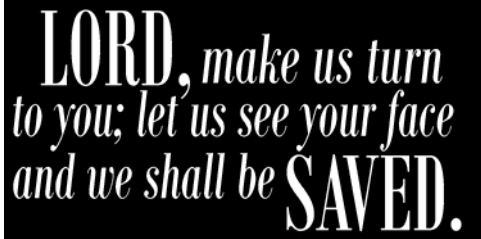


Dear Parish Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving.



Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The Latin word *adventus* means *coming*. During the season, we open our minds and hearts to the rebirth of Christ in our lives at Christmas. The little blue Advent reflection books are available at the doors of the Church. Also, please note that the readings for Advent are being published in the bulletin along with a few reflection questions for each week.

As I mentioned last week, our Advent Penance will be Monday, December 5, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Thank you to all who have completed and returned their capital campaign commitment cards. If you took your pledge card home, please return it as soon as possible.

Also, thanks again to all those who have worked on the campaign. There is no way I could name everyone who has worked on this campaign. It is a good problem to have so many volunteers that I would not be able to name them without missing someone. Our Leadership Team and all of the volunteers who they enlisted to help them did an exemplary job.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Share in the Care on Sunday, December 11th. The Retirement Fund for Religious Collection give us a chance to say thank you to the religious sisters, brothers, and order priests that helped shape our lives. Please be as generous as possible and use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 28th 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.

We welcome our newest member, Robert Andrew Willard, son of Justin and Shelly (Dennemann) Willard. Robert was baptized on Sunday November 13th.

From the Respect Life Committee: *The death penalty in our land is deeply flawed. Since 1973, there have been 117 exonerated death row inmates. USCCB*

MASS SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 28 – DEC 4, 2005

- 28 Nov Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Jim O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller
- 29 Nov Tuesday –**
8:30 am Frances Van Treese by Sam Flenner III
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 30 Nov Wednesday –**
8:30 am Evelyn F. Whitworth by John and Margaret Miller
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 Dec Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **Rosewalk:** Bernice & Hershhal Borton by The Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 02 Dec Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Terry W. Holle by Emil & Betty Streicher
- 03 Dec Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**
Wanda Plahitko by Mary Shea
- 04 Dec Sunday- Second Sunday of Advent**
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Withem Family by The Family
10:30 am For the People
6:00 pm Evelyn F. Whitworth by John and Margaret Miller

Dates to Remember

Nov 28 –Dec 4, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick.	7:00 pm	Baptismal Prep. Class
	Tuesday	Sewing Room Basement	9:30 am - 2:30 pm
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Gym	7:30 pm	Girls Volleyball Sign-ups
Thursday	St Therese	9 am – 5 pm	Poinsettia pickup
	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mom's Group
	St Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm	LF Ladies Club pitch -in dinner/meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Friday	Scout Room	3 – 5 pm
	Duffy Hall	4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Market Day
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery up to 4 years
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Parish Center	7pm	Confirmation Prep

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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 1st. Our meeting is at 7:00 pm with entertainment starting at 7:30 pm. We will have a \$5.00 gift exchange (optional). Hope you will join us for this wonderful evening!

Do you desire some Advent "quiet time" away from the holiday busyness? How about an hour? Several hours? Even overnight? Cordiafonte House of Prayer, 3650 E. 46th St., Indianapolis, offers a quiet chapel, private room, and peaceful outdoors. Wake up - become aware of God within. For arrangements call (317) 543-0154.



The weekend of Dec 3rd and 4th the Ladies Club will be collecting for Christmas Flowers after Mass at each Church door. Help make our Christmas decorations beautiful!

Capital Campaign News.

As Father Bob announced last weekend, 79 families turned in pledge card in advance of commitment weekend last weekend. Those advance pledges amounted to \$407,828. THANKS TO ALL OF THOSE FAMILIES FOR A GREAT START!

We have a long way to go. Pledge cards will be mailed this week to all who have not yet returned theirs. Please return them as soon as possible so that we will be able to announce our final results on the weekend of December 10th and 11th.



PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY PITCH-IN AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON DECEMBER 11th. Details will be in next week's bulletin.


ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH
(Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

CONFIRMATION

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

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

The youth room will be open on Sunday, November 27th from 7pm until 8:30 pm. Plan to drop in!


First Sunday of
ADVENT
ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Readings for this, the First Sunday of Advent

1st reading	Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
2nd reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel	Mark 13:33-37

Today we begin the holy season of Advent. Advent is that wonderful time of joyful expectation. It is a time when the rush of getting ready for Christmas seems to dominate our free time. Advent is also a gift the Church gives to each one of us to get ready once again for the coming of the Messiah.

Questions to ponder

How should I live my daily life to prepare for my eternal life with God?
 Lord, did I live yesterday as if it was my last day on earth?
 What about today? Am I ready for God?

Readings for next Sunday, the Second Sunday of Advent

1st reading	Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
2nd reading	2 Peter 3:8-14
Gospel	Mark 1:1-8

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of November 12 th and 13 th	\$ 12,154.70
Electronic Contribution 11/8 to 11/14	\$ 205.25
Year to Date Budget Goal thru 11/13	\$ 268,000.00
Year to Date Collections thru 11/13	\$ 266,270.56
Year to Date thru 11/13	\$ -1,729.44

Thank you for your generosity

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,997.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,692.25
November Contributions to date	\$ 1,216.00

Flu shots

The Visiting Nurse Flu Shot clinic that was to have been held Nov. 9 has been rescheduled for Wednesday December 7th in the school cafeteria. Pneumonia shots will also be available. Costs will be covered by Medicare Part B for those who are eligible. Please bring your cards. Call Georgia with any questions.

THE NEW PREPARATION WORBOOKS FOR LECTORS are available for the new liturgical year which begins this weekend. These books are labeled by with each lector's name, so please pick up your book in the sacristy at your earliest convenience.