



Dear Parish Family,

Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. Our Thanksgiving Liturgy will be at 9:00 a.m. Please try to attend.

When I was a child, the Church did not have a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy. The Mass was just the Mass of the day. When I was very young, very few Catholics attended Mass on Thanksgiving. As the years passed, I noticed that more and more parishioners were choosing to attend Mass on Thanksgiving. Eventually, the Church developed a special Thanksgiving Day Liturgy.

The United States and each of its citizens have much for which to be grateful. God has blessed us in so many ways. An obvious blessing is our prosperity as a nation. The freedoms we enjoy, and often taken for granted, are another blessing. For example, recently a columnist made the point that one of our blessings is our ability to have free elections and an orderly transition of power. If you are able, please try to attend Mass Thursday to thank God for the blessings we enjoy, especially freedom and prosperity.

Last Saturday at the 5 p.m. Mass, Little Flower had the privilege of celebrating two 60th wedding anniversaries: John and Alvina Wurz and Joe and Mary Veerkamp. Both couples are long-time parishioners of Little Flower. Coincidentally, their oldest daughters were both members of the Little Flower Class of 1962.

As Catholics, we believe that marriage is a sacrament. The love of a Christian man and woman for each other in marriage signifies and embodies Jesus' love for the Church. In other words, their love for each other not only is a sign of Jesus' love for the Church but actually makes that love real and present in the world. We want to thank Mary and Joe and Alvina and John for being sacraments of Jesus' love not only within their families but also to the Little Flower community. Congratulations!!

This weekend our RCIA will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance. Although they have been attending class since September, today they are formally asking to be accepted into the catechumenate in preparation for reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. As we congratulate them, as a community, we promise them our prayers and support on their faith journey.

Next Sunday, our high school Confirmation candidates will celebrate their Rite of Enrollment in our Confirmation program. This represents their formal enrollment as candidates for Confirmation. As a community, we promise them our prayers and support on their faith journey.

Finally, if you have not returned your stewardship card, please do so as soon as possible.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

fr. bob

MASS INTENTIONS

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 20 – NOV 26, 2006

- 20 Nov Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 am Norbert Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 21 Nov Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Edward Farrell by Dorothy Lux
- 22 Nov Wednesday**
8:30 am Anne McAllen by John & Beryl McAllen
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Nov Thursday**
9:00 am Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
- 24 Nov Friday**
8:30 am Cliff Hassfurther by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spalding
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 25 Nov Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
Vigil: Christ the King
5:00 pm James Gilday
- 26 Nov Sunday: Christ the King**
8:30 am Matej Triska by Arcelia Triska
10:30 am Mary Edith Williams by The Ushers at 10:30 Mass
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER 20 – NOVEMBER 26, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	John 23rd	6:30pm - 7:30pm	First Reconciliation Prep Non- School
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVdP meeting
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Webelos
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer group
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Trp #258
	John 23rd	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Association
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday	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
Thursday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout Meeting
		Happy	Thanksgiving
	Parish Office	and	School closed
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Parish Office	and	School closed
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Church	6:00 pm	Confirmation Rite of Enrollment
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Prep with sponsors

THE THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On the weekend of November 25th and 26th, the Solemnity of Christ the King, lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, and arts and environment ministers will be commissioned at all Masses. (Because of their special role, Eucharistic ministers will be commissioned next spring at the Holy Thursday liturgy.) Please plan to come forward for a special blessing at whatever Mass you attend.



Christmas Choir will begin on Tuesday, November 21st. It 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.

**HELP
Needed**

The Gabriel Project

With the end of the garage sale season and the increase of mothers needing supplies, we are having a critical shortage of cribs, crib bedding, strollers, highchairs, and car seats. If you or someone you know have items to donate, please contact Carla Carter, at 946-1111. Thank you.

Lectors will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of December 3rd. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.

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

YOUTH CHOIR - Youth choir will practice on be Sunday, November 19th in church, from 7pm until 8:30 pm. New members are always welcome. Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, November 26th. Please meet at 5pm in Church.

**Annual Catholic Charismatic Renewal retreat - open to all!
Recovering Bethlehem's Peace: An Advent Healing Retreat"
December 1-3, 2006**

Advent can be a time for losing our peace: frantic shopping, missing loved ones no longer with us, sending cards reminding us of strained relationships, and even focusing on Christ in a stable but finding little time to prepare our own hearts. This advent retreat will focus on the Joyful Mysteries to recover inner peace and joy despite the outer poverty and closed doors of Bethlehem. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening and concludes after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$150.00 per person or \$275.00 per married couple. Includes program, book, materials, meals and overnight accommodations.



The family of Matej Triska would like to thank Fr. Bob, Georgia Impicliche, and Teresa Eckrich, for the beautiful service. It was very comforting to all of the family.

**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 11 th and 12 th	check back next week
Electronic Contribution 10/17 to 10/23	check back next week
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of November 5 th)	\$ 259,350.00
Year to Date Collections (as of November 5 th)	\$ 256,616.03
Year to Date (current fiscal year)	\$ - 2,733.94
COLLECTION SHORTFALL FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR	\$ - 5,664.85

To date, only about 275 stewardship cards have been returned. If you did not receive a card, extra ones are available at each of the doors. Please take just a few minutes to return your card as soon as possible. For our parish to plan realistically, it is critical that all registered parishioners return a completed pledge card. Returning your card as soon as possible will be a great help to us and will lessen the task of following up on cards that have not been returned. A few minutes of your time will save many for us. THANK YOU!

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	\$ 1,075.00

The home improvement fund is being used to purchase and install new windows in Fr. Bob's office. The windows in the parish center are quite old and not very energy efficient. This combined with the north exposure of that office has made for a very cold space during the winter. Thanks to your generosity, this should result in much more comfortable and energy economical space!

The next confirmation meeting will be for candidates and sponsors on November 26th. We will begin at Mass which will include the rite of enrollment. We will conclude our session by 9pm.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 27th 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.



Please welcome the following children, who were baptized into our Christian Community, on Sunday, November 12, 2006; William Dean, son of Shawn and Lisabeth (Armstrong) Cheever and Hunter Michael, son of Megan Reese.



SAVE THE DATE!
PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTER THE 10:30 MASS ON DECEMBER 10th. Details will be in next week's bulletin