

Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to Fr. Aaron Jenkins for celebrating the Masses last weekend and for his homily on fostering a culture of vocations.

Fr. Jenkins made the point that Little Flower has a rich history of nurturing vocations to the priesthood and religious life. When we list vocations from our parish, we include priests, sisters, and brothers. However, we also have at least one permanent deacon who was raised in Little Flower.

Dr. Michael Madden was in the class of 1964. He is now a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, serving at St. Bernadette Church in Appleton, Wisconsin, and is medical director for the Fox Cities Community Health Center in Menasha, Wisconsin. The health center, which opened as a free clinic in 1997, targets the uninsured or underinsured in Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago counties in Wisconsin. The clinic is currently struggling financially to remain open.

St. Bernadette's is a fairly large parish for Appleton, around 1500 families, and just one priest and Deacon Mike. Deacon Mike is only at the parish on some weekends and some evenings since he has a full time "day job" at the clinic. He mostly does baptism preparation, baptisms, and occasional weddings and wakes and preaches about once a month.

Deacon Mike wrote, "I tell folks that both of my 'jobs' are really the same one. I minister in a white coat at the clinic and an alb at the parish, but it's really all the same thing, sharing the love of Christ 1 on 1."

Please mark your calendars for the Little Flower Novena, which begins on Wednesday, September 23, and end on the Feast of St. Therese on Thursday, October 1.

Have a wonderful week.

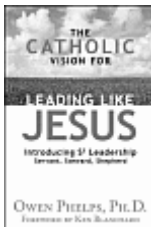
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Good News about Little Flower School: ALL of the Little Flower graduating class of 2008 went on to Catholic high schools.

Reminder: Did you know all the ladies in the parish, 22 years and older are members of the Ladies Club. The annual dues are \$5.00 and can be placed in the collection basket, dropped off or mailed to the parish center. Write on the envelope "Ladies Club."



Flu shots will be available on Wed. Oct. 28th from 4-7pm in the Parish Center. Mark your calendar now and plan on getting a flu shot. Watch to bulletin for more information.



The Catholic Vision for Learning Like Jesus, the title of a new book by Dr. Owen Phelps, is the focus of a *Lead Like Jesus Encounter* to be held Saturday, Oct. 10, here at Little Flower. Learn how to integrate your faith and life while becoming an effective leader in your home, at work, in your parish, in community activities — or anywhere you ever try to influence anyone else. The cost is just \$25 and includes lunch and all materials. For more information or to register, call 317-357-8352, Ext. 30, or email

tcostello@littleflowerparish.org. Payment can be made by check or credit card. The deadline for reservations is Sept. 25, but space is limited and reservations will be filled as payments are received.



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF September 14 - 20, 2009

- 14 Sept. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Intentions of Stan and Marilyn Huseland by Mildred Mauer
- 15 Sept. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Bud Moody by Jim and Ann Flanagan
- 16 Sept. Wednesday**
8:30 am Jerry Forestal by Patricia Shreffler
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 17 Sept. Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Greentree – Urban Sauer by Tim Arvin and Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 18 Sept. Friday**
8:30 am Emil Streicher by David and Mary Abel
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 19 Sept. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil** – The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mary and Charles O'Hara
- 20 Sept. Sunday** –The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am For the People
10:30 am Joseph Jines by Merrill and Marylyn Blackwell
6:00 pm Amy Boreggine by Prospero Borreggine and Family



Dates to Remember

September 13 - 20, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Screenings		after all Masses
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish Center	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	9:30 am	Altar Server Sign Ups
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Gabriel Project
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Garden Club
	John 23	7:00 pm	Parish Life Commission
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Mtg
Friday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Saturday	St. Therese	5:00 pm	Babysitting Co-op
	Ladies Club	Novena Flower	Collection at All Masses
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
Sunday	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the 2009 Novena to St. Therese. This parish first offered a formal Novena to our patron saint in 1927, and it became an annual event. The Novena begins on Wednesday, September 23rd, and closes on October 1st, the official feast day. The Novena will consist of traditional prayers and songs and a communion service along with a homily about St. Therese. Novena times will be 5:30 PM on Sept. 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30 (weekdays), and 8:30 AM on Saturday, September 26th, and 9:45 AM on Sunday September 27th. Over the years our parish has been richly blessed, no doubt due to the intercession of St. Therese. Come join your prayers with the community at this year's Novena.



In Memoriam

We offer our sympathy and condolences to Jim Clifford and his entire family on the death of his mother, **Victoria Clifford**, 94, who passed away on August 30th and whose funeral was celebrated here on September 5th. Victoria was a parishioner for many years at Little Flower. She and her late husband, Tim, raised all 6 of their children here at Little Flower. She was very active in the Ladies Club and Cub Scouts in her younger years. Please pray for all of her children and grandchildren during this difficult time. May God welcome Victoria into His eternal glory.

Adult Volleyball

Final sign-ups for the Fall League will be Friday, Sept. 18th at 8pm in the school gym. You must be 19 years or older to participate. Cost is \$10 a person for the season. For more information please call Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, September 20th in church from 7pm until 8:30pm. Youth Choir is open to all in grades 8 thru 12 and is always looking for new members. We practice one Sunday evening per month, and sing at the 6pm Mass on two Sundays per month. Please consider joining us for our September practice.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of Sept 5 th and 6 th	\$	13,235.75
Electronic Contribution 9/2 to 9/8	\$	4,409.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	137,500.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	127,326.33
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ -	10,173.67

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,087.00
July Contributions	\$	2,107.00
August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,473.85

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 7/31/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$757,175.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$105,681.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

Thanks to Nick Nevins and his family, friends, and fellow-scouts.

Nick chose to do a "makeover" of the northwest corner for the parking lot and the school sign for his Eagle Scout Project.

Thanks, Nick!

Our lady of Fatima Council of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Squire's Circle and is seeking new members. The Columbian Squires, the official youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, is a leadership development program for young Catholic men, 10-18 years old. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please call Tony Pappas at 317-696-9683.

The next **FREE MOVIE** for seniors, sponsored by Rosewalk, will be on **Thursday, September 17th at 11:00am at the Kerasote Movie Theater at Washington Square Mall.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to see a free movie and receive a free drink and popcorn. You may call 356-2760 to find out what movie is playing.



Our annual celebration of our parish feast is coming up on Saturday evening, October 3rd, beginning with the 5pm Mass. We are taking this opportunity to say thanks for all of you for your stewardship of time, talent, and treasure

throughout the year. After Mass, dinner will be provided in the social hall. Please RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352 or e-mail zimmerman@littleflowerparish.org by September 28th. Please come - our celebration won't be complete without you!

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!



Confirmation

On Sunday, September 27th there will be a meeting for all young adults and their parents who might be interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. Confirmation preparation is open to all youth in grades 9 thru 12. The meeting will take place in the school cafeteria and will begin at 7:15 pm. Attendance at this meeting is essential for anyone who wants to prepare for Confirmation in the spring of 2010. Please call Tom at the parish center if you have questions.

If you have a child entering Kindergarten through Eighth grade, that does not attend Catholic School; Little Flower offers Religious Education classes beginning Sunday, September 20th from 9:30 am to 10:25 am. The cost is \$45 per child. Please contact Lisa at 357-8352 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org to register.



First Communion

On Thursday, Sept. 24th at 6:00 pm there will be a parent meeting for all parents who have children making their First Eucharist this year. If you have a son or daughter entering 2nd grade or above who have not made their First Eucharist and have not registered please call Lisa at the Parish Center at 357-8352 ext. 33 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Andi Jane, daughter of Joshua and Megan (Carson) Stayton, baptized on Sunday, September 6, 2009.