



Dear Parish Family,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent.

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, *a holyday of obligation*. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday. Mary, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.

Our annual parish Christmas party will be next Sunday, December 10, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Details may be found on an insert in this bulletin. At the party, we also celebrate the successful completion of the first year of our capital campaign. During Mass next Sunday, I will give an update on the campaign.

During Advent, the Church asks us to prepare the way for Christ to be reborn in our hearts and lives. Sin and guilt are barriers to his rebirth in our hearts and lives. Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 11, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. We will host Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. Also, our second graders will celebrate their first Reconciliation that evening. Besides Fr. Want and me, five other priests will be here to assist with confessions.

Finally, Mrs. Laham, Little Flower School's art teacher, and our fourth graders decorated a snow plow as part of *Snow Plow Palooza*. Five participating schools received awards for their decorating. We received an award from the Department of Public Works for the best use of color. The prize consisted of art supplies. Congratulations Mrs. Laham and the 4th graders.

Have a wonderful Advent.

fr. bob

Adoration Chapel

As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us set aside time to spend with Our Lord in the adoration chapel. Current available hours are:

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1AM	2PM	11AM	1AM	10AM	10AM	11AM
1PM		12N	8PM		10PM	3PM
2PM			9PM			
5PM						

If you, your family, or a group would like to choose an hour in the chapel or have any questions, please call Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546. If you cannot currently commit to a specific hour, please feel free to make a visit at any time. May God bless you!

Please welcome into our Christian Community

Baptized on Sunday, November 19, 2006:

- ❖ Sacrlett Madison, daughter of James Woodland and Melissa Woodland.
- ❖ Beau Anthony, son of Anthony and Brooke (Fox) Braun.

Baptized on Sunday, November 26, 2006:

- ❖ Shannon Leigh, daughter of Kevin Wood and Amanda Donlan.
- ❖ Landon Seth, son of Kevin Wood and Amanda Donlan

Intramural Basketball Signups

Intramural Co-ed Basketball Signups for Grades K-3rd in the Gym on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from noon to 1:00 p.m. cost is \$15.00.



MASS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 4 - DEC 10, 2006

04 Dec	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 am	Margaret Marion by Phyllis Layman
05 Dec	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Intentions of Jon Bowling by Art Meier
06 Dec	Wednesday
8:30 am	Ruth Skillman by John and Deloris Miller
5:30 pm	Communion Service
07 Dec	Thursday
8:30 am	James Lamping by Thursday Evening Bible Study
5:30 pm	Communion Service
08 Dec	Friday - Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 am	For the People
6:00 pm	Joseph and Eva Poetz by The Family
09 Dec	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
	Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	Anne Sanders by Mary Ellen Mulhern
10 Dec	Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	Alvin Lundy by Mary Anne Lundy
10:30 am	Intentions of Joseph and Mary Frances Dugan by John and Helen Smith
6:00 pm	For The People

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

Weekly Budget Goal (for new fiscal year)	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of November 25 th and 26 th	\$ 12,619.15
Electronic Contribution 11/21 to 11/27	\$ 391.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 286,650.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 266,711.78
Year to Date (current fiscal year)	\$ - 6,928.07
COLLECTION SHORTFALL FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR	\$ - 5,664.85

If you volunteered for a new ministry on your stewardship card or at the ministry fair, please be patient! After all the cards are entered, the list will be forwarded to the ministry chairs for follow-up. This will take several weeks!

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,484.50
September Contributions	\$ 1,229.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,260.08
November Contribution	\$ 1,233.00

The home improvement fund is getting a work out! In addition to the new windows in Fr. Bob's office and the deductible for our roofing repairs, the fund is also being use to repair the masonry and door frame for the cafeteria entrance. Thank you for your generosity that enables us to take care of these necessary maintenance issues without putting a strain on the regular parish budget.

Ladies Club Christmas Party Thursday, December 7th, at 7:00pm.

We will have a short meeting, and then the party begins with snacks & entertainment. Please bring an ornament for our tree. We will also have a \$5.00 gift exchange

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dates to Remember

DECEMBER 4 – DECEMBER 10, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Scout room	3:15 pm	Girl Scout # 1777
	St. Therese	6 - 8:00 pm	LFNA Garden Club
	John 23rd	6:30 pm - 7:30pm	1st Reconciliation Prep Non- School
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Weblos
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	SVdP Meeting
	Scout Room	6 - 7:00 pm	Girl Scout #258
	John 23rd	6:30 pm	Stewardship Comm
Wednesday	Holy Family	6:30 pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #606
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Respect Life
Thursday	John 23rd	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout Meeting
	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Boy Scouts
Friday	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm	Ladies Club Christmas Party
	John 23rd	7:00 pm	Worship Space Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	Immaculate	Conception	Holy Day
	Duffy Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Sunday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Church	6:00 pm	Ladies Club Bake Sale
Sunday	Ladies Club	Bake Sale	After Morning Masses
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffy Hall	11:30 am	PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY
	Holy Family	1 - 5:00 pm	Girl Scout Party
	Church	7:30 pm	Band Concert

The confirmation class will meet on Sunday, December 3rd from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Only candidates and team members need to attend this session.



The weekend of December 9th is the nationally designated weekend for the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Please be as generous as you can in helping to care for those who so generously cared for others in the past. You may use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet and place it in the regular collection.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH
(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

YOUTH CHOIR - Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, December 3rd. Please meet at 5pm in Church.

Seccina Recognizes Little Flower Students with Honors

Seccina Memorial High School is pleased to announce the following students from Little Flower Catholic Church who attained honors during the first grading period of the 2006-2007 academic year. Seccina continues to raise the academic standards and inspire its faculty, staff and students to strive for excellence. These Seccina honor roll students represent not only themselves, but also all of those students who have embraced the challenge to be the best that God created them to be.

Seniors High Honors: Alex Grohovsky, Lucretia Keenan and Joshua Myers
Seniors Honors: Cassie Byrd, Jacqueline Crofts, Cari Dew, Monica Glawatz, Heather McMurray, Kathleen Miller, Emily Nicholls, Rachel Short, Jessica Tooley, Megan Vaughn, Christopher Young.

Junior High Honors: Jacob Armour

Junior Honors: Katie Brown, Alli Padrick

Sophomores High Honors: Andrea Fleak, Hanna Foor, Amanda Tutrow

Sophomores Honors: James Ajamie, Aaron Barnett, Joseph Cisco, Jordyn Gray, David Leszcynski, Eric Nixon, Brittney Reed, Amy Tamer, Jessica Wright.

Freshmen High Honors: Veronica Belles, Nicole Clegg, Eileen Costello, Christina Dammann, Kalyn Gearn, Courtney Hawkins, Jesse Herrman, Jordan Myers, Molly Nicholls, Chantal Soubrouillard, Ryan Tooley.

Freshman Honors: Ryan Atkins, Tyler Douthitt, Michael Flint, Christina Giuffre, Samantha Hannah, Justin Tutrow, Allison Wendel.



Ed Clark representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.



PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY PITCH-IN AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON DECEMBER 11th. A special flyer is in this week's bulletin. **We will also use this opportunity to celebrate the successful completion of the first year of our Capital Campaign.** We will be updating all parishioners regarding our campaign finances and the status of our church constructions projects.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Friday, December 9th is a Holy Day of Obligations. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm. There will NOT be an anticipation Mass. Following the evening Mass, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will end with Benediction @ 8:45pm. All are invited to pray with the Respect Life Committee for an end to abortion, euthanasia, capital punishment and all sins against life

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

Thank you for your generosity in the collection for Thanksgiving Day. \$791.00 was donated to help us assist the poor during this holiday season.

Please return your gifts for the giving tree program next weekend at any of the Sunday Masses, or drop them off at the parish center **NO LATER THAN Monday, December 11th**. Please be sure the original giving tree tag is securely fastened to the outside of the package. Kindly be sure to return the gifts. Someone will have to do last-minute shopping for any tags not returned.

We hope to provide some food assistance to the families on our giving tree. Donations of canned fruit, canned gravy, boxes of instant potatoes and stuffing mix and other non-perishable food will be appreciated. They can be dropped off in the gathering area in church or at the parish center.