

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

I hope you enjoyed our week of Indian Summer as much as I did. I want to thank Father George Menke, a Jesuit from Brebeuf, for celebrating the Saturday evening Mass this weekend. I was celebrating a wedding at St. Malachy's in Brownsburg, which was my first assignment. This young woman, whom I have known her entire life, was the youngest baby I ever held—less than a day old.

Our annual Stewardship Appeal begins this weekend with witness talks from parishioners. We believe that you will be able to identify with their stories far easier than with any story I might tell. If all that we are and have are God's gifts to us, we thank God by sharing our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others. Denise Stone and Dan Greene are both very generous in sharing their gifts with our community. Next Sunday I will share with you the State of the Parish.

Again, many of you are very generous in sharing your gifts with the parish. Our annual Parish Appreciation Dinner for all parish volunteers will be next Saturday, October 18, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Please call the Parish Office to make reservations.

Msgr. Stephen Happel, a priest of our Archdiocese who was the Dean of the School of Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America, died of an apparent heart attack on October 4th. Many of you may remember that Msgr. Happel's first assignment was as associate pastor here at Little Flower in 1970-71. After one year here, he was assigned to graduate school in Louvain, Belgium.

Finally, many of you asked me about Fr. Vince's health. I talked to him on Monday, and he sent me an e-mail to share with you. It follows my letter. Please continue to pray for him. We owe him a debt of gratitude for all he did for Little Flower during his pastorate.

Have a wonderful week.
fr. Bob

E-Mail from Fr. Vince... *I have been experiencing some electrical problems with my heart. A treadmill test on September 12th indicated some sort of heart abnormality. A cardio-echogram (ultrasound picture of the heart) on September 24 seemed to be going OK until I experienced what was thought to be ventricular tachycardia. A follow up visit with my family doctor and a cardiologist led to an aggressive attempt to find what was going on. On October 1st, I had a cardiac catheterization which revealed no structural problem with the heart. On October 2nd, I had an electro physiology study which revealed an electrical problem with the heart's AV Node (natural pacemaker). I am now taking a beta blocker drug which hopefully will help to control the irregular heartbeat. I will have a follow-up visit with the cardiologist on October 28th to see how well the drug therapy is working. The medication route is the best suggested course at this time. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers.* Fr. Vince

WHEEL CHAIR NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of a wheelchair for an elderly lady in our neighborhood. If you have one that you would like to donate, please call Kathy Bogan at 894-6524.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER 19TH

Help Missionaries around the world spread the "Good News" of the Lord. This work depends on each one of us. Please be as generous as you can by using your designated envelope. Thank You!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 13 - 20

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| 13 October | Monday | 7:00 a.m. Elizabeth Mauer by Harry Neuendorf 5:30 p.m. Mary Sharp by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Latocki |
| 14 October | Tuesday | 8:30 p.m. Tom McShane (Class of 1946) by John Huser 5:30 a.m. Communion Service |
| 15 October | Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service 8:30 a.m. School Mass - LaVonne Rashid by Ruth George 1:00 p.m. Greentree – 8800 Spoon Dr. – Cliff Anderson by Kathleen Anderson 5:30 p.m. Bernice Borton by Elinor Johnson |
| 16 October | Thursday | 8:30 a.m. Anthony Lorenzano by Mike and Mary Maio 5:30 a.m. Communion Service |
| 17 October | Friday | 8:30 a.m. Mary Jo Keegan by The Little Flower Ladies Club 5:30 p.m. Intentions for Matthew Conder by Charles Conder |
| 18 October | Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Patty Wallace by The Craft Group 5:00 p.m. Vigil – Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary C. O'Brien by Maureen, Jim, Bernard and Kathleen |
| 19 October | Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30 a.m. Jean Sutherland 10:30 a.m. Mike Duffy by The Duffy Family 6:00 p.m. For The Parish |

PARISH EVENTS - OCTOBER 13 - 20

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| Monday | St. Therese | 6:45 pm | Womens' Prayer Group |
| | Scout Room | 3:15 pm | Girl Scout #787 |
| Tuesday | Holy Family | 7:00 pm | Bears |
| | St. Patrick | 7:30 pm | RCIA |
| | Church | 7:30 pm | Adult Choir |
| Wednesday | Church | 8:30 am | Special Friends and Grandparents Mass/Day |
| | St. Patrick | 9:30 am | Bible Study |
| | School | Noon | Early School Dismissal |
| | John 23rd | 6:00 pm | Finance Council |
| Thursday | Scout Room | 6:30 pm | Tigers |
| | Social Hall | 7:00 pm | 1st Communion Parents |
| | John 23 rd | 7:00 pm | Foundations in Faith |
| | St. Therese | 7:00 pm | AA |
| Friday | Holy Family | 7:00 pm | Webelos I and II |
| | Scout Room | 7:00 pm | Wolf |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 am | Mens Prayer Group |
| | Social Hall | 6:00 pm | Appreciation Dinner |
| 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 |
| | St. Therese | Noon | GA |

FIRST COMMUNION/ FIRST RECONCILIATION CLASSES

Classes for First Communion and First Reconciliation will begin in October. Children who are presently in second grade or above and are **not enrolled in the school** may register. Please contact, Shannon Flynn, Religious Coordinator, for details – Parish Center–357-8352 EXT 72.

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CANDY NEEDED FOR HUNGRY GOBLINS!

The Parish and School Staff will be hosting the annual Halloween Party on Friday, October 31st for our parish children. We would welcome your donations of candy (individually wrapped) to distribute at the party. Please bring your candy to Mass on the weekend of October 25/26th. Thank you!

PTO HOBBY SHOW

The Little Flower Hobby Show will be held on Saturday, November 8th from 8:00 A.M. to Noon in the Social Hall. All school and parish families are invited to have their children in grades Kdg. through 8th to participate. Entry forms are available at school and the Parish Center. Call Sandy Clegg – 351-9432 or Collette Williamson at 356-6918 for details and with the number from your family attending.

THANK YOU.....*The Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank all who participated in the Blanket Sunday Drive. It is most helpful to supply the needy of our community. Also, thanks for those who helped at the Distribution Center last Saturday.*

PRAY FOR THE UNBORN-----Please join us on Saturday, October 18th in prayer to end abortion beginning with the Joyful Mysteries at 8:10a.m., then Mass, then drive to the abortion clinic at 21st & Ritter for more prayers. *The Respect Life Committee*

SHARE A COAT THIS WINTER!



Little Flower St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting winter coats for the needy in our neighborhood. These coats will be distributed to those who need a warm coat for the cold winter months ahead. We are looking for donations of both adult and children's coats - new or gently used. You can drop your coats

off either in the back of church in or near the St. Vincent de Paul food cart or bring them to the Parish Center. Please indicate that the coats are for the 'COAT DRIVE'. Brenda Butler is our Coat Drive Coordinator. Please call her at 356-4215 if you have questions or if you need someone to pick up your donated coats. Thank you for helping us to help the poor.

SCECINA TOWN HALL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15 - 7:00 P.M. - CAFETERIA

The Seccina Board of Directors invites current and prospective parents, students, and friends to a TOWN HALL meeting in the Seccina Cafeteria. Principal Rick Ruhl and board members will provide important updates on the financial situation and the search for a new president. Come share your thoughts and suggestions as we work together to support our school and make plans for the future.

INDIANAPOLIS SENIOR CENTER OPEN HOUSE

On October 22, the Indianapolis Senior Center will hold an Oktoberfest Open House from Noon-3:00 p.m. There will be dancing, a German lunch (noon-1:15 p.m.), a raffle and other activities. For further information or to RSVP call 263-6272. The Senior Center is located at 708 East Michigan Street.

LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL GODPARENT PROGRAM

You recently received a mailing regarding our efforts to raise funds to help the children of parish families attend Little Flower School. This year, 45 students have qualified for financial assistance that totals nearly \$24,000. These children are deserving of any help we are able to provide. Our goal for the recent Godparent mailing is to raise \$12,000 of the amount needed. We'll keep you informed as to our progress. Please be as generous as possible.

CALLING ALL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALUMNI

The Little Flower Annual All-Class Reunion will be held on Saturday November 8th. We will begin with Mass at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner and social time in the Social Hall. Plan to attend and encourage other Little Flower Alumni to attend as well. RSVP to the Parish Center at 357-8352.



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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 13,200.00 |
| Collection of October 4 th and 5 th | \$ 15,771.58 |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ 184,800.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ 174,911.18 |
| DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE | \$ (9,888.82) |

We are making progress with our year to date deficit. Thank you again for your generosity and extra effort to help eliminate this.

Home Improvement Fund

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| June Contributions | \$ 2,814.75 |
| July Contributions | \$ 2,143.00 |
| August Contributions | \$ 2,465.50 |
| September Contributions | \$ 1,699.00 |
| October Contributions | \$ 1,600.10 |

(what a great start for October!)

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the rich young man to give away all that he has in order to have treasure in heaven. But he is unable to free himself from his possessions, and so he goes sadly away. Does what we own keep us from following Jesus.

A special thanks to parishioners

Denise Stone and Dan Greene

who spoke to us this weekend about stewardship.

OTHER STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Our annual parish appreciation dinner for all parish volunteers will be on Saturday October 18th after the 5pm Mass. This is our opportunity to recognize all of you who give so much of your time, talent and treasure to make our parish great! Please plan to attend and allow us to say "thanks" in this small way. RSVP to the parish center, with the number from your family who will be attending. Mark your calendars now for our festival of ministries and Pancake Breakfast on Sunday October 26th. Come and check out all the volunteer opportunities that Little Flower has to offer, and enjoy Sunday breakfast with your parish family!