

Dear Parish Family,

On Saturday, October 10, Little Flower Parish had the privilege of hosting the first ever Catholic *Lead Like Jesus* Encounter. Eighty-three people registered for the encounter. It began at 8:30 a.m. and concluded with 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dr. Owen Phelps, the author of *The Catholic Vision for Leading Like Jesus*, was the presenter. He introduced S³ Leadership: Servant, Steward, and Shepherd Leadership.

In the middle of the day, I had to leave to celebrate a funeral. The best evidence of the quality of the program was the still high level of energy and participation when I returned at 2:30 p.m. To me it was almost unbelievable that there was so much energy and participation at 2:30 p.m. on a Saturday afternoon!

Tom received a couple of e-mails from non-Little Flower parishioners. One wrote, "And, at the end of this day, I wanted to express an extra special 'Thank You!' for helping to make this Encounter happen in Indianapolis. It was such a valuable experience." Another wrote, "Although I try to live all aspects of my life in the footsteps of Jesus, this Encounter raised areas of my life that I need to examine more closely and a good blueprint for becoming an S3 leader. My husband and I are going to be reading the book as a couple. The materials provided far exceeded my expectations."

This Encounter was made possible through the encouragement and sponsorship of Chuck Finkbinder, an alumnus of Little Flower Parish and School. Chuck has served on the Board of *Lead Like Jesus*. Because of his sponsorship, the registration fee was only \$25, and participants received books and CD's worth more than \$25. One participant said to me, "It was almost as though you were paying us to come."

Thanks to Dr. Owen Phelps and Chuck Finkbinder. However, it is important that we also thank Tom Costello. Over and beyond his normal responsibilities, Tom handled all the registrations, all the publicity, and all the arrangements that had to be handled at our end.

On Thursday, October 1, the Feast of St. Therese, the Archdiocese hosted the SHINE (Spreading Hope in Neighborhoods Everywhere) kick off day at the Lucas Oil Stadium Convention Space from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Peggy Clegg, Liz Cheever, Mike Cavosie, Sheila Gilbert and Terry Downs attended from Little Flower. Because of our feast day, I was only able to be there for part of the day.

I would rate two of the three presentations I attended as excellent. Father Larry Snyder, the head of Catholic Charities USA, spoke on "Assessing Your Neighborhood's Need and Capacity to Respond." His presentation was very practical and offered a framework for beginning a neighborhood social ministry. Jack Jezreel, the founder and executive director of JustFaith Ministries, gave an inspiration talk on "creating a parish that is ready and able to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable." SHINE, I think, will help us kick start the community outreach part of our Evangelization and Community Outreach Commission.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Good News about Little Flower School: Seven of Sceccina's Salutatorians and Valedictorians in the past six years have been Little Flower graduates.



We remember our parishioner, Margie Miller, 78, who passed away on October 4th. Margie was a life-long member of Little Flower. Her children all graduated from Little Flower School. Please keep Margie's family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May our Lord welcome Margie into His eternal glory.



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF October 19 - 25, 2009

- 19 Oct. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Joe Zarick by Shirley Gregory
- 20 Oct. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Helen Sauer by The Kelly Family
- 21 Oct. Wednesday**
8:30 am Susie Ravellette by Judy and Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 Oct. Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Crestwood – Bud Moody by Alvina Wurz
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Oct. Friday**
8:30 am Patricia Brown McClellan by Chris Hegarty and Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 24 Oct. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil** – The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Elizabeth Mauer by Midred Mauer
- 25 Oct. Sunday** –The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Victoria Clifford by The Little Flower Ladies Club
10:30 am Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

October 18 - 25, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New	Parishioner	Registration
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	St. Patrick Church	4:00 pm	Confirmation Team
Monday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Duffey Hall	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	PTO Meeting
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Girl Scout Sign-ups
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Parish Life Commission
Wednesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #2443
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Stewardship Commission
Friday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Duffey Hall	12:00 pm	Ladies Club Card Party
Saturday	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed



The parish newsletter is looking for your news, articles, and pictures!
Deadline is Thursday, Oct. 22. Please send to lfparishnews@yahoo.com, or drop off at the parish office. You can also put it in the collection basket, in an envelope labeled "Parish News".



Your help is needed in order to make the parish Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm in school, a success. Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are requested. Please leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers that will be available at the church doors. Also, if you are willing to help with the Halloween Party please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center, 357-8352, or by e-mail, pclegg@littleflowerparish.org. We are in need of people to help with games and to pass out candy. Watch the flyer in next week's bulletin for more details.

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:
Peg Pierce
 Hearth at Windemere, 9745 Olympia Dr., Fishers, IN 46037

Ladies Club Annual Fall Luncheon & Card Party
Friday, October 23, 2009-Doors open at 11am -lunch-served at Noon. Browse the "Next to New" Booth. Come join us for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Admission is \$8.00. For more information call Judy Corpus 353-0939 or Donna Brown 356-0774. The Ladies Club is now accepting donations for the "Next to New" booth for their Fall Card Party. No Clothes Please. Call Donna Brown for pick-up or you may drop off donations at the Parish Center. Chances can be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Little Flower Catholic Church welcomes Coming of Age-Flu Central for our annual flu shot clinic on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm. Please see insert for more information.

The Ladies Club will be collecting travel size items i.e., toothpaste and brush, soap, razors, shampoo, etc. for the Veterans. We will be stuffing socks at our November meeting. A box is located in the back of church to place your items.

Baptism The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, October 19th 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 sometime in December.



The confirmation *team members only* will meet on Sunday October 18th from 4pm until 6pm in the parish center

Coming Events... **Saturday, November 7th,** we will host the annual Little Flower School All-Class Reunion. Reserve this date and please pass the word to Little Flower School Alumni!

Congratulations to two couples recently married here at Little Flower!



Adam King and Anna Sander were married on September 26th. Anna is the daughter of former parishioners Dave and Marsha Sander and is a graduate of Little Flower School.
Joshua O'Brien and Kailey Greene were married on October 10th. Kailey is the daughter of Kitty Greene and parishioner Mike Greene, and the granddaughter of long-time parishioners Tom and Margie Green. Kailey is also a graduate of Little Flower School.

We are very fortunate to have four new volunteers who will rotate taking our aluminum cans for recycling. Currently, recycling aluminum brings about \$1,000 in revenue to the parish per year. Please consider saving your aluminum cans and keep the following in mind

- Please rinse your cans after use. Make sure they are empty!
- Please bag your cans and place them in the bins in back of the rectory garage in their bags. **DO NOT EMPTY THE BAGS INTO THE BINS.**

And while we are talking "green" your efforts in recycling newspapers have generated over \$1,000 so far this year! Please use our bins for paper recycling and invite our friends and neighbors to do the same!



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, October 18th from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are always welcome!

YOUTH CHOIR will sing on Sunday, October 25th and Sunday, November 1st at 6pm Mass. Please meet in church at 5pm.

PARENTS AND YOUTH IN GRADES 8 THRU 12

Please mark your calendars for a special meeting to be held on **Sunday October 25th** after the 6pm Mass in the school cafeteria. **Your attendance and input is critical as we plan for the future of our efforts with parish youth.**

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Collection of October 10 th and 11 th	\$ 11,793.13
Electronic Contribution 10/6 to 10/12	\$ 649.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 206,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 191,666.09
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ - 14,583.91

DID YOU KNOW THAT 40 PARISH FAMILIES (1.6% OF OUR FAMILIES) ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF OUR SUNDAY COLLECTION INCOME? DURING OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR, WON'T YOU CONSIDER INCREASING YOUR WEEKLY/MONTHLY OFFERING?

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,107.00
August Contributions	\$ 2,244.00
September Contributions	\$ 2,030.85
October Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,500.00

Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

Thanks to Steve Clegg who recently repaired the small roof area in the back of the parish center.
 Also, thanks to our Athletic Association and all the kickball, cheerleading, and football coaches who have given so much time over the past couple of months.

The next Minister Schedule for Eucharistic Ministers and Servers will be for the months of Dec, Jan, and Feb. if you have any Mass changes, away weekends, or other changes (email address updates) please send by Nov. 8th to:
 Eucharistic Minister - Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or giboshihoosier@aol.com
 Servers - Lisa Gibbons 356-7248 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org

If anyone wants to be a Eucharistic Minister or head minister please contact Ron Sharp.