

**DEAR PARISH FAMILY,**

Today we want to thank Fr. Jim Farrell for preaching all the Masses this weekend and for leading our parish mission Monday through Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. I hope as many of you as possible will take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual renewal.

Our traditional Novena to St. Therese begins this Thursday, Sept 23rd, at 5:30 p.m. Novena services with Communion will replace the 5:30 p.m. evening Masses on weekdays. On Saturday, the novena service with Communion will replace the 8:30 a.m. Mass. On Sunday, the novena service without Communion will be held at 10:00 a.m. The entire school will celebrate her actual feast at Mass on October 1 at 8:30 a.m. The Solemn Closing will be on Friday, October 1st, at 5:30 p.m. First and second grade children are invited to drop flower petals during the procession. Although the novena will have ended on October 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the Masses on Sunday, October 3rd, her former feast day. I hope many of you will be able to participate in the novena.

As most of you can see, the bricks on the church are once again crumbling. Therefore, we have recently contracted with a structural engineering firm to do a complete study of the church structure. We will provide more information when they complete their analysis and report.

Finally, some months ago, I received the following in an e-mail from Andy Minton, who is serving in Bosnia:

I also received some letters in the mail from some of the students at Little Flower School. Please let everyone know that our mission is going well over here in Bosnia. Only the select few over here desire conflict.; the majority of the people want their country to grow peacefully, as we all do. Let the church know that I am thankful for their prayers and the support that they have given to my wife and children while I have been away. One of the things that I miss the most over here is hearing the beautiful voices of the Little Flower Church choir during Mass on Sunday mornings. There is a local Bosnian citizen that comes in and plays piano at Mass, and we did have a young lady leading the singing this past Sunday, so hopefully the music will continue to improve.

Technology is truly a gift in my situation. Being able to talk to my wife and kids every night over the telephone and send pictures and messages over the internet have been a true blessing. Please tell everyone that I say "Dobar Dan," which means "Good Morning" in the Serbo-Croatian language.

We pray for Andy's safe and quick return to his family and to our parish.

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Volunteer needed - Jennifer McGrath, one of our kindergarten teachers is on crutches and requests a volunteer to help in her classroom, with reading, flashcards, etc. No heavy lifting, no running, no wrestling involved! Any help, even 1 or 2 hours per week will be appreciated. Please call Jennifer at the school office if you can help.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - 26**

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| 20 September | Monday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Lavonne Rashid by JoAnne Najem |
| 21 September | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | William Galluzzi by Roberta Galluzzi |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 22 September | Wednesday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 1:00 p.m. | at Covington for Helen Ryan |
| 5:30 p.m. | Cristy Bogan by Kathy Bogan |
| 23 September | Thursday |
| 8:30 a.m. | John Foor by Marie Kraus |
| 5:30 p.m. | Novena Service with Communion |
| 24 September | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Kathleen Gawrys by Teresa Eckrich |
| 5:30 p.m. | Novena Service with Communion |
| 25 Septmeber | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Novena Service with Communion |
| Vigil – Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 5:00 p.m. | John McGovern by Katie White |
| 26 September | Sunday–Twenty Sixth Sunday in OrdinaryTime |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mary Griffin by Tom Griffin |
| 10:00 a.m. | Novena Service |
| 10:30 a.m. | Laura McCracken by Pattie Uberta |
| 6:00 p.m. | For the Parish |

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

SEPTEMBER 20 - 26

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Monday | Church | 7:00 p.m. | PARISH MISSION |
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| Wednesday | St. Patrick | 9:00 a.m.. | Bible Study |
| | Church | 7:00 p.m. | PARISH MISSION |
| Thursday | St. Therese | 7:00 p.m. | AA |
| Friday | St. Therese | 6:30 p.m. | Nicotine Anonymous |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Group |
| Sunday | St. Therese | 8:30 a.m. | Nursery – Up to Age 4 |
| | SCHOOL | 9:30 a.m. | SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION |
| | St. Patrick | During 8:30 Mass | Children's Liturgy |
| | Social Hall | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts |

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, September 27th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the end of November.

NEXT WEEKEND a representative from the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa will be speaking and taking a second collection. Please be as generous as possible in your support of their work.

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal for new fiscal year | \$ 13,200.00 |
| Collection of September 11 th and 12 th not available/early deadline | |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ 132,000.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ 125,308.48 |
| Current Fiscal Year to Date (deficit) | \$ (- 6,691.52) |

Today's Gospel warns that no one can serve both God and money, and we are challenged to look at our own stewardship. Which do we serve?

Home Improvement Fund

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| May Contributions | \$ 2,079.00 |
| June Contributions | \$ 1,585.99 |
| July Contributions | \$ 1,909.50 |
| August Contributions | \$ 1,817.00 |
| September Contributions | \$ 1,118.00 |

We have a significant roof repair to be made on the north end of the school building. Approximately \$5,000.00 from the home improvement fund will be used for this repair. This repair will significantly decrease the home improvement fund balance. Thank you for your generosity to this important fund.

The Scecina class of 1974 will be having a reunion in the Little Flower Social Hall on October 2nd. We plan to celebrate 5 p.m. mass at LF, then onto cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. and lots of fun for all until midnight. For information contact Sandy Martin at 890-0170 or scecina74@comcast.net.

PARISH MISSION

SEPTEMBER 20, 21, AND 22

**WAITING TO BLOOM—DISCOVER THE POWER WITHIN
DON'T MISS IT! NIGHTLY AT 7:00 PM**

Child care will be provided, for children too young to sit in church.

If you are homebound and would like a cassette tape recording of the mission talks, please call Georgia at the parish center.

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to attend. All are welcome, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

Finally, please pray for the success of the mission!



Pet Blessing

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals, we will have our annual Blessing of Pets on Saturday morning, October 2, at 9 am in the parking lot. This is an event for the whole family!

Bring your dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, geckos, and other special friends for this special blessing.

The Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk

is scheduled for Saturday, October 9th at Celebration Plaza downtown. The walk begins at 8:00 a.m. Please consider joining or sponsoring Team Little Flower this year as we work to fight breast cancer and fund research, education, advocacy, and patient service programs. For more information, please contact Heather McAlister at school (353-2282) or by email at LFDivas@aol.com. Don't miss this chance to help make breast cancer a thing of the past!

Learn more about Advance Care Directives

An Advance Care Directive (or "Living Will") is a set of instructions that you provide for your medical care if you become incapacitated or otherwise unable to discuss your wishes. Having a set of Advance Directives in place gives you the ability to participate in these decisions, and it is entirely possible to make Advance Directives that are in accordance with Church teachings. However, many people have questions about how to go about this. Little Flower's Health Ministry will offer an opportunity to learn more. Join us Sunday, October 3 at 9:30 am in the Parish Center. You will be able to hear about Advance Directives from a team of experts: Dr. Noah Hahn, a physician; Mike Cavosie, an attorney; Susan Spilly-Lee, a social worker, and Frank Impicciche, a Catholic hospital chaplain. Advance Directives documents will be available to take home with you, to discuss with your family and complete. A follow-up meeting for those who need assistance in completing forms will be available on Thursday, October 7 at 7 pm in the St. Patrick Room of the Parish Center. You need not be a senior to attend! For questions, please call Georgia at the Parish Center (357-8352).

NOVENA SCHEDULE

Please try to attend the Little Flower Novena. Here is a schedule to clip and save for easy reference

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| Thursday September 23 rd | Novena opens at 5:30 pm |
| Friday September 24 th | Novena at 5:30 pm |
| Saturday September 25 th | Novena at 8:30 am |
| Sunday September 26 th | Novena at 10:00 am |
| Monday September 27 th | Novena at 5:30 pm |
| Tuesday September 28 th | Novena at 5:30 pm |
| Wednesday September 29 th | Novena at 5:30 pm |
| Thursday September 30 th | Novena at 5:30 pm |
| Friday October 1 st | Novena closing at 5:30 with procession and benediction |

All services except Sunday, September 26th, and Friday, October 1st, will include a communion service.



(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth choir sings at 6pm Mass on two Sundays per month and is open to new members. Our next practice will be Sunday, September 19th from 7pm until 8:30 pm in Church. Please join us.

PARKING LOT PARTY on Sunday Septemeber 26th immediately following 6pm mass until 8:30 pm. We will have burgers and dogs along with kickball and other games. Come and join us!