

# First Sunday of **ADVENT**

Dear Parish Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. In the midst of Christmas shopping and Christmas parties, I hope that we do not forget the meaning of Advent. Advent is a time to prepare to welcome Christ more deeply into our minds, hearts, and lives this Christmas. One of the best ways to do this is to spend a little more time in prayer. Also, the blue reflection books are designed to help us not to lose the focus of Advent and to help us prepare for Christmas.

Also, please mark your calendars for our Penance Service on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernadette.

Have a wonderful week,

Fr. Bob

**Good News about Little Flower School: Celebration is a Little Flower tradition of monthly gathering to play, sing, and recognize the important achievements of students in school and in our community.**



Our parish **Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 13th after the 10:30am Mass.** This is a great opportunity to relax with family and friends over a nice lunch. The menu will be meat, potatoes, salad, green beans, rolls and beverage. Please bring a dessert to share! Following the lunch, members of our school band will show off their musical talent with a Christmas concert. Watch for the flyer in next week's bulletin. Don't miss out on all the fun!

### Ladies Club News

Ladies Club Christmas Party/Meeting is Thursday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm. We are doing something a little different this year. Instead of bringing an exchange gift, please bring a canned food item for the St. Vincent DePaul pantry and an ornament for the tree. We will have entertainment, good food and lots of cheer. Bring your favorite dish to share.

The Ladies Club Bake Sale is December 5th and 6th. We need bakers! Breads and fudge sell especially well but all things are accepted and greatly appreciated. We will be selling at all Masses except the 6pm Mass on Sunday, December 6th. You may drop your items off after 3 pm on Saturday in the back of church or before any Mass. Hope to see you there!!!!



**Session 2** for candidates and team only will be in the parish center from 7:00pm until 9:00 pm on **Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>**.

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



## Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF November 30 – December 6, 2009

- 30 Nov. Monday**  
8:30 am Mary Lou Hudson by Mike and Mary Kay Mitchell  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 Dec. Tuesday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Theresa Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 02 Dec. Wednesday**  
8:30 am Otila Sanchez by Eva Birtchman  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 Dec. Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Charles Murphy by Marti Szostak
- 04 Dec. Friday**  
8:30 am Susan Ravellette by Bernie and Rosie Shepard  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 05 Dec. Saturday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:00 pm **Vigil – Second Sunday of Advent**  
Michael and Sidnei Margaret by The Benson Family
- 06 Dec. Sunday – Second Sunday of Advent**  
8:30 am Deceased Members of the Withem Family by The Family  
10:30 am Dorothy Langsford by The Little Flower Ladies Club  
6:00 pm For the People



## Dates to Remember

November 29 – December 6, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	LFAA Board
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Christmas Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #2443
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Summer Program Mtg
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Christmas
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	4:00 pm	Girl Scout #787
	Duffey Hall	4:40 pm	Market Day Pick-Up
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Cadet Girls Basketball Party
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
	Ladies Club	Bake	Sale after all Masses
<b>Sunday</b>	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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of November 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$	8,584.89
Electronic Contribution 11/10 to 11/16 <sup>th</sup>	\$	4,081.64
Collection of November 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	check back next week	
Electronic Contribution 11/17 to 11/23	check back next week	
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 11/15	\$	275,000.00
Year to Date Collections as of 11/15	\$	260,406.23
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 11/15	\$	- 14,593.77

#### Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions	\$	2,030.85
October Contributions	\$	2,006.00
November Contributions (as of 11/15)	\$	1,923.00

*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 190 cards have been returned. PLEASE HELP!*

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:

**Gerrie Sweeney**  
Miller's Merry Manor  
1651 N Campbell Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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.

#### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

The 2nd annual Little Flower School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble is Sun., Dec. 6. Get books, movies, games and more. This year we will have vouchers that can be used at any Barnes & Noble. Now, friends and family in faraway places can still support Little Flower School. Order Scrip in advance and the school benefits even more! Watch the bulletin for more details or call Trisha Corcoran at 356-5505 for more information.

#### Seccina Memorial High School Placement Test Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Pre-registration is not required for the placement test. If you would like to pre-register for this test, please contact Leslie Young – 356-6377 ext 1101 or [lyoung@seccina.org](mailto:lyoung@seccina.org). On the day of the exam:

- Please bring two sharpened #2 pencils.
- Calculators are NOT allowed.

Enter Seccina through the east gymnasium doors, come up to the main hallway and down to the main school office. The test focuses on areas of Math and English. This is not an entrance exam. The results from this exam, along with your middle school grades, feedback from your teachers, and parents will help us in scheduling your classes at Seccina.

#### The Truth Behind The Need For Healthcare Reform

On Sunday, Dec. 6 from 4:30 - 5:45 pm, at St. Monica Catholic Church, 6131 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis will host an information session on the truth behind the need for healthcare reform and what the Catholic Church teaches on the right to healthcare. For more info, contact Stefanie Anderson at [sanderson@archindy.org](mailto:sanderson@archindy.org).

#### Seccina Memorial High School 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. This year in lieu of voluntary financial donations to Seccina for the music department, we are asking you to consider a monetary donation at the performance for the purpose of supplying food for the Crisis Center of Catholic Charities Indianapolis. This year food banks are challenged to meet the needs of many families, and we at Seccina would like to help supply food to needy families for the holidays. We look forward to seeing you at the performance.



#### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This weekend, our Christmas giving trees will be available in church. The giving trees are in the front of church this year as a more visible sign of our obligation to assist those in need.

You will be invited to take tags from the tree to help provide Christmas gifts for those less fortunate. See the insert in today's bulletin for more details.

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



(grades 8 thru 12)

**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 8:30pm. New members are always welcome.

#### 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.

#### Need Ideas for Christmas Shopping?

Don't forget about Little Flower School's Scrip Program for your Christmas shopping needs. Scrip are coupons and pre-paid shopping cards that you purchase from school or parish center to use for your shopping needs and Little Flower School receives a percentage on all Scrip that is purchased. Many of your favorite merchants participate in the Scrip program. Orders are placed on Tuesday mornings by 10 am and are ready for pickup on Friday. Watch the bulletin for more details during the holiday season. Order forms are available at the church doors. If you have any questions please call Lisa at 357-8352.