters at 353-9243.

♥ **ADVENTURESOME GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH** Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. followed by Christmas festivities in the Rectory. There will be food, fun and gifts from “Santa Vince”. This is always a great time! RSVP to Judi – 357-8352.

♥ **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH - SOCIAL HALL** Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, a pitch-in lunch, sing-along, a few door prize gifts and visits with Santa will provide fun for all! Details on what to bring will be in the bulletin next weekend.

MAKE CHRIST THE KING OF YOUR HEARTS Fr. Vince's homily this past weekend spoke of the importance of making Christ the King of our lives. I can think of no better way than by spending some time with him in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. In the shadow of Sept. 11th, this Advent looms even more important than in years past. We have been touched by great evil, but also, great hope. Hope that can only come from God. I urge you to pray about making time for the chapel, for Our Lord, in your busy lives. **TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS; Sunday – 5 am, 9 am, 2 am, 6 pm, and 3 am; Monday – 12 midnight, 2 pm, 10 pm; Tuesday – 12 noon; Wednesday – 1 am; Thursday – 10 pm; Friday – 1 am; Saturday 10 am** If interested, please call Bobbie Lawless-357-3546

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH SUNDAY OFFERING

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 12,465.00 |
| November 24th and 25th Collection | \$ 11,133.53 |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ 249,300.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ 239,958.66 |
| % of Budget actually collected | 96.25% |
| Budget Deficit | \$ 9,341.34 |

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

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| Debt Balance as of 09/30/01 | \$ 254,287.99 |
| Needed each month | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Collected so far this month | \$ 2,813.00 |

LEGACY OF HOPE as of November 15, 2001

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| Total Amount Pledged | \$ 452,967.66 |
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| Total Amount Paid | \$ 385,474.88 |
| Pledges Outstanding | \$ 63,728.38 |
| Pledges overdue | \$ 38,438.94 |