



All mankind shall see the **SALVATION OF GOD.**

Dear Parish Family,

This Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Mary as the Immaculate Conception is the Patroness of the United States. In these challenging economic times,

I would strongly encourage everyone to attend Mass this Monday. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, December 14, is the presentation of the Thie Awards at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and the annual Parish Christmas Party after Mass. Please come to the Parish Christmas Party if possible. It is a great opportunity to get together as a parish and have a nice lunch. A band concert will follow the Christmas Party.

Our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will join us. Also, this year's First Communion Class will make their First Confession at this time. Seven priests will be available to help with Confessions. Little Flower will not host a Lenten Penance Service. The Lenten Penance Service will be either at Our Lady of Lourdes or St. Bernadette.

Have a wonderful week!

fr. bob

BABY JESUS HAD NO CRIB

"Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)

"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head." Jesus had no crib and there is nothing we can do to change that fact. Many Gabriel Project babies also have no cribs and we can do something about it. The Gabriel Project is looking for 50 cribs for the Indianapolis area.

In the spirit of Christmas, please check your attic, basement, garage and spare bedroom. If you have an **old crib still in safe, working condition**, please take time to get it out, clean it up and call Anita Moody, Regional Coordinator for the Gabriel Project at 317-918-0997. Anita will tell you where you can deliver the crib. If you don't have a crib, but can help pick-up and deliver a crib, please call Anita as well. We ask that the cribs be no more than 10 years old due to safety issues

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Don't forget to come to the parish Christmas Party on Sunday, December 14 after the 10:30am Mass. This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends over a nice lunch. The menu will be meat, potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls and beverage. Please bring a dessert to share! Santa will be there to visit with the young kids and the young at heart. Door prizes will be given, but you can't win if you don't come! Following the lunch, members of our school band will show off their musical skills with a Christmas concert. Don't miss out on all the fun!



Session 2 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, December 7th** following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center.

a BIG THANKS

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Little Flower would like to thank everyone for their donations of food for Thanksgiving.

We helped 75 families have a happier Thanksgiving.



Masses of the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 8 – DEC. 14, 2008

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| 08 December | Monday-Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception |
| 8:30 am | Eileen Reel by Doug and Becky Stroud |
| 6:00 pm | For the People |
| 09 December | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Father Bill Cleary |
| 10 December | Wednesday |
| 7:00 am | Communion Service |
| 11:00 am | Adventurous Group – Betty Gavaghan by Floyd and Donna Brown |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 11 December | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | All Family Souls by Samuel |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 12 December | Friday |
| 8:30 am | Rosie Clegg by Darlene Kunstek |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 13 December | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil- Third Sunday of Advent |
| | Rita Ernestes by Bob and Bobbie Lawless |
| 14 December | Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30 am | Bonnie Richmond by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillon |
| 10:30 am | Margaret Jane Hazel by The Ladies Club |
| 6:00 pm | For the People |



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

PLEASE return giving tree gifts to church NEXT weekend, December 13th and 14th. This deadline is very important as gifts need to be sorted for distribution. If necessary, gifts can be turned in at the parish center during business hours on Monday. THANK YOU for your generosity and for helping us to get the gifts distributed on time.

Mark Your Calendars – We will decorate the church for Christmas at 6:30pm on Monday, December 22nd. Volunteers will be needed!

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday, December 17th and Wednesday, December 24th.

Over the holiday, the office will be closed on December 25th and 26th, and on January 1st

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Please be aware that the deadline for bulletin submissions for the Holidays will be:

- Monday, December 15th at Noon for December 20th and 21st
- Wednesday, December 17th at Noon for December 27th and 28th
- Monday, December 22nd at Noon for January 3rd and 4th
- Monday, January 5th at Noon for January 10th and 11th

Please email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or send in writing any bulletin submissions to Lisa Gibbons.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Shelby Lynn, daughter of Todd Cline and Summer VanHorn baptized on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dates to Remember

December 7 - 14, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Monday	The	Immaculate	Conception
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Volleyball & Wrestling Sign-ups
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council
Thursday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	Gym	7:00 pm	Christmas Program
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	Ladies Club	Flower	Collection at all Masses
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
	Ladies Club	Flower	Collection at all Masses
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	11:30 am	Parish Christmas Party
	Gym	1:30 pm	Band Concert
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates

Breakfast with Santa



Seccina Memorial High School Cafeteria
 Saturday December 13, 2008 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
 Admission is an unwrapped gift that will be donated to Catholic Social Services Christmas Store.

Order Scrip to Benefit Little Flower School

Remember to order your Barnes & Noble scrip now for the Little Flower Book Fair on Sat., Dec. 13th at the Barnes & Noble store at Clearwater Crossing 3748 E. 8nd Street. The school receives 9% of each \$10 and \$25 gift card sold through scrip. In addition, the school earns 10% of all sales to Little Flower supporters the day of the book sale. What a great way to help our students reach their goal of 1 million minutes of reading and help Little Flower School! There are a few gift cards available in the school and parish office to purchase or you may turn in a Scrip Order on Tuesday with delivery on Friday.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, December 7th. Please meet in church at 5pm. We will also practice on Sunday, December 21st from 7pm until 8:30pm in church. New members are always welcome.

The return of Youth Room will take place over the holiday break. Watch the bulletin for details.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of November 22 nd and 23 rd	\$ 10,648.71
Electronic Contribution 11/18 to 11/24	\$ 622.00
Collection of November 29 th and 30 th	\$ 10,694.30
Electronic Contribution 11/24 to 11/30	\$ 472.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 308,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 291,226.71
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 16,773.29

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,239.00
September Contributions	\$ 1,102.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,354.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 8/31/2008

Amount Pledged \$903,685.00

Amount Received on Pledges \$693,346.00

If you have not completed and returned your stewardship card, please do so as soon as possible. Extra intention cards are available at each of the church doors.

LITTLE FLOWER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

The Athletic Association will be holding sign ups for the upcoming **Girl's Volleyball and Boy's Wrestling season**. The sign ups will be held on December 9th at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Please remember that all sports fees are due at sign ups, also if you are unable to make to the sign ups you may send sports fees to school with your child. If you have any questions please contact Tim Smith at trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net.

LFAA In Need of Volleyball Coaches

Anyone interested in coaching girls volleyball this season is asked to contact Kim Tice, Girls AD at 345-0917 by the Wednesday, December 3rd deadline.

Adventuresome Group Annual Christmas Party

The Adventuresome Group annual Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 10th. We will begin the festivities with Mass at 11:00am followed by lunch prepared by Peggy. Fr. Bob will read a Christmas story to some of our school children. All adults in attendance will receive a gift. Take some time out of your busy schedule to celebrate with friends. Please call the Parish Center to RSVP.

A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult time in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 23 -

25 call 489-6811 or email register@Retroindy.com or visit
the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.