



**DEAR PARISH FAMILY,**

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent. During Advent we prepare to celebrate three comings of Christ: his historical coming two thousand years ago, his coming into our lives and hearts, and his future and final coming in glory. To prepare to welcome Christ among us, we need to take some time for quiet reflection and prayer. In the midst of all the holiday celebrations, my prayer for us is that we will make that time to welcome Christ within our hearts.

One of the ways we prepare to open our hearts to Christ is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This Advent our communal Reconciliation Service will be Monday, December 15th, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. During Lent Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will join us here at Little Flower.

Monday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation. Please plan to attend Mass. Masses will be 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Through your generous support of our festival last summer, we have been able to make some major and minor repairs to the concrete. In addition to the new gym floor, we now have a new concrete exterior stairway to the gym. Likewise, some of the concrete around the church has been repaired or replaced. All of them were made not only to improve the appearance of the facilities but for our safety. Again, thank you.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who asked about my vacation. It was wonderful. The weather in Cleveland was very similar to the weather here. Temperatures averaged above normal during most of my stay. Besides baptizing a cousin and visiting his family, I also met a cousin on my father's side of the family whom I have never met. Finally, I was able to visit several friends and their families.

Have a wonderful week.  
fr. bob



**LADIES CLUB BAKE SALE**  
AFTER NEXT WEEKEND MASSES  
Delectable cakes, cookies and breads will be available after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**BAPTISMS**

Welcome to the newly-baptized on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>:  
Collin Anthony, son of Karin Michelle (Hart) and Robert Anthony Bell; Lucas Anthony, son of Anne (Kocher) and Jeffery Baker; Benjamin Andrew, son of Teresa (Pollock) and Andy Minton; Tyler Allen and Trinity Faithe, children of Nicole (Reese) and Tim Hardcastle; and Conor Patrick, son of Megan (Heberden) and Brian Moriarty.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 1 - 7**

- 1 **December Monday**  
7:00 a.m. Robert McMahon, Sr. by William McMahon  
5:30 p.m. Brigid Sommers by The Family
- 2 **December Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m. Tom Reese by Bernice Borton (Deceased)  
5:30 p.m. **Communion Service**
- 3 **December Wednesday**  
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**  
1:00 p.m. **Rosewalk - 1301 N. Ritter** – Bob Neal by Renee Conder  
5:30 p.m. Bridie Fitzgerald by Rosemary Goodin
- 4 **December Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Evelyn Whitworth by John and Maggie Miller  
5:30 p.m. **Communion Service**
- 5 **December Friday**  
8:30 a.m. Margaret Weberpal by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hutchinson  
5:30 p.m. Charles and Mary O'Hara by Jim O'Hara
- 6 **December Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. **Communion Service**  
**Vigil – Second Sunday of Advent**  
5:00 p.m. Irene Forler by J. McCoy
- 7 **December Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Withem Family by The Withem Family  
10:30 a.m. Intentions of Matthew Conder by Charles Conder  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH - DECEMBER 1 – 7**

<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	9:15 a.m.	Familia
	Scout Rm.	3:15 p.m.	Girl Scout # 606
	St. Therese	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Holy Fam.	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders Meeting
	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Bears
	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Committee
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	St. Jerome	7:00 p.m.	Arts and Environment
	<b>St. Therese</b>	<b>8:30-5:30</b>	<b>Poinsettia Pick Up</b>
	Scout Rm.	6:30 p.m.	Tigers
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ladies Club Christmas Party</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>5 – 6 p.m.</b>	<b>Market Day Pick Up</b>
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>6 – 9 p.m.</b>	<b>Free Babysitting –School Service Club</b>
	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Webelos 1 and 2 & Wolf
	<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.
	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Blue Army
	<b>Ladies Club</b>		<b>Bake Sale at Masses</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	St. Patrick	8:30 am	Childrens Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery – Up to Age 4 .
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed. – Kdg. – 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Social Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	GA

**CORPUS CHRISTI ADORATION CHAPEL**  
**OPEN HOURS IN THE CHAPEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
11PM	1AM	3AM	2PM	7PM	12N	6PM
	2AM	4AM	7PM			
	6PM	Call Bobbie Lawless for details – 357-3546				

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**LITTLE FLOWER COOKBOOK**

The PTO is still collecting recipes for the parish cookbook. Deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup>. Many wonderful recipes have been received. If you are getting out your favorite one for the holidays, why not submit one to the School Office or Parish

Center? Another option is to enter them directly online.

**Go to the web site:** [www.typensaveonline.com](http://www.typensaveonline.com)  
 Type in your name  
 Type in Little Flower  
 Type in password 14750

**We have a few volunteers, but would like to have a larger number of people to call when the snow comes!** We are looking for volunteers who live nearby and would be willing to be called to come over and help shovel snow, especially on the weekends prior to Masses. If you would help with this, please call Joe at the Parish Center at 357-8352, or at home at 375-1044. We will be developing a list of volunteers to call when needed.

**Poinsettias**

Little Flower School is selling poinsettias that will be donated to the Church for decorating during the Christmas season. If you would like to memorialize a loved one by donating a poinsettia in their honor, please pick up a form at the Parish Center. Flowers are available in red – white – pink as 6” covered pots with 5 – 7 blooms. The cost is \$7.50 each and the order is to be prepaid. An insert will be in the bulletin listing the names of those honored.

**POINSETTIA PICK UP**

If you placed a personal order for a poinsettia, your order will be ready for pick up on Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center between 8:30 – 5:30 p.m. in St. Therese Room.

*"The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks everyone who contributed to the winter coat drive and to the Thanksgiving food drive. We distributed the coats and food to over 70 families in our neighborhood. Many families will be warmer this winter because of your generosity. Thank you also to Deering Cleaners who kindly cleaned some of the coats for free."*

**FREE FOR THE TAKING:** Several packages of large and x-large adult diapers are available to anyone who might need them for a bedfast person. Please check with Georgia – 357-8352.

**ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR**



All teenagers and adults of the parish are welcome along with Middle School students who participate in Choir or Band. The choir had its first practice on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us this coming

Tuesday, there will be four practices before singing **at the 10 PM "Midnight" Mass on Christmas Eve and the 10:30 AM Mass on the two (2) Sundays following Christmas.** If you think you can make this commitment, come and join us from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in the Church. **Call ahead to Teresa Eckrich – 356-1868.**



**SANTA IS MAKING PLANS TO VISIT AT LITTLE FLOWER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY MORE DETAILS TO COME**

The School Service Team will be provide free babysitting for children, ages 3-10, on the evening of Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 9:00 p.m. in the School Cafeteria. They are offering you the opportunity to do a little Christmas shopping or just have a night out. Please RSVP to the School Office by December 1<sup>st</sup>. - 353-2282.

**"MERCY MEAL" VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Funeral lunches (Mercy Meals) are an important ministry to families who have lost a loved one. We need more volunteers to help with planning, cooking or bringing food, and serving meals after funerals. Do your guests often compliment your cooking (or your shopping)? Do you have some free time in the daytime?

**If you can help, call Georgia at the Parish Center.**

**STEWARDSHIP CARD UPDATE**

**Approximately 400 cards have been returned out of a possible 1,075. Reminders have been sent out, so please return your card as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if you have misplaced yours. Telephone follow up will begin soon. Please help us avoid this time consuming step by returning your card. THANK YOU.**

If you have volunteered for a ministry on your Stewardship Card, please be patient. We have many cards to enter before getting these lists out to organization chairpersons. Follow up for volunteer opportunities will take place shortly after Christmas

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH - GRADES 8 - 12 CONFIRMATION DATES**

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** Opening session for candidates from 10:00 am until Noon in the Parish Center  
**December 8<sup>th</sup>** Rite of enrollment at 6:00 p.m. Mass  
 Session 1 for candidates and sponsors in the Parish Center from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

**Call Tom for more information about confirmation**

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 13,200.00</b>
<b>Collection of November 22 and 23</b> not available due to early deadline	
<b>Year to Date Budget Goal as of 11/17/03</b>	<b>\$ 264,000.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Collections as of 11/17/03</b>	<b>\$ 247,132.09</b>
<b>DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE as of 11/17/03</b>	<b>\$ ( 16,867.91)</b>
<b>Home Improvement Fund</b>	
<b>August Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,465.50</b>
<b>September Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,699.00</b>
<b>October Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 2,244.10</b>
<b>November Contribution (to date)</b>	<b>\$ 1,655.50</b>