

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

To bolster and create a greater *"Culture of Vocation"* in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, the Archdiocese is launching a parish Vocation Cross initiative today. All 151 parishes have been invited to pass a cross weekly from one family to another and to pray for vocations within the families and homes of our people for one year.

Each week one family will take home the Vocations Cross and a folder which will guide their prayers each day. The prayers will be accompanied by a DVD which will have segments for each day to view. Topics include: Universal Call to Holiness, Priesthood, Religious Life, Sacred Married Life and Sacred Single Life. There will also be some possible discussion questions for the family to toss around after they have viewed the DVD segment for that day. In between times, the cross will be displayed in a prominent place in the home so that everyone is reminded throughout the week to pray for vocations. The following Sunday the Vocations Cross is passed from one family to another family.

To include the entire parish, we will pass the cross for three months at each Mass, beginning with the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Families will have the opportunity to sign up in the gathering area for a specific week. The families who sign up will need to attend that Mass both the weekend they receive the cross and the weekend they hand on the cross. We are asking the family handing on the cross to call and remind the family receiving the cross.

I hope fifty-two families will choose to participate in this initiative over the next twelve months.

On Thursday, September 7, I installed the officers of the Ladies Altar Society and Social Club. This is longest existing parish organization. Every year I am amazed at how much money they are able to raise. Each year, after providing for decorations for the altar and church, one of their primary missions, they make a large contribution to the parish to help us meet our operating expenses.

Finally, thanks to all those who prepared and hosted Georgia's farewell reception. These include the Ladies' Club, the Monday Evening Prayer Group, the Wednesday Morning Bible Study, the Funeral Luncheon committee, the Adventuressome Group, and the Franciscan Associates. If I have omitted any group, I apologize.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY COMING TO LITTLE FLOWER!
 As outlined last week in Fr. Bob's letter, the parish council is undergoing a planning process that is based on discovering Little Flower Parish's strengths. Part of this process involves parishioners who will be going out to interview other parishioners about their positive experiences at Little Flower. Those who are to be interviewed will be selected randomly. However, if you would like to be listed as one of the parishioners to be interviewed, please contact the parish office at 357-8352. This would involve your answering a series of questions and would take approximately one hour.



The family of John K. Wurz would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of your prayers, visits, cards, supportive words, and kindness during his illness and recent passing. A special thank you to Fr. Bob and Tom Costello for the beautiful funeral Mass. For those who prepared the luncheon

it meant so much during the most difficult time. Little Flower was his parish home for almost 60 years and words cannot begin to express how we feel about our Little Flower Family. --The Family of John Wurz



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15 – 21, 2008

- 15 September Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Jordan
- 16 September Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Wurz by Jon Bowling
- 17 September Wednesday**
8:30 am Anne Sanders
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 18 September Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Greentree – Frances Meyers
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 19 September Friday**
8:30 am Charles and Mary O'Hara by James O'Hara
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 20 September Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil-** Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Anna Gillin by Dottie Spalding
- 21 September Sunday** – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Bud McMahon by Theresa Austin
10:30 am Kathryn Michaelis by Debbie Liddy
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

September 14 - 21, 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
Monday	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Franciscan Associates
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Assoc.
Wednesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Brownies #02443
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Friday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Weblos
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
	Gym	7:00 pm	Girls Basketball Camp
Saturday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parking lot	8:00 am	Adult Kickball
	Parish	9:30 am	Cheerleading Practice
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy

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	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education

RESERVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!

Saturday October 4th

5:00 pm Mass with dinner following!
Come celebrate our parish feast AND
the SUCCESSFUL completion of
our church masonry repairs

SEE INSERT IN TODAY' BULLETIN AND RSVP SOON!

Saturday November 8th

Annual Little Flower School
All-Class reunion
Details to follow

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of September 6 th and 7 th	\$ 13,951.59
Electronic Contribution 9/1 to 9/8	\$ 3,888.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 140,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 132,867.84
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 7,132.16

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$ 1,327.00
July Contributions	\$ 1,242.81
August Contributions	\$ 1,239.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$ 706.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 7/30/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,585.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$680,403.00



We did not make our goal, but please continue to recycle your paper and ask your friends, neighbors, and family to use our recycling bins. The parish realized over \$1,300.00 in income from paper recycling over the past six months. THANK YOU!

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected
Total for period	59.59 tons	46.50 tons

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice from 7:00pm until 8:30om on Sunday, September 21st. New members are always welcome!

CONFIRMATION preparation 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.



FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a child in 2nd grade or higher, who has not made their 1st Communion

or Reconciliation, please call Lisa at the parish center for a registration form. (Children in 2nd grade at Little Flower School brought home a registration form on Monday, Sept 8th.) Those registered before Sept. 26th will be in the Opening

Procession for the formal closing of the St. Therese Novena on Wednesday, Oct. 1st. More details will follow.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, September 29th 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.

Catechetical Sunday

On September 20-21, 2008, Little Flower will join with parishes throughout our diocese and the country to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." **During all weekend Masses we will recognize and commission all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish.** We will also recognize the role parents and guardians play in handing on the faith to the children and youth in our parish. Take a minute and thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our children, youth, and adults.

BOSART ENTRANCE RENOVATION

If you have not noticed, the renovation of the school's Bosart Street Entrance is nearly complete. It seems that several parishioners missed the opportunity to support this project through the purchase of a personalized paver to be included in the main sidewalk. Now that we have had the opportunity to visualize the new sidewalk, we have had requests from parishioners who would still like to be a part of it.

We are currently taking orders for those who would still like to be included. We ask that you fill out an order form and make payment at this time. As soon as we have enough orders to have the next group of pavers engraved, we will do so. We are unable at this time to know exactly when that will be.....it is dependent on how many orders we receive and how small a batch our supplier is willing to do. Order forms are available at each of the church doors, or by calling the parish office at 357-8352. Thank You.

DO YOU LOVE TO IRON?

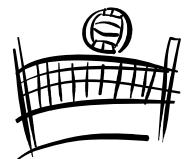


Kathy Mears, our faithful washer and ironer for all our sacristy linens needs to hand over this important project to someone new. Thanks, Kathy, for all your faithful service!

We are looking for someone willing to take on the task of picking up our sacristy linens, (mostly towels and linen purificators) each Monday, washing and ironing them, and returning them to church on Friday. A significant amount of ironing is involved in that more than 30 purificators (about the size of a handkerchief) need to be washed and ironed each week. If you would be willing to take on this job, please call Tom at the parish center at 357-8352!

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Final Sign-Up for Little Flower Adult Volleyball will be this Friday, September 19th at 8pm in the school gymnasium. You must be a high school graduate; 19 years of age or older to participate. Cost is \$10.00 a person, we play Friday nights between 8pm to 10pm. First week of games will be



Friday, September 26th. For more information please call Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124.