

Dear Parish Family,

Every family has family traditions. Likewise, every parish has parish traditions. One of the most important traditions of Little Flower Parish is our annual novena to St. Therese.

Over the years, Little Flower Parish has been very blessed, and these blessings continue today. The successful renovation of our sanctuary, the replacement of the bricks on the church, and the restoration of the original entrance to the school are among our recent blessings. Besides these brick and mortar blessings, although smaller, our parish and school continue to thrive. During our novena to St. Therese, we thank God for all his blessings upon our parish through her intercession and ask God's continued blessings upon us through her intercession.

This year's Little Flower Novena will begin this Tuesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. with the Little Flower Novena and a Communion service. Please note the schedule for the novena elsewhere in the bulletin. The Solemn Closing of the Novena will be at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, the Feast of St. Therese. The Solemn Closing will include a procession, the Novena Prayers, and Benediction.

In addition, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Therese at all the weekend Masses on the weekend of October 4-5.

Our annual Appreciation Dinner will be Saturday evening, October 4, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Before Mass, we will place the final brick in the church and bless the church. This dinner will be a celebration of all that we have accomplished through your generosity to the *Legacy for Our Mission* campaign: the replacement of the bricks and the renovation of the sanctuary.

All are invited to the dinner. Because this dinner is a special celebration, it is important that we have an accurate count. Therefore, if you plan to attend, please call the parish office with the number of attendees by September 30th.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

On Sunday, October 12th, there will be a meeting for all young adults and their parents who might be interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation preparation is open to all youth in grades 9 thru 12. The meeting will take place in the school cafeteria and will begin at 7:15 pm. Attendance at this meeting is essential for anyone who wants to prepare for Confirmation in the spring of 2009. Please call Tom at the parish center if you have questions.



Catechetical Sunday

This weekend, 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.



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.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22 – 28, 2008

- 22 September Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Marcia Duncan by Maureen Duncan
- 23 September Tuesday**
8:30 am Delia Gilday
5:30 pm Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
- 24 September Wednesday**
8:30 am In Thanksgiving of the 20th Wedding Anniversary of Ken and Rita Gibson
5:30 pm Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
- 25 September Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Crestwood – Sr. Francis Ellen Hannigan by Betty Murphy
5:30 pm Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
- 26 September Friday**
8:30 am Elizabeth Mauer by Mildred Mauer
5:30 pm Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
- 27 September Saturday**
8:30 am Little Flower Novena and Communion Service
Vigil- Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Jerry Forestal by The Quill Family
- 28 September Sunday** – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Mary E. Griffin by Tom Griffin and Family
10:30 am Tom Reese by Pat Reese
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

September 21 - 28, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Catechetical	Sunday	Blessing at all Masses
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
Monday	Gym	5:15 pm	Cheerleading Practice
	Duffey Hall	5:30 pm	Girl Scout Registration
	Duffey Hall	5:30 pm	PTO Walkathon Prep
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Troop 195
	Gym	5:30 pm	Cheerleading Practice
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
	Gym	7:00 pm	Girls Basketball Camp
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	First Communion Parent Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Gym	9:30 am	Cheerleading Practice
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education

LITTLE FLOWER NOVENA SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday, September 23rd-26th
 Novena and Communion Service 5:30 PM
 Saturday, September 27th
 Novena and Communion Service 8:30 AM
 Sunday, September 28th
 Novena Prayers only 9:45
 Monday and Tuesday September 29th and 30th
 Novena and Communion Service 5:30 PM
 Wednesday, October 1st Solemn Closing AT 5:30 PM
 Novena Prayers and Benediction, no Communion Service -1st
 Communion students in the opening procession dropping rose petals.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	14,000.00
Collection of September 13 th and 14 th	\$	11,469.80
Electronic Contribution 9/1 to 9/8	\$	3,544.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	154,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	147,881.64
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$	- 6,118.36

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	1,327.00
July Contributions	\$	1,242.81
August Contributions	\$	1,239.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	978.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 7/30/2008

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

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice from 7:00pm until 8:30om on Sunday, September 21st. We will also sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 28th and Sunday, October 5th. Meet in Church at 5pm.

Youth Room will be open on Sunday, September 28th and Sunday, October 5th after the 6pm Mass and until 8:30 pm.

BIG EVENT

COME CELEBRATE!

Our annual celebration of our parish feast is coming up on Saturday evening, October 4th, beginning with the 5pm Mass. We are taking this opportunity to say thanks for all of you for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure throughout the year. We will also celebrate our wonderful accomplishment of the successful completion of the masonry restoration work on our church. After Mass, dinner will be provided in the social hall. Please RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352 or e-mail jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by September 30th. Please come - our celebration won't be complete without you!

Coming Events...

Saturday November 8th
 Annual Little Flower School
 All-Class reunion
 Details to follow!

ANNUAL PET BLESSING - OCTOBER 4th

On Saturday, October 4th, we will have our annual Blessing of Pets in honor of the Feast of St. Francis, patron saint of animals. We will begin at 9 am in the main parking lot.

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.

Seccina High School Annual Legacy Dinner

Seccina will hold its 13th Annual Legacy Dinner on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at Seccina. Tours of the newly renovated school will begin at 5:15 pm with dinner served at 6:30 pm. For reservations please call the Seccina Office for Advancement at 356-6377 ext. 1308 or email jmcquinness@seccina.org.

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 would 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.



Just a reminder that Coffee and Donuts is held almost every Sunday of the year following the 8:30am Sunday Mass. In this way it can also be enjoyed by those arriving early before 10:30 mass. This is a great opportunity for parish fellowship. Coffee and Donuts is funded from your free will offering that is accepted each week. Thanks for your participation and financial support.



CYO BOY'S BASKETBALL SIGN UPS

Boys in grades 4th through 8th who are interested in the upcoming Boys CYO Basketball Season please attend one of the sign ups that will be held on Monday, Sept. 29 or Monday, Oct. 6. Both of the sign up sessions will be held in the cafeteria at 6:30pm. If you have any questions or you need more info please contact Tim Smith at trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net. If you are unable to make either one of these sign ups please contact Tim and let him know that you will be sending the sign up fees with your child to school.