



Dear Parish Family,

Christmas is almost here!

Christmas Masses will be on Christmas Eve at 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. and Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m. The 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be the traditional Christmas Midnight Mass. Music will begin at 9:30 p.m. Also, incense will be used at the 10 p.m. Mass.

The Parish Office will close at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 23, and not reopen until 9:00 a.m. on Monday morning, December 28.

Thanks to Peggy Clegg and all who worked so hard to make last Sunday's Christmas Party a success, especially those who set up Duffey Hall, those who helped set up and clean up, and those who helped prepare food, including all those who brought desserts. Also, thanks to all who came. Special thanks to our special guests Santa and Mrs. Claus. It was a great party!

Although winter is just beginning, we can take comfort that sunset is already later than it was earlier in December. The earliest sunset occurs at 5:20 p.m. December 6-9. Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be 5:23 p.m.

Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

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We offer our sympathy and condolences to Verna Curtis on the death of her son, **Simeon Curtis** and also to Simeon's sisters, Kellie Tucher & Karen Curtis and to his brother, Michael Curtis. Simeon passed away on

December 10<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was celebrated on December 14<sup>th</sup>. We also offer our sympathy to Brigid Gedig, Patrick Sweeney, Mary Sweeney and Kathleen Bewsey on the death of their mother, **Gerrie Sweeney**, whose funeral liturgy was held on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Gerrie was 85 years young and an active member of Little Flower for many years before her health declined. She most recently resided at Miller's Merry Manor. We also remember **Charles Benson**, who passed away and whose funeral was December 11<sup>th</sup>. Charles was not a member of Little Flower but attended the 5pm Mass regularly. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome, Simeon, Gerrie and Charles into His heavenly kingdom.

#### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

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

- 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.

**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.

#### 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.*



FOR THE WEEK OF December 21 - 27, 2009

<b>21 Dec.</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Adele Lawless by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
<b>22 Dec.</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland
<b>23 Dec.</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:30 am	Marjorie Spalding by Dottie Spalding
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>24 Dec.</b>	<b>Thursday - Vigil of Christmas</b>
8:30 am	<b>No Communion Service</b>
3:30 pm	Freda and Joseph Jines by Merrill and Marylyn Blackwell
5:30 pm	Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
10:00 pm	For the People
<b>25 Dec.</b>	<b>Friday – Nativity of the Lord/Christmas</b>
9:00 am	Charles and Rita Ernstes by The Ernstes Family
5:30 pm	<b>No Communion Service</b>
<b>26 Dec.</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	<b>Vigil – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b> Living and Deceased Members of the Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
<b>27 Dec.</b>	<b>Sunday – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, &amp; Joseph</b>
8:30 am	Ernest Smith for his 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday by Alberta Smith Peters and Linda LaMere
10:30 am	John Wurz by The Wurz Family
6:00 pm	For the People

**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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 28<sup>th</sup> at 918-0997 or [www.amoody19@yahoo.com](mailto:www.amoody19@yahoo.com).

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.

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:

#### Mary Ann Achgrill

Community Nursing & Rehabilitation  
5600 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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!



Session 4 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday January 3<sup>rd</sup>** following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 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 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**  
 December 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
 January 1<sup>st</sup> - Holy Day of Obligation  
 Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm (anticipation Mass)  
 Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**  
 January 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Regular Weekend Mass Schedule  
 Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday

**PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION**  
 The parish office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
 We will also close at Noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>  
 and be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> 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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

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

Youth room will be open on Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> after Mass until 9pm.



**Three Great Things about Little Flower School Academics, Community, Tradition**

Little Flower's Band sounded better than ever this past weekend. Our band and choir will be performing this Thursday, December 17 at the Indiana State Museum. We are proud that academics at Little Flower is still focused on the whole child and the arts are as important as ever! Currently, 11% of our middle school students are in the top choirs at Indianapolis Children's Choir and over 90% of our kids participated in last spring's musical. One need only stroll through the hallways to see the impressive art work our students are creating and that the arts are alive and well at Little Flower. This year our Open House (January 31, 11:30-2:30) will be themed "Picture This" and will include an art show, band and choir performances, and dancing. Please come see the academic excellence at Little Flower.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

December 20 - 27, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	New Member Registration All Masses		
	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
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:15 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:15 pm	Wolf Scouts
	Church	6:30 pm	Church Decorating
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Church	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Merry Christmas</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of December 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$	12,471.22
Electronic Contribution 12/8 to 12/14	\$	834.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	330,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	317,784.81
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT</b>	\$	- 12,215.19

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions	\$	2,030.85
October Contributions	\$	2,006.00
November Contributions	\$	2,229.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$	1,792.50

It will help us immensely if you would return your stewardship card as soon as possible. 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!**

**BABY JESUS HAD NO CRIB**

*"Amen I say to you, as long as you did it to one of these my least brethren, you did it to me."* (Matthew 25:40)

"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head." Jesus had no crib and there is nothing we can do to change that fact. Many Gabriel Project babies also have no cribs and we can do something about it. The Gabriel Project is looking for 50 cribs for the Indianapolis area. In the spirit of Christmas, please check your attic, basement, garage and spare bedroom. If you have an **old crib still in safe, working condition**, please take time to get it out, clean it up and call Anita Moody, Regional Coordinator for the Gabriel Project at 317-918-0997. Anita will tell you where you can deliver the crib. If you don't have a crib, but can help pick-up and deliver a crib, please call Anita as well. We ask that the cribs be no more than 10 years old due to safety issues.

**POSITOINS AVAILABLE**

Now hiring CYO Camp Summer Staff- ages 19 & older for 5 - 10 weeks at \$240/week. Extensive training provided starting May 29, 2010. Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Apply online at [www.campranchoframasa.org](http://www.campranchoframasa.org) or for more information call Angi Sullivan at 1-888-988-2839 ext. 25 or email [angi@campranchoframasa.org](mailto:angi@campranchoframasa.org).