

Dear Parish Family,

First, I would like to thank everyone who attended my installation as pastor. I was impressed by how many of you attended. After Mass, Archbishop Daniel told me that he was very impressed by how responsive the community was.

In a special way, I want to thank Teresa Eckrich. She was responsible for planning the Liturgy. The music was beautiful. I want to thank all those who sang or played. As the Archbishop said at the end of the Liturgy, he was impressed by the integration of the Little Flower Adult Choir and the Summer Children's Choir.

Finally, I want to thank the lectors, Communion ministers, altar servers, and hospitality ministers. I especially thank Grace Downs, a third grader, who was one of our lectors. When I was in third grade, I would never have been able to have proclaimed God's word in a full church.

Since July 1, our collections have been under budget \$10,924.00 or approximately \$1,365.00 per week. I understand that many of you have been on vacation during July and August. Also, I understand that many of you have been negatively affected by the continuing economic problems in our country.

It would be helpful if those of you who missed Sundays during July and August could make up at least some of what you would normally have contributed. Also, it would be very helpful if those who do not normally contribute would help.

I hate to talk finances so early in my time as your pastor. However, I thought it important that you be aware of our financial difficulties before they caused real problems. You will be hearing more about all of this during our October Stewardship Drive.

One thing I have noticed since my arrival in July is the strong sense of parish ownership so many of you have for our parish. Therefore, I believe that together we will be able to solve this problem.

Have a great week.
fr. bob

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registration for Religious Education for children, Kdg. to 7th grade who do not attend Little Flower School, is still ongoing. Classes begin Sunday, September 7th. Cost of the program is \$40.

Call Shannon Flynn at 862-7296 for info.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWLY-BAPTIZED!

Three infants were baptized on Saturday, August 23rd. Xavier Ines, son of Michelle (Raines) and Bobby Weir; Alex Alberto Robles Mendizabel, son of Wendy Robles Mendizabal; and Jayson Figueroa, son of Evelyn (Figueroa) and Jerome Ruego.

Please pray for Shirley Lowe, whose sister, Patty Wallace died September 25th. Patty was a former member of our parish.

THANK YOU'S!

The family of Marie K. Murphy wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to Fr. Bob, Tom, the ladies planning the funeral luncheon and all those who offered prayers and condolences. Marie is the mother of Charles and Sharyn Murphy. (*Correction to bulletin – Carol is the daughter-in-law not daughter*)

Thanks to Jim Damman and Damman's Lawn and Garden Center for the landscaping around our monument in memory of our children, both born and unborn. Thank you for your generosity.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 1 - 7

- 1 September 8:30 a.m. Blessing of Human Labor**
Homer Hodel by Rosemary Goodin
- 2 September 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. LaVonne Rashid by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Daily**
Communion Service
- 3 September 7:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Phyllis Carson by Art and Dorothy Meier**
Delmar Lewis by Patrice and Daniel Greene
- 4 September 7:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Communion Service**
Rosewalk – 1301 N. Ritter - Tom Reese by Bernice Borton (deceased)
Anthony Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 5 September 8:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. Fred Tunis by Esther Capps**
Michael Foley by JoAnn Milligan
- 6 September 8:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Vigil - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Communion Service
Edward Haboush by Arvina Fuller and Al Haboush
- 7 September 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
William Clark by The Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Conference
Marie and Emmanuel DesRoches by Rita Gibson
For The Parish

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FOR SEPTEMBER 1 – 7

Monday	HAVE A	GREAT	LABOR DAY!
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:30 pm	RCIA Begins
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Bears
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Bible Study
	SCHOOL	2:30 pm	Early School Dismissal
	St. Therese	4:00 pm	Zoning Board
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	8 th Grade Parents Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Respect Life Comm.
Thursday	Social Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Pitch In/ Mtg.
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	“Foundations in Faith”
Friday	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Wolves
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos 1 and 2
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens Prayer Group
	St. Therese	2:00 pm	Blue Army
	Church	5:00 pm	Flower Collection
Sunday	St. Patrick	8:30 am	Childrens Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery – Up to Age 4 yrs.
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed. –Kdg. – 7 th
	Social Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	All Masses	Flower Collection
	St. Therese	Noon	GA

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DO YOU SING IN THE SHOWER OR SING IN THE CAR? TRY SINGING IN CHURCH!

The Little Flower Adult Choir will begin the new season with practice from 7:30-9:00 PM on Tuesday, September 2nd. This group sings at the 8:30 Mass and other special parish liturgies. This year **we especially need Basses**. Search your heart. God may be calling you to give singing a try this year.

Call Teresa Eckrich at 356-1868 for more details.

REMINDER ON CHURCH DOORS

Because of some recent minor vandalism in the church involving candles, the side door will be kept locked except for a few minutes before Mass. If you do not know the access code, please call the Parish Office.

Join us this coming Thursday, September 4th for the **LADIES CLUB FIRST MEETING** of the season.

Renew old friendships and explore new ones as we come together in fellowship. We will begin with Mass at **5:30 p.m.** and then proceed to the Social Hall for a Pitch In of appetizers and finger foods. The meeting will follow with the Installation of officers.

- On the weekend of September 6th and 7th, the ladies will accept donations for purchasing flowers for the Novena to St. Therese.
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**LADIES CLUB FALL CARD PARTY
ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**

Additional Raffle Tickets are available at the Parish Center.

Mary Stout has faithfully made infant baptismal garments for the parish baptisms. She has decided to retire from this project after faithfully sewing these for 25 years. We thank her for her dedication in providing these special bibs for the parish.

Boys and girls who are entering 6th grade or above are eligible to be trained as Altar Servers for the Little Flower liturgies. If you are interested in this ministry to serve your church, please call Lisa Gibbons at 356-7248.

‘BLUE MASS’

Law enforcement officers, fire fighters, and auxiliary personnel, living and deceased, will be honored at the first annual “Blue Mass” on Tuesday, September 9th at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, 435 West Troy Avenue. Msgr. Joseph Schaedel, vicar general, will be the main celebrant. All law enforcement personnel and firefighters are invited to attend, in uniform, with their families. This Mass will be offered on the 2nd Tuesday of September each year in memory of the 9-11 tragedy.

LABOR DAY INFORMATION

There will be only one Mass on Monday, September 1st which will be at 8:30 a.m.

The School and Parish Center and School Offices will be closed for the holiday – Monday, September 1st

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH – GRADES 8 - 12

ATTENTION TEENAGERS! On Tuesday, September 9th, nationally recognized chastity speaker Jason Evert and Crystalline Padilla will speak at Cathedral High School at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Their presentation, “*What If We Really Love Each Other?*” is designed for teen audiences, but parents are welcome to observe if they choose. A daytime presentation will take place for Seccina and Cathedral students. Other students are encouraged to attend this evening presentation.

The Youth Room will be open on Sunday, August 31st and Sunday, September 7th after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Plan to stop in after Mass. **New eighth graders are welcome at all activities!**

RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults program will begin on Tuesday September 2nd.at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center. Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community or someone who has been away from the Church? It is not too late to invite them to join us on Tuesday evening. Take the risk and invite someone to RCIA!

If you are a parishioner who might be willing to help in our Parish Partner Program by accompanying someone on their RCIA journey, you are just who we are looking for! Please call Lisa Gibbons at 356-7248 or Tom Costello at the Parish Center for more information.

Starting Thursday, September 11th at 2:00 p.m. there will be a Bible Study at Rosewalk at 1401 N Ritter. (The assisted living apartment complex). We will begin with a viewing of the 13-part series by Scott Hahn and Jeff Cavins called “*Our Father's Plan*” which is an overview of the Bible. If interested call Peggy Kramer at 356-7649.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of August 16 th and 17 th	\$ 10,902.57
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 105,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 94,676.03
Deficit to date	\$ (10,923.97)

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to your weekly contribution. If you have missed some weeks due to vacations and summer plans, please help us eliminate this early year deficit by making up those contributions as soon as possible.

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$ 2,340.47
June Contributions	\$ 2,814.75
July Contributions	\$ 2,143.00
August Contributions to date	\$ 2,390.50