



Dear Parish Family,

At the 10:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, we welcome Dr. Martha Thie and the Thie family for the presentation of the *Joe and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Awards* to nine sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from Little Flower School.

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Monday evening, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. Please take advantage of this opportunity to prepare to welcome Christ into your hearts this Christmas by putting out of your lives whatever is selfish or sinful.

For the last several months, representatives from Scecina Memorial High School, Holy Spirit, Our Lady of Lourdes, and Little Flower have been meeting to look for ways of cooperating that will strengthen our individual schools in the areas of finance, development, and enrollment management. Tom Costello, Kevin Gawrys, and I have represented Little Flower. These meetings have been facilitated by Bob Shea, who recently conducted the Limited Institutional Review of Scecina Memorial High School, with input from the Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education. Our plan is to propose to the Archbishop the creation of an Eastside Catholic School Partnership whose mission will be to explore and implement strategies for cooperation in each of the above areas. Please note that each school will continue to be independent.

On January 17th, Tom Costello will mark his 10th anniversary of full-time ministry at Little Flower. Several months ago, Tom requested a one-month sabbatical to allow him to get some much needed, and I would add, much deserved rest and renewal. I immediately agreed to his request. Therefore, Tom will be out of the office from January 4th through February 3rd.

Since Tom will be gone on his anniversary, I hope as many of you as possible will take the opportunity to thank Tom for his ten years of dedicated full-time ministry at Little Flower before he begins his sabbatical. I do not think any of us, including me, are fully aware of all he does for the parish and for parishioners.

Have a wonderful week.
fr. bob



We extend our condolences and sympathy to Brenda Fowler on the death of her brother-in-law, Tom Gribbins, who passed away on November 26th and whose funeral was

December 1st at Shirley Brothers, Drexel Chapel. Please keep Brenda and all of Tom's family and friends in your prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Tom into His eternal glory.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

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

Please email gibbons@littleflowerparish.org or send in writing any bulletin submissions to Lisa Gibbons.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – WE WILL DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS AT 6:30PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 22ND. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED! We can use everyone's help, including a few folks that can climb ladders and able to lift heavy items.



FOR THE WEEK OF December 14 - 20, 2009

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| 14 Dec. | Monday |
| 7:00 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 7:00 pm | Penance Service at St. Bernadette |
| 15 Dec. | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Helen Sauer by The Kelly Family |
| 16 Dec. | Wednesday |
| 7:00 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | John Wurz by Fred and Floretta Burton |
| 17 Dec. | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 1:30 pm | A Deceased Priest |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 18 Dec. | Friday |
| 8:30 am | For The People |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 19 Dec. | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Advent Edward and Louetta Benson by the Benson Family |
| 20 Dec. | Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Advent |
| 8:30 am | For the People |
| 10:30 am | Julie Turk by Mary Wilson |
| 6:00 pm | Margie Miller by the Little Flower Ladies Club |

St. Vincent de Paul News

St. Vincent de Paul members would like to thank everyone who donated food for Thanksgiving. We filled 58 bags of food and gave a \$10.00 Kroger gift card to people in the Little Flower area.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Christmas Giving Tree this year. We have 62 families, 231 children, and 59 nursing home gifts. These gifts will make Christmas special to these families. The food donated is greatly appreciated as well.

HELP US MAINTAIN OUR VOTIVE CANDLES

We are experiencing some problems in church due to people bringing in their own votive candles. Often times these candles burn differently than the ones we purchase. As a result, they are breaking our votive candle cups and creating some messes that are difficult to clean up and can cause a safety risk. Our candles stands are maintained by volunteers almost daily. *Please do not bring your own candles in to church.*



Christmas is just around the corner and that means it is almost time for gifts for the "Baby Jesus". The Gabriel Project uses the items collected to provide much needed support to our Gabriel Project clients. If you would like to help please bring an unwrapped infant item to any of the Christmas Masses and place it in front of the manger. We are currently most in need of infant clothing for girls 0-3 months, onesies, baby bottles, crib sheets, and hygiene supplies. Thank you for your support!

Thursday Evening Bible Study will be doing a 12 week study of the Gospel of Luke. We meet at the Parish Center in the St. Patrick room from 6:30-8 pm beginning January 7th. The cost is \$15/person. The Study Set includes a study guide and a commentary. *Marked by the Compassion of Jesus*, the Gospel stories of Luke demonstrate the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Luke's focus on God's faithfulness will encourage you to trust. Please call Anita Moody to register by December 28th at 918-0997 or www.amoody19@yahoo.com.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ | 13,750.00 |
| Collection of December 5 th and 6 th | \$ | 14,828.69 |
| Electronic Contribution 12/1 to 12/7 | \$ | 4,969.25 |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ | 316,250.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ | 304,479.59 |
| YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT | \$ | - 11,770.41 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| August Contributions | \$ | 2,244.00 |
| September Contributions | \$ | 2,030.85 |
| October Contributions | \$ | 2,006.00 |
| November Contributions | \$ | 2,229.00 |
| December Contributions (to date) | \$ | 1,632.50 |



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, December 28th 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 February.

Last year's Christmas Choir CD, *Christmas Through the Rose Window*, are still available for sale in the Parish Office. The CD makes a great last minute gift, and all proceeds benefit the tuition assistance fund here at Little Flower. The cost is \$15 for the Christmas CD and \$20.00 for a combination of the choir's first CD and the Christmas CD

FROM THE LADIES CLUB

Thanks to everyone for their support of the Christmas Bake Sale and Raffle. It was huge success profiting over \$900.00!

Raffle winners are:

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| Basket of Canned Goods | Charlotte Allstatt |
| Christmas Wreath | Dot Fulner |
| Snowman Cookie Jar | Judy Rathz |
| Hurricane Candle Lamp | Deanie Gorton |
| Angel Candle Holder | Margaret Aull |
| Madonna Candleabra | Alicia Allstatt |

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th
3:30 PM; 5:30 PM; 10:00 PM.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 PM Mass beginning at 9:30 pm

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th - 9:00 AM

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

The parish office will be closed on December 24th and 25th

We will also close at Noon on December 31st

and be closed on January 1st.

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:

Robert Haydock, Dorothy Holdaway, Gene Holdaway, Peggy Lambert and John Miller
Rosewalk Village

1302 N Lesley Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46219



Dates to Remember

December 13 - 20, 2009

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | Blood Pressure Screening at all Masses | | |
| | Ladies Club Christmas Flower Collection | | |
| | Parish Center | 8:30 am | Children's Liturgy |
| | School | 9:30 am | Religious Education |
| | Duffey Hall | 11:30 am | Parish Christmas Party |
| | Gym | 1:30 pm | Band Concert |
| | St. Therese | 1:30 pm | Franciscan Associates |
| Monday | Scout Room | 6:00 pm | Webelos I |
| | Social Hall | 6:15 pm | Wolf Scouts |
| | St. Bernadette | 7:00 pm | Advent Penance Service |
| Tuesday | Parish Center | 10:00 am | Mission Sewing |
| | Holy Family | 3:00 pm | Girl Scout #2009 |
| | Scout Room | 3:00 pm | Girl Scout |
| | John 23 rd | 7:00 pm | Parish Life Commission |
| | Parish Center | 7:00 pm | RCIA |
| | Church | 7:00 pm | Christmas Choir |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick | 9:30 am | Bible Study |
| | Scout Room | 2:30 pm | Tiger Scouts |
| | Holy Family | 2:30 pm | Girl Scouts |
| | Scout Room | 5:00 pm | Girl Scouts #2443 |
| | St. Patrick | 6:00 pm | Finance Council |
| | Duffey Hall | 6:30 pm | Scout Pack Meeting |
| | St. Therese | 7:00 pm | Adult Faith Formation |
| Thursday | Scout Room | 6:30 pm | Webelos II |
| | John 23 rd | 6:30 pm | Scout Committee |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 pm | AA |
| Friday | Scout Room | 4:00 pm | Girl Scout #787 |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 am | Men's Prayer Group |
| | New Member Registration All Masses | | |
| Sunday | Parish Center | 8:30 am | Children's Liturgy |
| | Duffey Hall | 9:30 am | Coffee and Donuts |
| | School | 9:30 am | Religious Ed |
| | Church | 7:00 pm | Youth Choir Practice |



Three Great Things about Little Flower School

Academics, Community, Tradition

Little Flower Catholic School is going through a strategic planning process with Catholic School Management. One of our goals has been to identify the Three Great Things about our school. Through surveys and interviews it is clear that Little Flower Catholic School has great Academics, Community, and Traditions. Each week we will highlight one of these Great Things. This week we celebrate our Tradition.

Little Flower friends and alums know the value of a Little Flower education. We currently have five scholarships, funded by alumni and friends of our school, available to Little Flower students who carry on the tradition of academic excellence, leadership, and service: The Bob Kiley Award, The Joseph and Veronica Thie Awards, The Tom and Eileen Costello Awards, The John and Rosemary Clegg Awards, and The Hazel Elizabeth Holdaway Gallagher Awards. The tradition of service lives on at Little Flower!

YOUTH NEWS (grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, December 20th 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.