

# PRAISE THE LORD, MY SOUL!

**DEAR PARISH FAMILY,**

We want to thank Fr. Jim Farrell for the wonderful mission. Also, I want to thank all those who worked to make the mission a reality. Many volunteers contributed to the success of the mission. We sometimes forget how much work and how many volunteers it takes to enable a parish to thrive. Finally, I want to thank all those who attended. I cannot help but believe that your presence at the mission will not only enrich your spiritual life but also the life of our parish.

Right now we are in the midst of our annual novena to St. Therese. Our novena services will be at 5:30 p.m. this Monday through Friday. They include the novena prayers, a short reading and homily, and Holy Communion. The entire school will celebrate her feast at Mass on Friday, October 1, at 8:30 a.m. Of course, all are invited. 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. Please come. There was a time when the closing of the Little Flower novena was a city-wide event. Next weekend we will celebrate the Mass of St. Therese at all the Sunday Masses.

Most of you have heard of Advance Medical Directives (or "Living Wills"). These are communication tools through which you may indicate the type of medical measures that should or should not be taken in case you lose your ability to make or communicate your desires about your medical care. It is certainly possible to make advance directives according to Church teaching, and, in fact, these types of instructions can be a great comfort to patients and families when communicated ahead of time.

Next Sunday, October 3, at 9:30 a.m. in the St. Patrick Room in the Parish Center, you will have the opportunity to learn more about making advance directives from a group of parishioners who are experts on this matter, including a physician, an attorney, a social worker and a hospital chaplain. This is a good opportunity to have your questions answered about church teaching on advance directives and to obtain sample documents for your own use. The program is open to parishioners of all ages.

Next Sunday is also Respect Life Sunday. Please pray for an end to abortion and for a greater respect for all life from the moment of conception to natural death.

Have a great week.  
fr. bob

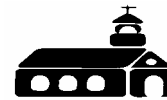
The next **Baptism Preparation Class** is Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you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



## MASS INTENTIONS

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3**

- 27 September Monday**  
8:30 a.m. Intentions of LF St. Vincent de Paul Council  
5:30 p.m. Novena Service with Communion
- 28 September Tuesday**  
8:30 a.m. Intentions of Mary Anne O'Bryan Family by Madelynn Miller  
5:30 p.m. Novena Service with Communion
- 29 September Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. Gwen Franz by Bernard Deck  
5:30 p.m. Novena Service with Communion
- 30 September Thursday**  
8:30 a.m. Andy Kubiak by the Silvertones  
5:30 p.m. Novena Service with Communion
- 1 October Friday**  
8:30 a.m. William Galluzzi by Roberta Galluzzi  
5:30 p.m. Novena Closing with Processaion and Benediction
- 2 October Saturday**  
8:30 a.m. Frances Van Treese by Dick and Peg Kramer
- Vigil – Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 p.m. Ted Barrett by his Goddaughter
- 3 October Sunday**  
**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 a.m. Intentions of the Sweeney Family by the Feldhake Family  
10:30 a.m. Tom Reese by Pat Reese  
6:00 p.m. For the Parish



**The week ahead**  
**SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	St. Patrick	6:45 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Prep Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Church</b>	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	<b>School</b>	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
	School	6:00 p.m.	Technology Committee
	School	7:00 p.m.	WebContent Committee
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
	School	7:00 p.m.	Scout Pack Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	AA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Psallite Practice
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
	Social Hall	5:00 p.m.	Market Day Pick Up
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Parking Lot	9:00 a.m.	Pet Blessing
	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Blue Army
<b>Sunday</b>	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	Nursery – Up to Age 4
	<b>SCHOOL</b>	9:30 a.m.	<b>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION</b>
	St. Patrick	During 8:30 Mass	Children's Liturgy
	Social Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts

**Don't forget SCRIP** is a great way to help raise money for our school. Order forms for a big variety of prepaid gift cards and gift certificates are available at each of the church doors. **Kohl's** has just been added as an available merchant.

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

Weekly Budget Goal for new fiscal year	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of September 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 15,556.81
Electronic Contribution 9/6 thru 9/13	\$ 55.00
Collection of September 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 10,769.40
Electronic Contribution 9/14 thru 9/20	\$ 1,540.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 158,400.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 153,229.69
Current Fiscal Year to Date (deficit)	\$ (- 5,170.31)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE

UPCOMING STEWARDSHIP EVENTS

Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> - Parish Appreciation Dinner  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> - Ministry Fair and Pancake Breakfast

*The sin of the rich man in today's gospel was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at this gate. Are we as generous as we should be?*

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$ 2,079.00
June Contributions	\$ 1,585.99
July Contributions	\$ 1,909.50
August Contributions	\$ 1,817.00
September Contributions	\$ 1,496.00

Our recent school roof repair has significantly decreased 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. For information contact Sandy Martin at 890-0170 or [scecina74@comcast.net](mailto:scecina74@comcast.net).

**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. For more information, please contact Heather McAlister at school (353-2282) or by email at [LFDivaToo@aol.com](mailto:LFDivaToo@aol.com).

**Nursing students** - For the fourth year, senior nursing students from the University of Indianapolis are working with Health Ministry at Little Flower, studying the needs of our community as part of their Community Health Nursing course. Welcome to Sarah Perkinson, Angela Ramsey and Dinah Wahli! They will be with us through early December.

**Learn more about Advance Care Directives**

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 Joe Bozzelli, 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! See Fr. Bob's letter in this bulletin for more details. For questions, please call Georgia at the Parish Center (357-8352).



**The Little Flower PTO Walk-A-Thon** will be held on Oct. 1. This is the largest single fundraiser held by the PTO/school. If you are interested in contributing or in participating in this event contact the school office at 353-2282. Preschool and kindergarteners will walk in the morning. All others will walk in the afternoon. Following the walk we will hold our special prayer service and bubble extravaganza to honor the feast day of St. Therese. Help us to make this year's Walk-A-Thon a success and please join us for this special day.

Our monthly parent meeting will be on Wednesday, October 6 from 6-7 PM in the Computer Lab. We will discuss how the brain learns with helpful study ideas based on recent brain research. We invite all parents and parishioners to join us.

**LADIES CLUB**

*The next Ladies Club meeting will be Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.*

*Mark your calendars for the Ladies Club Card Party on Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more details. If you can help with the next-to-new booth, please call Isabella Mathias at 356-7723*

**SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS**

The annual St. Vincent de Paul Blanket Sunday will take place on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> this year. Mark your calendars and pick up a bargain to donate to the poor.

Volunteers are also needed to answer phone calls (from people in need of assistance) in your home for (one) 4 hour period each month. Please call Don at 329-5004 if you can help.



**(eighth grade through twelfth grade)**

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

The youth room will be open on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7pm until 8:30 pm. Come join us!