



Dear Parish Family,

Today is Commitment Sunday for our *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign. Although I have thanked you before, I want to thank all of you who have worked on the campaign. Without your generous contribution of time and talent, we would not be where we are today. Likewise, I want to thank all of you who made pacesetter and advance commitment gifts to the campaign. Again, without your generous contributions, we would not be where we are today.

This Thursday, November 24, is Thanksgiving Day, a day when we give thanks to God for all the blessings in our lives but especially for the blessings we share because we live in the United States. I would ask your particular prayers for all those families whose family members are serving in the military and will not be home for Thanksgiving and for all those families who have lost a family member in military service this past year. My special prayer of Thanksgiving this year will be for all of you who are so generous to Little Flower.

I want to invite and encourage everyone to attend our Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Our Thanksgiving Day Liturgy has an interesting history. When I was a child, there was no special Catholic Thanksgiving Day Mass. However, Catholics started attending Mass in large numbers on Thanksgiving Day. Subsequently, a Thanksgiving Day Mass was created and inserted into the liturgical books. One can say, therefore, that Thanksgiving Day is a Liturgical celebration that had its origins from Catholic parishioners in the United States.

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Therefore, it is not too soon to mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service. As you know, we do our Penance Services in conjunction with Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. Our **Advent Penance** will be **Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes**. Our Lenten Penance Service will be here at Little Flower.

Have a great week and a wonderful Thanksgiving.

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The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm 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 January.



**News from the Ladies' Club**

We would like to invite all the Ladies of Little Flower to the Little Flower Ladies Club Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Our meeting is at 6 pm, with entertainment starting at 7:15 pm. We will have a \$5.00 gift exchange (optional). Hope you will join us for this wonderful evening!

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 21 – NOV 27, 2005**

- 21 Nov** **Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Pearl Olvey by Peg Guilfooy
- 22 Nov** **Tuesday –**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Otila Sanchez by Catherine Quill
- 23 Nov** **Wednesday –**  
8:30 am Rosie Clegg by Pat and Margaret Moriarty  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 24 Nov** **Thursday – Happy Thanksgiving**  
9:00 am The Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
- 25 Nov** **Friday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 26 Nov** **Saturday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:00 pm **Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**  
Margaret Gentry by Art Slinger
- 27 Nov** **Sunday- First Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 am For the People  
10:30 am Frank Shea by The Family  
6:00 pm Katie Eaton by The Family

**From the Respect Life Committee:** *The bishops of the United States have launched a campaign to end the use of the death penalty. Church teaching makes it clear that the use of the death penalty cannot be justified when the state has other ways of protecting society. USCCB*

**Flu shots**

The Visiting Nurse Flu Shot clinic that was to have been held Nov. 9 will be rescheduled as soon as possible. The VNS had delays in shipment of vaccine. Call Georgia with any questions.




**Dates to Remember**

**Nov 21 – Nov 27, 2005**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Commitee
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>HAPPY</b>		<b>THANKSGIVING</b>
	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>OFFICE</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> AND 25<sup>TH</sup>, IN OBSERVANCE OF THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

 **School News**  
Parents on the RISE

This year we have asked our students to meet the Challenge to RISE—Respect, Integrity, Stewardship, Excellence. That challenge was also extended to our staff and our parents. While there are a multitude of examples of people who are meeting that challenge in big and small ways every day, I would like to start recognizing one parent per week who has exemplified at least on aspect of this challenge. I know I will miss more people than I will be able to recognize, but please know that in recognizing individuals we see the possibilities for each of us, and we celebrate all our successes in each person.

**The week of Nov 7<sup>th</sup>** I recognized Michelle Venezia for her Stewardship in promoting Little Flower. I don't know how many times in the hallway I have heard Michelle tell parents about something wonderful going on at Little Flower. Just the other day she was telling some third grade parents about to attend their first honors breakfast how great it was. Michelle constantly tells people, in and outside of Little Flower, how great this school is. Even when she disagrees with something, she doesn't "whine on the vine," she calls me, and we discuss it. She always sees the big picture of the quality of a Little Flower education.

**The week of Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** I recognized Sandy Clegg. I have suggested to Sandy that she should simply put a cot in a classroom and move in at Little Flower. Whether it be the Hobby Show, Capital Campaign, or helping in the classroom, Sandy is a fixture in our building. The quantity of her stewardship is matched only by the quality of the work she does. As the recent Hobby Show proved (66 participants), if Sandy does a job, it will be done right (thanks also to Colette Williamson for her great work with the Hobby Show).

As the entire Clegg family demonstrated in announcing a scholarship in their parents' name at the alumni dinner, stewardship is more than just helping out—it is a commitment to a way of life. Thanks, Sandy, and all the Cleggs, for your commitment to Little Flower.

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH  
(eighth grade through twelfth grade)**

CONFIRMATION

Session 4                      7pm in Parish Center on December 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Candidates and team should attend.

Call Tom at the Parish Center at 357-8352 with questions.

Youth Choir

Our next practice is Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. We need new members. Please consider joining us at practice. THANKS!

**News from Little Flowers Athletic Association**

We are looking for anyone interested in coaching girls' volleyball or any upcoming spring sports. Please contact Kellie Maines, Girls AD, 902-9819.



**Christmas Choir** will begin on Tuesday, Nov 22nd. This choir is open to all adults and youth who are 6th grade and older. The choir practices on the five Tuesdays before Christmas from 7:30 to 9:30 (except the first rehearsal which is shorter). Make a plan to lift your heart and voice during this coming Christmas season. Here on earth, the angels can only sing with YOUR voices.

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 13,400.00</b>
<b>Collection of November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup></b>	\$ check next week
<b>Electronic Contribution 11/8 to 11/15</b>	\$ check next week
<b>Year to Date Budget Goal thru 11/11</b>	<b>\$ 254,600.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Collections thru 11/11</b>	<b>\$ 253,910.61</b>
<b>Year to Date (new fiscal year) thru 11/11</b>	<b>\$ - 689.39</b>

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Home Improvement Fund**

<b>September Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,997.00</b>
<b>October Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,692.25</b>
<b>November Contributions to date</b>	<b>\$ 830.00</b>

THE NEW PREPARATION WOOKBOOKS FOR LECTORS are available for the upcoming new liturgical year beginning November 12<sup>th</sup>. These books are labeled with each lector's name. Please pick up your book in the sacristy at your earliest convenience.

**Capital Campaign NEWS**

**This weekend you were asked to make your commitment to our capital campaign. If you did not return your card at Mass, please do so as soon as possible.**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**One more question from a Parishioner**

**Can we get quality brick this time?** Yes, Arsee Engineers will closely supervise the work performed, and the bricks will be thoroughly tested for quality.

There will be a "Life After Loss" bereavement support meeting Sunday evening, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 pm in the St. Patrick Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. There is no charge, and no need to RSVP. If you have any questions, please call Georgia at 357-8352.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service**

Most Reverend Daniel M. Buechlein, O.S.B. Presider  
Rabbi Lewis Weiss Preacher

- When: Tuesday, November 22, 2005
- Where: SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral
- Time: 6:30 p.m. prelude music  
featuring the Indianapolis Children's Choir  
7:00 p.m. procession of religious leaders

An offering of canned goods and/or money will be gathered at the door and donated to The Julian Center and American Red Cross (hurricane relief). A time for sharing and fellowship will follow the service.