

Dear Parish Family,

As most of you know, both Tom Costello and Teresa Eckrich were ill recently, Tom from surgery and Teresa from an infection. Although some of you may not have seen the impact of their absence, the rest of the staff, parishioners who needed help with something out of the ordinary, and I felt their absence. Our Liturgical music program draws people to Little Flower and keeps them part of our parish. No one does more than Tom to make this parish run and run well. This weekend Tom and Mary Martha are on a much deserved vacation.

After two weekends, we have only received 166 stewardship cards. Please return them as soon as possible. In challenging economic times, our ability to predict our income with some degree of accuracy is critical to planning, controlling, and paying our expenses. All families who attend Little Flower School or Scecina Memorial High School must have a stewardship card on file to receive the Catholic rate.

Last Saturday night we celebrated our annual all-class reunion with tours of the school, Saturday evening Mass, dinner at the Marriott, and the presentation of our Outstanding Alumni Awards. Tom Costello is the driving force that makes this all-class reunion happen. Thanks to him and his committee for all their work. This year we had four honorees.

Dave Gandolph, Class of 1964, is one of seven children of Gene and Pat (Horan '42) Gandolph, a graduate of Little Flower, Scecina Memorial High School, St. Joseph College, and Butler University. Since 1974, he has taught business and coached at Cardinal Ritter, Carmel, and Center Grove High Schools. He currently serves as Business Teacher and Head Baseball Coach at Center Grove High School. Dave was inducted into the Indiana Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008. Dave has been married for 40 years to Ann (McAtee), and they have four children and three grandchildren. They are members for SS. Francis and Clare parish where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and his wife teaches in the elementary school.

Eli R. Hallal, M.D. Class of 1961, immigrated to the United States with his family from Lebanon. Eli graduated from Little Flower School, Scecina Memorial High School, the University of Louisville, and Indiana University School of Medicine. Besides serving on staff at the Southern Indiana Rehabilitation Hospital and Floyd Memorial Hospital in New Albany, Indiana, Dr. Hallal, a Family Practice physician, is part owner and medical director of Kentuckiana Medical Center, the fulfillment of a dream of his. Eli and his wife, Susan, have four children and eleven grandchildren and have been members of Holy Family Parish in New Albany since 1976. He has served his parish through involvement in the school's PTO for 34 years.

Mary O'Brien, Class of 1949, is the daughter of Jim and Ann (Reidy) O'Brien. Mary graduated from Little Flower School, St. Agnes Academy, and Marian College and received advanced degrees from Cardinal Stritch, and Mundelein. As an educator, Mary has served as a teacher, a principal, an assistant superintendent, a director of elementary curriculum, an adjunct college and university professor, and a director of religious education. In the area of medicine, she served as Vice President of Mission Effectiveness and Sponsorship for Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. As vice-president of Holy Cross Hospital, she founded the Mission of Mercy to help disaster areas in need.

Charley Withem, Class of 1945, was the second child of Charles and Dorothy (Simon) Withem. He and his wife, Pat have three daughters, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He graduated from Little Flower School in 1945 and Cathedral High School in 1949 and from Lain Drafting College. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he spent his entire professional career working in electrical design. Charley has been active at Little Flower throughout his adult life. For example, he helped start the Little Flower Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Today his primary service to the parish is liturgical. He is Little Flower's Sacristan, a Eucharistic Minister, and Usher and serves on the Liturgical Commission.

Finally, congratulations to **Sarah Eastes** and **Jared Falk**, Little Flower eighth graders, who shared the Bob Kiley Scholarship which was also presented at the all-class reunion.

Usually, *Good News About Little Flower School* follows my letter. This week, our outstanding alumni and our eighth grade recipients of the Bob Kiley Scholarship are our good news.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF November 16 - 22, 2009

16 Nov.	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	For the Intentions of John and JuneAnn Jorgenson by Gertrude Doyle
17 Nov.	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
18 Nov.	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
19 Nov.	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Greentree - Harry Mitchell
5:30 pm	Communion Service
20 Nov.	Friday
8:30 am	In Thanksgiving for our Anniversary Larry and Martha Doane
5:30 pm	Communion Service
21 Nov.	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Vigil – Christ The King Edward and Louetta Benson by The Benson Family
22 Nov.	Sunday – Christ The King
8:30 am	Bud and Dorothy Moody by Judy Moss
10:30 am	Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland
6:00 pm	For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of November 7th and 8th	\$	13,362.86
Electronic Contribution 11/3 to 11/9	\$	939.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	261,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	247,739.70
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ -	13,510.30

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions	\$	2,030.85
October Contributions	\$	2,006.00
November Contributions (to date)	\$	1,553.00

If you have not yet returned return your stewardship card please do so as soon as possible. Extra cards are at the church doors if you did not receive yours or have misplaced it. To date only 166 cards have been returned. PLEASE HELP!

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

Thanks to Carol Routh and Renee Conder who helped with the arrangements for our all-class reunion.

As the RCIA celebrates the Rite of Acceptance with us this weekend, we want to thank the members of the RCIA team who spend nearly every Tuesday helping with the formation of our candidates and catechumens.

Thanks to Dick Kramer who keeps our altar candlesticks polished and looking great!

LECTORS will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 28th/29th. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.



Dates to Remember

November 15 - 22, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Acceptance RCIA
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed.
	Blood Pressure	Screening	At all Masses
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc/Garden Club
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Parish Life Commission
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
	Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #2443
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Scout Room	4:00 pm	Girl Scouts #787
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	8:00 am	Hobby Show
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Church	6:00 pm	Rite of Enrollment Confirmation
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation



Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Little the Flower is getting ready for their annual Thanksgiving food distribution. **At this time we need cranberry sauce, gravy mixes, jell-o, canned sweet potatoes, canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of instant potatoes, and stuffing mix.**

Your donations help make up food baskets that will be distributed for people who need help at Thanksgiving. Please drop off your donation at the parish center or in the back of Church. Thank you for your generosity.

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 the feast of All Saints, which**

was celebrated on November 1st. Please feel free to take a packet home today.

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:
Art Meier
Jerry Erlenbaugh
Beverly Learing Center -Brookview ,7145 E. 21st Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219



Confirmation

Confirmation team, candidates, parents, and sponsors will meeting for 6pm Mass and the Rite of Enrollment Sunday November 22nd. Candidates and sponsors will then meet in the parish center following Mass until 9:00 pm.

FROM Our Director

It's almost "the most wonderful time of the year," and Christmas Choir is gearing up for a new season. Practices will begin on Tuesday night November 24th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Church. The Choir will practice on the five Tuesdays before Christmas and sing at the 10 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and the 10:30 AM Masses on December 27th and January 3rd. If you can make it to at least 3 practices and at least 2 of the Masses we are singing, consider signing up for a wonderful time in a wonderful choir. The choir is open to all singers 6th grade and older. Prepare for the coming of the Christ Child in the most wonderful way.

PLEASE NOTE DATE CORRECTION - On the weekend of November 28 & 29, lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, and arts and environment ministers will be commissioned at all Masses. (Because of their special role, Eucharistic ministers will be commissioned next spring at the Holy Thursday liturgy.) Please plan to come forward for a special blessing at whatever Mass you attend.

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, November 22nd at 6pm Mass. Please meet in church at 5pm.

Scecina Memorial High School Annual Athletic Reverse Raffle
Saturday November 21, 2009
Grand Prize of \$10,000

The evening begins with social hour at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. Enjoy games such as Black Jack, Craps and Tip Boards from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. Reverse Raffle draws begin at 8:00 pm. Tickets to join a table are \$50 each and include prime-rib dinner, beverage of choice, an evening of fun, and the chance to win from \$1000 to \$10,000. For tickets please call 356-6377 extension 1314 or contact Mr. Hurrle by email at ohurrle@scecina.org.

Thank you to Little Flower Parish, especially Fr. Bob, Tom Costello, and Peggy Clegg for the Memorial Service for our brother. Your prayers are gratefully appreciated. The Family of Larry Mac Duff.

WE'RE SORRY

The next issue of the parish newsletter will be arriving at your home soon. Due to some problem we don't fully understand, some of the articles submitted never reached the newsletter

editors. Information regarding the parish picnic, upcoming Christmas party, the Advneturesome Group, and several other items were therefore not included.