

Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday, Eddie Rector had his Eagle Scout Court of Honor here at Little Flower. At the Court of Honor, three speakers—Tom Costello, John Riley, Scecina math teacher and guitar club director, and Dr. Dave Brokaw, Troop 8 Committee—extolled Eddie's virtues. As his Eagle Scout project, Eddie painted the locker rooms in the Little Flower gym and designed and built benches with built-in storage cubbyholes for the athletes. Congratulations to Eddie and his parents.

On Monday, I visited the Sisters at Oldenburg. I was able to visit with several Sisters who taught here at Little Flower. Some of our older parishioners may remember some of these names: Sr. Michael Ann (1943-1946), Sr. Jonette (1948-1951), Sr. Noel Marie (1951-1953), Sr. M. Rosita (1958-1964), Sr. M. Jacinta (1959-1960), Sr. Teresa Carol (1965-1966), Sr. Mary Loretta (1966-1968), and Sr. Alice Ann (1975-1993). I had lunch with Sr. Teresa Carol, Sr. Alice Ann, and Sr. Sue Bradshaw. Sr. Alice Ann looked great and seems to be doing very well. Sr. Sue Bradshaw, who is from Little Flower, has serious health issues but told me that right now she is holding her own. Also, I visited briefly with Sr. Catherine. She is doing much better. Please pray for all the retired Sisters at Oldenburg.

For those who may not have been here at Mass this past Sunday, we began our annual stewardship process. After reviewing some of the successes of our parish and school this last fiscal year, I focused on our biggest challenge this year: stewardship of treasure.

Last fiscal year, i.e., July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, our Sunday collections were down 2.45%. So far this year, Sunday collections are down 4.4% from the same period last year. If this were to continue for the year, our deficit would approach \$60,000. Not all of this is a result of the poor economy. For example, six parishioners have died or moved were donating an average of nearly \$200 per month. Likewise, it is important to realize that our budget is as tight as it can be, and our staff, including our school faculty, have not received a salary increase since 2008.

Consequently, we all need to look at our own financial situation and ask if our giving is proportionate to the blessings we have received and our capacity to give. Second, with a little sacrifice, many, if not most, of us can afford to increase our giving between \$1.00 and \$5.00 per week. Third, if you are not using automatic deduction, please make every effort to meet your Sunday giving commitment even on Sundays when you are not at Little Flower for Mass. I recently read that a large percentage of contributing parishioners are only in their own parish church for Sunday Mass approximately forty Sundays each year. Also, I would invite anyone who is not using automatic deductions to begin using them. You will receive a form in the mail later this month if you wish to sign up. Finally, I would like to encourage newer, younger parishioners who are only beginning to make this their church home to make a stewardship commitment to Little Flower even if you can only give a very little.

Finally, you will receive information from the Archdiocese about the Archdiocesan *Christ our Hope* annual campaign. As you make your commitment to the parish, you are also invited to make a commitment to the *Christ our Hope* campaign. The monies raised in this campaign will bring hope into the lives of many people far more needy that we are, thereby making Christ real and present in their lives.

Please prayerfully consider your stewardship commitment. Stewardship intention cards will arrive in the mail soon. Please bring your completed intention card with you to Mass on the weekend of October 31st/November 1st when you will be asked to bring your card forward.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF October 26 – November 1, 2009**

- 26 Oct. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Paul and Dennis Clark by The Clark Family
- 27 Oct. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Theresa Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 28 Oct. Wednesday**
8:30 am Emmadean Todd by Ita and Denis Moriarty
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 29 Oct. Thursday**
8:30 am Eleanor Greer Teepe
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 30 Oct. Friday**
8:30 am Rita Ernestes by The Ernestes Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 31 Oct. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil – All Saints Day**
Michael and Sidnei Margaret Benson by The Benson Family
- 01 Nov. Sunday – All Saints Day**
8:30 am Joanne Foust by The Foust Family
10:30 am Randy Steinmetz by Mary Brattain
6:00 pm For the People

**Dates to Remember****October 25 – November 1, 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Parent & Youth Mtg
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Scout Room	3:00 pm	Girl Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies
	St. Patrick	4:00 pm	Flu Shots
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	School	6:00 pm	Halloween Bash
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
			11:30 am

Good News about Little Flower School: Little Flower students take a video Spanish course beginning in Kindergarten. In middle school, students have daily Spanish with a teacher from Scecina.

The Art and Environment Committee has a watering schedule for the fall mums in church. We appreciate help but please do not water any of the indoor plants.

ALL SAINTS DAY



Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be Tuesday, November 3rd at 6pm. At this special liturgy, we remember by name those members of the Little Flower community who have died in the past year. All parishioners are invited. There will also be an opportunity to remember other loved ones who have died recently. If you would like to have a candle lit in remembrance of someone not buried from here in the past year, please arrive by 5:50 pm and write their names on the list that will be available at each of the doors.

Tom will be out of the office beginning October 26th for an outpatient surgical procedure. His date of return is not known, but it is anticipated he will be out about one week.

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.

Attention Marsh and O'Malia's Shoppers: Did you know that Little Flower School can earn a percentage of your grocery purchases every time you use your Fresh Ideas card? All we need to do is register your card number as one that supports Little Flower and from now until March 31, 2010, you can support Little Flower with each purchase. You can even recruit your friends and neighbors to join in. This is one of the easiest ways to support our school. Please see the bulletin insert for details. Contact Casady Williamson 353-9841 or casady@indy.rr.com with questions.



Mark your calendar for Little Flower's annual Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 31st from 6:00-8:00pm in school. Please see the insert for more information.

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:
Margaret Gold
Hooverwood, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

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.

Chris Hertelendy representing **Diocesan Publications** (our Bulletin Publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. THANKS TO YOU and DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Collection of October 17 th and 18 th	\$ 9,502.83
Electronic Contribution 10/13 to 10/19	\$ 4,419.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 220,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 205,588.56
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ - 14,411.44

CAN SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY SKIP ONE TRIP TO MCDONALDS, ONE TRIP TO STARBUCKS, OR PRACTICE ANY OTHER FORM OF SELF-SACRIFICE EACH WEEK IN ORDER TO INCREASE YOU WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF OUR CHURCH?

Home Improvement Fund

July Contributions	\$ 2,107.00
August Contributions	\$ 2,244.00
September Contributions	\$ 2,030.85
October Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,871.00

The Lord has done great things for us. Good stewards demonstrate by their living and their giving that they understand God as the source of all they are and have.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

Thanks to Mary Martha Costello, Peg Beikes, Pam Costello, Sara O'Brien and Pauline Graf who arranged the day-long hospitality for our *Lead Like Jesus* Encounter



Confirmation enrollment forms were due October 19th. If you have not turned in the form and intend to enter the confirmation program, please get the form in as soon as possible. Confirmation candidates will meet on Nov. 1st in the parish center at 11:30 am.

Coming Events . . . ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Saturday, November 7th is the date for our annual Little Flower School all-class reunion. We encourage as many of our school alumni as possible to join us for this event. This year, the reunion will begin with optional school tours at 4:15 in the school cafeteria, followed by 5pm Mass, and finally dinner at the Indianapolis Marriott on East 21st Street. Plan now to join us. RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352 with your name, class year, and guest name. You may also send your reservation to lfalumni@yahoo.com!

PARENTS AND YOUTH IN GRADES 8 THRU 12

Please attend 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.

(grades 8 thru 12)

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

Marian's Adult Programs at Marian University will present an Information Night on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Greenwood site, which is 300 South Madison Avenue, Suite 201, Greenwood, IN 46142. Please plan to attend to find out more about the accelerated undergraduate programs in business administration and financial aid options for adults at the only Catholic university in central Indiana. To RSVP and to receive directions, call 317.955.6271.