

Dear Parish Family,

Today we are celebrating the Mass of the Feast of St. Therese as the beginning of our Little Flower Novena. Please check out the Novena schedule elsewhere in the bulletin. The Little Flower Novena was an important part of the spiritual life of the parish from the beginning.

The 1945 Jubilee Brochure describes the first Little Flower Novena:

The first public novena in honor of the Little Flower came to a close on her feast, September 30, 1927. Crowds from all over the city participated in this novena, the average nightly attendance being about 700. Closing night, an estimated 1500 persons were present.

I want to strongly encourage everyone to attend the Novena. The Novena is a good opportunity to honor St. Therese, our patron saint, to thank God for all the blessings we have received through her intercession, and to ask her to continue to ask God to bless us.

This Saturday is our annual Neighborhood Appreciation Cookout this Saturday, September 29, from 12 to 4 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to thank our neighbors for their support of our festival and other events. The KID'S BMW Van will be here to make a Child ID card for your children. Please check out the cookout announcement for further details.

Many times we hear people say that Little Flower needs more social events for parishioners. The PTO will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, October 6, from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Please mark your calendars, and help support our PTO, which supports Little Flower School. The PTO is hoping to welcome many parishioners after the Saturday evening Mass.

If you have not marked your calendars, please mark them for Saturday, October 20. Archbishop Daniel will celebrate the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and bless our new altar. This Mass will be followed by our annual parish appreciation dinner, to which all are invited.

Last Sunday was the Archdiocesan Golden Anniversary Mass. Did you see parishioners Charles and Betty McMahon, married 64 years, interviewed on WISH news? They gave great answers.

Finally, the Bishops of the Province of the Indiana have decided to increase the ordinary stipend for Mass, i.e., the ordinary offering for a Mass, from \$5 to \$10. Archbishop Daniel asks that this increase be effective on October 1, 2007. For a more complete explanation of Mass stipends and the change, please check out Archbishop Daniel's column in last week's *The Criterion*.

Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Bob

ALTAR DEDICATION AND APPRECIATION DINNER!

On Saturday, October 20th, Archbishop Daniel will be here at Little Flower for our 5:00 pm Mass. He will be here to consecrate our new altar. Following Mass, we will have our annual appreciation/feast day dinner in Duffy Hall.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him, O Lord!
Please pray for the family of Dale Payton,
buried from Little Flower on September 15.

**Free Books for Little Flower School**

Help Little Flower School earn \$400.00 in FREE books by placing a Market Day order this month. Order Forms are available at the side doors of Church. Orders are due by Sept. 30th and can be dropped off at Church, the School Office and Parish Center. Or you can place your order at www.marketday.com. If you have any questions please call Sarah Stevenson at 862-1962.

This year the Novena schedule will be as follows:

Sunday, Sept. 23rd: Mass for the Feast of St. Therese (at all Masses). Novena prayers for Day 1 during Mass.

Mon-Fri Sept. 24th-28th: Novena and Communion Service at 5:30 PM

Sat. Sept. 29th: Novena and Communion Service at 8:30 AM

Sun. Sept. 30th: Novena at 9:45 AM

Mon. Oct. 1st: Formal Closing of the Novena 5:30 PM Novena prayers and Benediction--no Communion service. First Communion students will drop flower petals in the opening procession.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Leah Marie, daughter of Dawn Bruce, baptized on Sunday, September 9, 2007 and Joseph Thomas, son of John and Laura (Richards) Mervilde and Eligah David, son of Greg and Sara (Nienaber) baptized on Sunday, September 16, 2007.

**Mass Intentions****MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT 24 – SEPT 30, 2007**

24 Sept	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
25 Sept	Tuesday
8:30 am	Delia Gilday
5:30 pm	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
26 Sept	Wednesday
8:30 am	Matej Triska by Arcella Triska
5:30 pm	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
27 Sept	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	at Crestwood – In Thanksgiving by Rita Gibson
5:30 pm	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
28 Sept	Friday
8:30 am	George Lester by Dave and Kay Andres
5:30 pm	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
29 Sept	Saturday
8:30 am	Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
	Saturday Vigil: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Brigid Semmers by Noreen Murphy
30 Sept	Sunday – The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Intentions of Bud Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
10:30 am	Tom Reese by Pat Reese
6:00 pm	For the People



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, September 24th 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.



If you have a child in 2nd grade or higher, who has not made their 1st Communion or Reconciliation, and does not attend Little Flower School, please call Lisa at the parish center for a registration form. Those registered before Sept. 28th will be in the Opening Procession for the formal closing of the St. Therese Novena on Monday, Oct. 1st. More details to follow.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DATES TO REMEMBER
September 24 – 30, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Scouts Back to School Night
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
	Holy Family	7:30 pm	Cub Scout Committee
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #787
	SchoolRm102	6:00 pm	Ladies Craft Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Mtg
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Mtg
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Lawn	12 - 4 pm	Neighborhood Cookout
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

Mark Your Calendar!


PTO will host a Spaghetti Dinner on October 6th. Watch the bulletin for more details.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH IS SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL BLANKET SUNDAY. You are invited to bring blankets, bedspreads, sheets, pillows, pillow cases and towels and washcloths for needy families to church next weekend. Please put items in a bag, with the bag clearly marked as to what is inside. **THANK YOU!**

Cub Scouts

Attention Parents! Do you have a boy in grades 1 through 5 who might be interested in Cub Scouts? Scouting in the world's best character building program. There will be an information meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25th at 7pm in the cafeteria. Leaders will be available to answer your questions and take registrations. You do not need to be a student at Little Flower School to join our Pack.

Neighborhood Weiner Roast

 Please join us on Saturday, September 29 from 1pm until 4pm (rain or shine) on the lawn to share a meal and meet our neighbors. See the bulletin insert for more information.

LOST

On Friday, September 14th a family bible was left in the Adoration Chapel by mistake. It has a dark red cover, and is large print. Please call JoAnn Milligan at 359-3873 with any information.

THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

It's time for the next issue of our parish newsletter. Here is how you can help! Any parish organization or parishioner may submit the information/articles to the editor for review and publication. **Deadline for submission for the next issue is September 28th.** You may submit via e-mail to lfp parishnews@yahoo.com or the parish center to the attention of Debbie Burks. Don't let this great communication vehicle "wither" away. Submit your group's news as soon as possible to insure that our newsletter's success!



Halloween Party

Are you a party planner? Is Halloween one of your favorite holidays? If you answered "yes" to either of those questions, we have a deal for you! The annual Little Flower Halloween Party for school and neighborhood children is coming up on October 31, and we need lots of "spooky" folks to make it a success. If you'd like to help out, please call Georgia at the parish center for more information!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of September 8 th and 9 th	\$ 10,238.00
Electronic Contribution 9/5 to 9/11	\$ 395.00
Collection of September 15 th and 16 th	\$ 11,440.07
Electronic Contribution 9/12 to 9/18	\$ 3,176.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 163,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 154,334.71
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ -9,465.29

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$ 1,571.00
July Contributions	\$ 1,314.00
August Contributions	\$ 1,375.00
September Contributions	\$ 1,122.00

Recently one of the six HVAC unit condensers went out on the church. Unfortunately, it was out of warranty. Through the donated labor of Tom and Jerry Bullock through donated labor, we will be able to keep the cost lower than it would have been. However, the cost is still significant (around \$3,000) and this will be funded from your contributions to the home improvement fund! A big thanks also to Tom and Jerry!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 7/30/2007

Amount Pledged	\$884,365.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$479,675.00

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - will sing at the 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 23rd and Sunday, October 7th. Please meet at 5pm in church.

Youth room will be open on Sunday, September 23rd after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. Plan to stop in.

CONFIRMATION will begin soon. Confirmed High School youth who are interested in helping with this year's class, please call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org. Please respond quickly.