



Dear Parish Family,

This Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Masses will be on Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Immaculate Conception or Mary Immaculate is the patroness of the United States.

Thank you to all who took tags from the Giving Tree. Please bring back your Giving Tree gifts next weekend and place them around the altar.

The Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards will be presented next Sunday morning at the 10:30 a.m. Mass to nine deserving 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Next Sunday is also our annual Christmas Party in Duffey Hall after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please come and celebrate with your parish family. More complete information may be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

**Again, our Advent Penance Service will be Monday, December 14, at St. Bernadette.** This Penance Service will be a good opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas. The Lenten Penance Service will be here at Little Flower.

Finally, although stewardship cards continue to come in, at this time we have still only received 223 stewardship cards. The parish staff and lay leadership are striving to do their best to be fiscally responsible in these challenging economic times. Your completed stewardship cards help us to more accurately predict our income which, in turn, helps us control our expenses.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Good News about Little Flower School: The grand front entrance to Little Flower School was renovated entirely from contributions from friends and alumni. No debt was incurred.**

**Eucharistic Ministers--sign up sheets for the Christmas Masses are located in the Sacristy. Please sign up for a Mass. Merry Christmas to you and your family.**

### Barnes & Noble

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Little Flower School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble is Sunday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers and others will read aloud at 1pm at the Barnes & Noble, Clearwater Crossing, 3748 E. 82<sup>nd</sup> St. Little Flower students will sing Christmas carols throughout the store at 3 p.m. Students' artwork will be on display, and game tables will be set up near the cafe all afternoon. Your purchase will benefit Little Flower School. Coupons are available at the Church doors to be used at any Barnes & Noble on Dec.6<sup>th</sup>.

### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

- Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon for December 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Noon for December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>
- Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at Noon for January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon for January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Please email [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) or send in writing any bulletin submissions to Lisa Gibbons.



FOR THE WEEK OF December 7 - 13, 2009

<b>07 Dec.</b>	<b>Monday</b>
8:30 am	Susan Ravellette by Judy and Family
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>08 Dec.</b>	<b>Tuesday - The Immaculate Conception</b>
8:30 am	Pam Connel
6:00 pm	Charley Murphy by James and Mary Ann Burkhart
<b>09 Dec.</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
11:00 am	Adventurous Group – Carmine Taddeo by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>10 Dec.</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Crestwood – Bill Dugan
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>11 Dec.</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 am	For The Intentions of John O'Brien by Denis & Ita Moriarty
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>12 Dec.</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	<b>Vigil – Third Sunday of Advent</b> Denis Michael Foley by Rita Foley
<b>13 Dec.</b>	<b>Sunday – Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8:30 am	For the People
10:30 am	Bud and Dorothy Moody by Marguerite Shoemaker and Bette Smith
6:00 pm	Daniel Ross by The Scecina Cafeteria Staff



We offer our sympathy and condolences to Dottie Spalding on the death of her sister-in-law, **Marjorie Spalding**, who passed away on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Marjorie was 91 years young and a member of Little Flower for many years. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated at Little Flower on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Dottie and all of Marjorie's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Marjorie into His eternal glory!

**The parish office will close at noon on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**YOUTH CHOIR** will sing on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm Mass. Please meet in church at 5pm.

**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> in church from 7pm until 8:30. New members are always welcome. This is an important practice not only for Christmas Eve but for the entire Christmas Season

Please remember our parishioners who are homebound in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

**Sarah Kielas**

**Rosewalk at Lutherwood**

1301 N Ritter Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

**Next weekend, December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, there will be a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The average annual cost of care for women and men religious age 70 and over has more than doubled since 1989. Your donation provides critical support to religious institutions in meeting the escalating costs of elder care. Please pray for all religious and be as generous as possible, using the envelope provided in your regular packet**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Dates to Remember**

**December 6 - 13, 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
<b>Sunday</b>	Ladies Club	Bake Sale	after A.M. Masses	
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed.	
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation	
	<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
		Duffey Hall	6:15 pm	Wolf Scouts Martial Arts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA	
	Church	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Church/St. Patick	11:00 am	Adventuresome Group	
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts	
	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Respect Life	
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	LFAA Business Mtg	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Girl Scouts #799	
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council	
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II	
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study	
	Gym	7:00 pm	School Christmas Program	
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA	
<b>Friday</b>	Parish Center	Closes	At Noon	
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	
	Blood	Pressure	Screening at all Masses	
	Ladies Club	Christmas	Flower Collection	
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education	
	Duffey Hall	11:30 am	Parish Christmas Party	
	Duffey Hall	1:30 pm	Band Concert	
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates	



Session 3 for candidates and sponsors will be in the parish center from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm on **Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>**.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**



Please return your giving tree gifts next weekend. The gifts should be wrapped with the original tag from the tree attached to the outside of the package. All gifts must be returned to masses next weekend or to the parish office no later than the end of the business day on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. **THANK YOU** for your generosity and for helping us to get the gifts distributed on time.

**Seccina Holiday Music Performance**

You are invited to attend our Holiday Music Performance presented by the **Seccina Band and Choir, Sunday, December 13, 2009 at 3:30 pm** in the school gymnasium. We look forward to seeing you at the performance.

**SAINT OF THE MONTH:** Starting this weekend the Parish Life Commission will have a new Saint of the Month packet available at the doors of church for families to take home and do on their own. The packet will include information about the saint, activity sheets and coloring sheets. **During the month of November, the focus will be on saint Nicholas.** Please feel free to take a packet home today.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Collection of November 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 11,779.42
Electronic Contribution 11/17 to 11/23	\$ 1,414.00
Collection of November 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 10,348.00
Electronic Contribution	\$ 734.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 302,500.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 284,681.65
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT</b>	\$ - 17,818.35

**Home Improvement Fund**

<b>August Contributions</b>	\$ 2,244.00
<b>September Contributions</b>	\$ 2,030.85
<b>October Contributions</b>	\$ 2,006.00
<b>November Contributions</b>	\$ 2,229.00

It will help us immensely if you would return your stewardship card as soon as possible. **Less than 250 CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED.** We want to follow up with those who have volunteered, but really need to get the cards all together before beginning this effort. In addition, we need to know your intentions so we can adequately plan financially. **PLEASE HELP US!** Extra cards are available at each of the church doors you have misplaced yours. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A CURRENT STEWARDSHIP CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTED TUITION RATES AT LITTLE FLOWER AND SCECINA. THANK YOU!**

Mark your calendar! The Advent Penance Service for Little Flower, Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette will be on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at St. Bernadette.

**Thanks to all those families who helped with our Baptism emphasis for November.** The families contributed witness statements and displays. They are Torzewski (Drew & Amy), Hughey (David & Dora), VanSlambrook (Greg & Sara), Williamson (Steve & Cassidy), Cheever (Shawn & Lisabeth), Lyons, (Jeff & Katie) Minton (Cynthia), Bickel (Jason & Melissa), Johnson (Chris & Andrea), Brown (James & Ann), Rosenbaum (Steve & Michele). Our next emphasis will be the Sacrament of Ordination in January.

The next **Adventuresome Group** get together will be on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with Mass at 11:00 followed by lunch prepared by Peggy Clegg! 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.

**Attention Marsh shoppers!** If you have registered your Marsh Fresh Idea card to support Little Flower School, then you should know about an amazing deal. Marsh has launched a "Project 18" campaign in cooperation with the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. For all purchases of products that are "Project 18 approved" (they are marked in the store) you can earn double the points for Little Flower! This campaign will run through March 31, 2010. If you have not registered your Fresh Idea card to support Little Flower, it's never too late! Please, feel free to send your information or questions to Casady Williamson: 353-9841 or [casady@indy.rr.com](mailto:casady@indy.rr.com). Thank you for your support.