



Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday, September 18th, is Catechetical Sunday. This Sunday we focus on the educational ministries of our parish and ask God's special blessings on those who share their gifts as teachers of faith here at Little Flower.

Little Flower School has been the primary educational ministry of our parish since its beginning. However, on Sunday mornings, the parish also provides religious education classes for grade school children who do not attend Little Flower School. Also, on Sunday mornings during the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we have children's liturgy for younger children. During the summer, the parish offers a one-week Vacation Bible School.

Seccina Memorial High School is an extension of our parish educational ministry. We and the other parishes of the East Deanery provide financial support to Seccina through a parish assessment. Here at Little Flower we offer a youth ministry program for our high school students, including a Confirmation preparation program for high school freshmen and other high school students who have not yet been confirmed.

Today we thank our grade school and CCD teachers, our children's Liturgy volunteers, and our Vacation Bible School teachers and helpers. We thank the teachers at Seccina High School, our youth ministry volunteers, and our confirmation team. At the beginning of this school year, we ask God's blessing on them and on all those they serve.

Of course, you who are parents are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. During the blessing of parents at the conclusion of an infant baptism, we pray that you will be the best of teachers. You teach your children, first of all, by example. If you want to hand on your Catholic Christian faith to your children, the best example you can give them is weekly attendance and active participation at Sunday Eucharist since Sunday Eucharist defines us as Catholic Christians. Personal and family prayer is also important. Equally important is living the Christian values you teach them.

However, all of us are called to grow in faith and to share our faith with others. Therefore, there are also religious education and faith formation programs for adults. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children and Adults prepares children and adults to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Sponsor Couples help prepare engaged couples for marriage. We have at least two Bible study groups. In recent year, we have also hosted apologetics classes.

Today we also want to thank our RCIA team, our sponsor couples, and those who organize and lead Bible studies and apologetics classes. We also ask God's blessing on them and on those whom they will serve this year.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Evangelization and Community Outreach Commission for hosting our first neighborhood wiener roast. The purpose of this wiener roast was to thank our neighbors for supporting our parish festival. Special thanks to those who distributed flyers last Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. Finally, thanks to all came and to all who brought desserts. It was a good first attempt to connect with our neighbors.

The Little Flower Novena begins this Friday, September 23rd. Please check the insert for details.

Have a great week.

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Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 19 – SEPT 25, 2005

19 Sept	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
20 Sept	Tuesday
8:30 am	Mary Jane Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger
5:30 pm	Communion Service
21 Sept	Wednesday
8:30 am	Jim Sorg by Doris Sorg
5:30 pm	Communion Service
22 Sept	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Covington – JoAnn Gibson by Don and Pat Nelis and Family
5:30 pm	Dorothy Meier by Mildred Mauer
23 Sept	Friday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Delia Gilday
24 Sept	Saturday
8:30 am	In Honor of St. Therese by Joe Sauer
5:00 pm	Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time In Thanksgiving by Rita Gibson
25 Sept	Sunday-Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Intentions of LF SVDP Volunteers by Mary Ann Lundy
10:30 am	Eleanore McCann by Beverly J. Ross
6:00 pm	For the People

After all Masses this weekend, you will be able to order your Life Chain t-shirts or sweat shirts and register to attend the Life Chain on Oct 2. Prices of the t-shirts are \$7 (2x and 3X are \$9), sweat shirts are in Med, Large and XL only and are \$12. Please pay when ordering if possible.

The Ladies Club will be collecting donations for Novena Flowers after all Masses this weekend at the Church doors.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday September 18th from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. We are always looking for new members. Please consider joining us.

Youth room will be open on Sunday September 25th after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm



Our Confirmation Program this year will be open to any student of high school age and will start at the beginning of October. If you missed the introductory meeting last week, please call Tom at the parish center as soon as possible. **You must call to enroll in the program by September 20th. We will not be taking late or walk-in registrations.**

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, September 26th 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 November.



Please welcome into our Christian Family Jacob Dane son of David and Amy Jo (Royce) Hughes baptized on September 3, 2005.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dates to Remember

SEPT 19 - SEPT 25, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Sewing Room Basement	9:30 am - 2:30 pm	Mission Sewing
	Holy Family (Basement)	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc
	St. Patrick	7 - 9 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Duffy Hall	7- 9 pm	Cub Scouts Pack
Thursday	St. Therese	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mom's Group
	Sts. Therese & Patrick	2:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Pictures taken for the parish directory
	Duffy Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business
	School Classroom	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Church	7:30 pm	Psallite Choir Rehearsal
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Sts. Therese & Patrick	2:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Pictures taken for the parish directory
	Holy Family	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
	Sts. Therese & Patrick	9:30 am - 4:15 pm	Pictures taken for the parish directory
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery up to 4 years
	School	9:30 am - 10:20 am	Religious Ed (CCD)
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE UPDATES

Our second collection last weekend totaled \$9,008.58. This money will be distributed through the archdiocesan mission office to the Catholic Archdioceses in need.

We are collecting children's clothing to be sent to those in need in Mississippi and Louisiana. There is a collection box in the gathering area. Please donate whatever you may have by September 25th.

There will be a "Life After Loss" bereavement support meeting Sunday evening, September 18 at 7:15 in the Little Flower Parish Center. There is no charge to attend, and prior registration is not necessary. Please call Georgia for any questions: 357-8352

NEWS FROM THE LITTLE FLOWER ATHLETIC ASSOC.

There will be a Coaches Certification Meeting at the CYO Center on October 3rd at 6pm. All coaches for Little Flower must be certified and complete Virtus Training. Any questions please contact the Boy's AD, Randy Herman at 862-0742 or Girl's AD, Kellie Maines at 375-1034.

Capital Campaign Calendar

Monday, October 3rd

Leadership Team Training

- 5:30 pm Pastor and Campaign Leaders
- 6:00 pm Information Team and enlistees
- 6:30 pm Caller Team and enlistees
- 7:30 pm Leadership Team Report – **Entire Leadership Team**
- 8:30 pm Advance Commitment Team

Next training date: Wednesday, October 19th

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of September 3rd & 4th	\$ 13,809.12
Electronic Contribution 9/07to 9/12	\$ 205.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 147,400.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 143,967.33
Year to Date (new fiscal year)	\$ -3,432.67

Home Improvement Fund

June contributions	\$ 1,765.00
July contributions	\$ 2,092.00
August Contributions	\$ 1,344.50
September Contribution to date	\$ 1,214.00

PICNIC EASTSIDE SENIOR CYO REUNION

The Eastside Senior CYO is gathering members of the 1950s and 1960s era for a picnic on **Saturday, October 8th** at Ft. Harrison State Park (Reddick Shelter) at East 59th Street and Post Road. We will gather anytime between 8:00 am and dusk. Please provide your own food, refreshments, lawn chairs and any memorabilia. For more information, contact Sue Clemens at 359-5835 or Jack Mears at 356-9973.

School News

Little Flower students respond to Katrina

- Immediately following the tragic news of Hurricane Katrina, Little Flower students began asking what they could do to help. Last Friday, students gave over \$200 for Katrina relief. In the afternoon the students met in church to say a decade of the Rosary.
- This week we will begin our Penny Wars, a program sponsored by our seventh graders. Originally designed as a way to raise money for African Relief (that is their first unit of study this year), they have adapted, changing the name to *Katrina to Kenya*. The disaster that we are seeing now because of Katrina powerfully drills home the daily suffering in other parts of the world. Our Penny Wars collection will be shared with Katrina relief and African relief.
- We are also collecting children's clothing for victims of Hurricane Katrina. There will be a collection box in the cafeteria for the next two weeks. The clothing will be distributed to the areas of need through Hope Ministries.

Thanks to all who participate in the Target Take Charge for Education program. The school recently received a check for \$492 from Target for your participation.