

LORD, make us turn
to you; let us see your face
and we shall be **SAVED**.

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. During Advent, we prepare to celebrate Jesus' historical birth on Christmas, look forward to his future and final coming in glory, and, most importantly, prepare to welcome him anew in our lives this Christmas season.

Wednesday we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier. St. Francis Xavier is one of the principal patrons of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He was one of the founding members of the Jesuits and preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. He died in 1552. With St. Therese, he is co-patron of the foreign missions.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Attention college students and young adults of the
Archdiocese of Indianapolis**

You are invited on a March for Life Pilgrimage to Washington D.C. from January 20-22, 2009 for a trip of a LIFETIME as we march in peaceful and prayerful support of the dignity of all human life from conception to natural death. Go to www.archindy.org/exchange for information and registration.



Ladies Night Out and Bake Sale

The Ladies Club will be having their Christmas Party on December 4th at 6:30pm in Duffey Hall. Please join us for fun, fellowship, good food, and entertainment. Babysitting will be provided. Please bring a \$5 gift exchange and

an ornament for the tree.

Our Christmas Bake Sale is December 6th and 7th. We need all kinds of baked goods especially fudge and bread makers. You may drop off in the back of church on Saturday or Sunday. Hope to see you all there.

RUN the Good Race...for Vocations!

All are invited to join Father Rick Nagel for the Indianapolis mini-marathon on May 2, 2009 to run for Vocations! The 2nd Annual Run for Vocations is sponsored by the Young Adults of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Last year was a GREAT success with 90 runners and over 30,000 prayers pledged for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, sacred married life, and sacred single life! You can register online at www.500festival.com or by calling Courtney Mitchell at 236-1490.

Join a Run for Vocations Team! You can prepare to walk or run the 2009 Mini-Marathon in support of an increase in vocations. By joining a training team, you will get 16 weeks of training advice, weekly mileage goals, and a personalized training program that will get you ready to Run The Good Race...For Vocations. You must be registered for the 500 Festival Mini Marathon. Contact Ruth Hurrle at 791-9564 or ruhurrle@comcast.net for more information.

Mass Intentions



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 1 – DEC. 7, 2008

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| 01 December | Monday |
| 8:30 am | Anna Francis Gillin by Peggy R. Brennam |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 03 December | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Julia McNally |
| 04 December | Wednesday |
| 8:30 am | Ann Long by Clifford and Helen Rigsby |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 05 December | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 1:30 pm | Crestwood – Barney Deck by John and Ruthannah Keeves |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 06 December | Friday |
| 8:30 am | Betty Gavaghan by Paul and Georgian Georgescu |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 07 December | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil- Second Sunday of Advent
For the Intentions of Michael and Mary Ann Morissey by Madelynn Miller |
| 08 December | Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30 am | For the Deceased Members of the Withem Family by The Withem Family |
| 10:30 am | Rita Ernstes by The Little Flower Ladies Club |
| 6:00 pm | For the People |



The next **Adventuresome Group** get together will be on **Wednesday, December 10th**. We will begin with Mass at 11:00 followed by lunch prepared by Peggy Clegg & company! Fr. Bob will read a Christmas story to some of our school children. All adults in attendance will

receive a gift. Please mark your calendars and watch the bulletin for more details.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 23-25, 2009 please call 489-6811 or email register@Retrolndy.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

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 1st and 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dates to Remember

November 30 – December 7, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	11:30 am	Confirmation Retreat
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Volleyball & Wrestling Sign-ups
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	1 st Reconciliation Preparation
	Off Site	6:00 pm	SVDP
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	5:00 pm	7 th & 8 th Grade Girls – Parent Meeting
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girls Scouts #2441
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies #195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Athletic Association
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day Pick-Up
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Ladies Club	Bake Sale	At All Masses
	St. Therese	10:00 am	Little Flower Neighborhood Garden Club
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

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This weekend, our Christmas giving trees will be available in church. The giving trees will be moved to the front of church this year as a more visible sign of our obligation to assist those in need. You will be invited to take tags from the tree to help provide Christmas gifts for those less fortunate. See the insert in today's bulletin for more details.

On the weekend of December 14th there will be a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual appeal returns almost 95 percent of donations as grants to religious institutions. By 2023, religious orders may face more than \$20 billion in unfunded retirement liabilities. Please use the envelope provided in your regular packet and be as generous as possible.

LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 30th. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.

Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House

Please find below some of the retreats that are available at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House:

December 9, 2008 "A Season for Waiting...A Time for Expectation" The second program presented by Fatima Retreat House and The Benedict Inn: Faith Building Institutions (FBI) Fr. Jim Farrell, director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House, will present this Advent evening of reflection which will take place at The Benedict Inn. You can register for this program by calling The Benedict Inn at (317) 788-7581.

December 11, 2008 "Advent Dinner and Concert with Tony Avellana" join us for this 3rd Annual Dinner and Concert with Christian Music Artist Tony Avellana.

December 18, 2008 "Come away and rest awhile" Silent non-guided reflection day \$25 per person.

December 31, 2008-January 1, 2009 "Following the Star: Discovering Christ in our Midst" Fr. Jim Farrell, Director of Our Lady of Fatima Retreat House and Fr. John McCaslin, Pastor of St. Anthony and Holy Trinity Parishes in Indianapolis will be the presenters for this special overnight retreat. For more information about any program please visit their website at www.archindy.org/fatima where you can also register or by calling 545-0095.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of November 15th and 16th	\$ 10,671.81
Electronic Contribution 11/11 to 11/17	\$ 4,007.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 280,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 268,789.70
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 11,210.30

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,239.00
September Contributions	\$ 1,102.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,354.00
November Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,157.25

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.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, December 7th. Please meet in church at 5pm.



The next meeting for candidates and team only will be **Sunday, November 30th**. We will meet in the parish center at 11:30am and conclude by attending 6:00 pm Mass.

Session 2 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday
December 7th** at 7:15 pm. Please meet in the parish center.