

Dear Parish Family,

I am happy to report that as of Monday, August 24, we had 200 students enrolled in Little Flower School. Our school budget was based on a projected enrollment of 193 students.

Today is the last Sunday of August. We are now two months into the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Although our annual stewardship program does not begin until October, I think it is important to give you a brief financial update.

As we all are aware, the Sunday collection is the primary source of income for the parish. During fiscal year 2008-2009, our budget required an average Sunday collection of \$14,000. At the time we developed the budget, this seemed to be a realistic, although challenging, goal. Of course, it was during the fiscal year that the United States economy went into a tailspin. However, because of your generosity, our collection deficit for all of last fiscal year was held to about \$25,000.

Last spring, because of the economy, the Finance Commission worked very hard to develop the most conservative budget possible. Because of their hard work, we were able to lower our weekly collection budget need from \$14,000 to \$13,750.

I am sorry to have to report that our collection deficit after eight weeks is already \$9,276.25. This means that we are averaging approximately only \$12,600 per week. We understand that income is always lower during the summer months. However, the size of the deficit is enough to already cause concern. If we continue like this, we will have a budget deficit of approximately \$60,000 on June 30, 2010.

Therefore, I am asking all of us to do our best to support the parish as generously as possible. When I was a child here at Little Flower, Fr. John had what he called the 3% club. He asked every wage earner to give 3% of his or her income in the Sunday collection. When I was very young, my father earned less than \$100 per week. I can remember how happy my parents were when he began making \$100 per week. However, I also remember my mother each Sunday putting \$3 in the collection envelope even though money was still extremely tight in our family. I understand that for many, if not most, of your money is very tight right now.

As part of our annual stewardship campaign in October, we will give you a more complete picture of our financial situation. However, because you have always been so generous, we were concerned and felt it was important enough to give you this information now. Again, all we ask is that you be as generous as possible.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Good News about Little Flower School: This past school year EVERY eighth grade student from Little Flower helped plan and participate in the Senior Citizens' Prom—*Young at Heart*.

In Memoriam

We remember our parishioner, **Patricia McClellan**, 68, who passed away on August 16th. Patricia was a life long member of Little Flower. Her funeral liturgy was held on August 20th. We also want to remember, **Amy Borreggine**, 50, who passed away on August 14th and whose funeral services were held on August 19th. May God welcome both, Patricia and Amy into His eternal glory and bring comfort and peace to their families and friends.



Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community or someone who has been away from the Church? **Our sessions begin on Tuesday, Sept 8th from 7–9pm.** All are welcome. If you have any questions, please call or email Lisa at 357-8352 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF August 31 – September 6, 2009

- 31 Aug. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Wurz by Alvina Wurz and Family
- 01 Sept. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Anthony Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 02 Sept. Wednesday**
8:30 am Carmine Taddeo by Brede Shanny Barnes
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 Sept. Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Charley Murphy by Charlie Ward
- 04 Sept. Friday**
8:30 am Stephen Schmidt by Betty Schmidt
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 05 Sept. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil** – The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dorothy Moody by The Family
- 06 Sept. Sunday** –The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am John Huser by Pat Gandolph
10:30 am Bud Moody by Dick and Kathy Stadler
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

August 30 – September 6, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish	11:30 am	Parish Picnic
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Property and Facilities
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Pitch-In and Meeting
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Youth Room	6:30 pm	Youth Room




The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7th.



Our Parish Picnic, sponsored by the Family Life Commission, will be on Sunday, August 30th, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Come and join us!

Ladies Club Pitch-In and Meeting

Ladies Club first meeting of the year will be Thursday, Sept. 3rd at 6:30 pm with a pitch-in dinner and meeting to follow. Please come and bring your favorite dish to share. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

 **Religious Education**

If you have a child entering Kindergarten through Eighth grade, that does not attend Catholic School; Little Flower offers Religious Education classes beginning Sunday, September 20th from 9:30 am to 10:25 am. The cost is \$40 per child. Please contact Lisa at 357-8352 or email lgibbons@litttleflowerparish.org to register.

 **First Communion**

If you have a son or daughter entering 2nd grade or above who has not made their First Eucharist please call Lisa at the Parish Center at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@litttleflowerparish.org for an enrollment form.



ALTAR SERVER MEETING AND SIGN UPS

Students entering 6th grade or above are invited to become Altar Servers. There will be an information meeting for parents and child on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9:30am in the Parish Center. Please come and check out this special ministry in our parish. If you have any questions please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@litttleflowerparish.org.

 **Confirmation**

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



The next **Adventurousome Group** get together will be on **Wednesday, September 9th**. We will be heading to Butch and Donna Brown's place near Bean Blossom, in Brown County, for a cookout. Hotdogs, buns, drinks, and chips will be provided. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Lawn chairs will be needed as well, so if you have one, please bring it. **The day will begin with Mass at 10:00am at Little Flower. Note the change in Mass time.** Following Mass, we will head south. We will carpool to Brown County. Don't miss out on this opportunity for a little rest, relaxation, and fellowship with friends! Please contact the Parish Center if you plan on attending, if you are available to drive, or if you have any questions.

YOUTH NEWS

(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 6th, meeting in church at 5pm,

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, September 6th, following the 6pm Mass, until 8:30 pm. **All are welcome.**

Coming Events...

Saturday, October 3rd – Annual Parish Feast Day and Appreciation Dinner. All are invited. Mark your calendars. Details to follow.

Saturday, November 9th, we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni!

Choir

This year is the 75th anniversary year for the Little Flower Adult Choir. Practices are on Tuesday nights from 7-8:30 PM. In the church, starting on Tuesday, September 8th and running through the feast of Pentecost in the spring. Anyone who loves to sing can become part of the choir—we all learn together. This year we especially need altos and 1st sopranos. If anyone has ever approached you in church and noticed that you should be in the choir, this is probably God's way of calling you. If you are interested in joining us, call Teresa Eckrich at 878-4755, or email at teckrich@litttleflowerparish.org. A folder, book seat and "buddy" will be waiting to welcome you in to this group. Don't miss this special year. See you in September.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of August 22 nd and 23 rd	\$ 8,251.03
Electronic Contribution 8/18 to 8/24	\$ 789.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 110,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 100,723.75
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ - 9,276.25

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$ 2,087.00
July Contributions	\$ 2,107.00
August Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,176.00

Your home improvement fund contributions have recently funded a new roof on the west end of the parish center. This completes the most critical exterior repairs to the parish center. The Home Improvement Fund will next be used to install donated carpet in the St. Therese meeting room on the first floor hallway of the parish center.

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 7/31/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$757,175.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$105,681.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

A special thank you this week goes to Rita Gibson. Rita voluntarily keeps the St. Patrick room decorating with lovely seasonal decorations in the windows. The St. Patrick room is one of the primary meeting rooms in the parish center, and the room to which we welcome families for funeral luncheons. Thanks, Rita!

You can help save lives! 40 Days for Life, Sept 23 to Nov 1, is a focused pro-life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, peaceful prayer vigils, and community outreach. We are praying that, with God's help, this groundbreaking effort will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city -- and throughout America. The kick off rally will begin at 2pm on Sept. 20th at St Augustine's Home, 2345 W 86th Street. During the 40 day prayer vigil, daily from 7am to 7pm at Planned Parenthood, 8590 Georgetown Road,

Little Flower Parish is asked to cover 7am-11am each Saturday. To sign up, or for more information, please visit www.40daysforlife.com/indianapolis