

**Dear Parish Family,**

The Little Flower Novena begins this Wednesday, September 23, at 5:30 p.m. In the early years of the novena, when the parish was very small, hundreds of people came from all over Indianapolis. When the parish was very large, hundreds of parishioners attended. Although today we are a much smaller parish, I would encourage you to attend the novena if at all possible, especially the Solemn Closing on Thursday, October 1.

Why? First, we want to thank God for all his blessings upon our parish and our parish families through the intercession of St. Therese since the beginning of our parish, and we want to ask his continued blessings upon our parish and our parish families through her intercession. Second, it seems to me that with all the problems we are facing in our country, not the least of which is the still struggling economy, which affects all of us in one way or another, we need to ask St. Therese to join her prayers to ours that the economy will improve and people will once again be able to find decent jobs.

I have to admit that in some ways I was surprised that there were not more people at Mass on Labor Day. Sometimes I think we have a disconnect between our faith life and our everyday life. In some situations, the best and only thing we can do that might make a difference is prayer!

Today is Catechetical Sunday. Also, today our Sunday Religious Education Program begins for 2009-2010. As I mentioned in my homily this past Sunday, the faith of small children is the faith of their families. As children get older and their world expands beyond their families, their faith becomes the faith of the community. Therefore, it is as important that they receive formal religious education as it is important that they receive formal education in reading, math, science, etc.

If your child does not attend a Catholic elementary school, please enroll him or her in Sunday Religious Education. Thanks to the generous parishioners who have volunteered to teach in the program: Megan Eaton (Grades 7 & 8), Kelly Dunn (Grades 5 & 6), Jason & Melissa Bickel (Grades 3 & 4), Madelynn Miller (Grade 2), and Ann Schlosser (Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup>).

If you have an interest in developing your servant leadership skills, if you want to lead like Jesus, please do not forget to sign up for the *Lead Like Jesus* encounter with Owen Phelps on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Finally, if you want the parish to know that you are hospitalized, it is important that you or a member of your family informs the parish. For various reasons, the hospitals may not notify us when you are admitted. Also, there are Communion ministers at Community East who distribute Holy Communion to Catholic patients on a daily basis. If you are hospitalized and not receiving Communion at Community East, you probably are not listed as Catholic on their records. If you are not receiving Communion and would like to receive Communion, either you or a family member should call the chaplain's office.

Have a wonderful week.

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**On Sunday, September 13, 2009 we welcomed into our Christian family Lydia Marie daughter of Joseph and Cristina (Nord) McDonald, Alyssa Faith daughter of John Greene and Teresa Cowden, and Brendan Thomas son of Mark and Jody (Greene) Nashold.**

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: **Barb Mescall**, Berkshire of Castleton, 8480 Craig Street, Indianapolis, IN 46250

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF September 21 - 27, 2009**

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| <b>21 Sept.</b> | 7:00 am<br>5:30 pm                        | <b>Monday</b><br>Communion Service<br>Communion Service   |
| <b>22 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm                        | <b>Tuesday</b><br>Jim Freeland by Carol Freeland & Family<br>Communion Service  |
| <b>23 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm                        | <b>Wednesday</b><br>Delia Gilday<br>Little Flower Novena and Communion Service  |
| <b>24 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>1:30 pm<br>5:30 pm             | <b>Thursday</b><br>Communion Service<br>Greentree – Bill Dugan<br>Little Flower Novena and Communion Service  |
| <b>25 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm                        | <b>Friday</b><br>Bud Moody by Arcella Triska<br>Little Flower Novena and Communion Service  |
| <b>26 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>5:00 pm                        | <b>Saturday</b><br>Little Flower Novena and Communion Service<br><b>Vigil</b> – The 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Mike Carroll by Sr. Lavonne Long        |
| <b>27 Sept.</b> | 8:30 am<br>9:45 am<br>10:30 am<br>6:00 pm | <b>Sunday</b> – The 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Charlie Murphy by Judy Moss<br>Little Flower Novena Prayers<br>Tom Reese by Pat Reese<br>For the People |

**Dates to Remember****September 20 - 27 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Ladies Club	Novena Flower	Collection at All Masses
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
<b>Monday</b>	Parking Lot	5:00 pm	Kickball Playoffs
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Holy Family
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parking Lot	5:00 pm	Kickball Playoffs
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Parking Lot	5:00 pm	Kickball Playoffs
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
<b>Thursday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Babysitting Co-op Mtg
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	Scout Comm.
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Parent Meeting
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Saturday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	7:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting

**LITTLE FLOWER NOVENA SCHEDULE**

Wednesday through Friday, September 23rd-25th  
 Novena and Communion Service 5:30 PM  
 Saturday, September 26th  
 Novena and Communion Service 8:30 AM  
 Sunday, September 27th  
 Novena Prayers only 9:45  
 Monday through Wednesday September 28th, 29th and 30th  
 Novena and Communion Service 5:30 PM  
 Thursday, October 1st Solemn Closing AT 5:30 PM  
 Novena Prayers and Benediction, no Communion Service -  
 1st Communion students in the opening procession dropping rose petals.



Please help if you "can"! We are desperately looking for a new volunteer to take our aluminum cans for recycling. Anyone who has a truck and would be willing and able to pick up our cans approximately once per week and take them to be recycled is asked to call Tom at the Parish Center at 357-8352. This recycling can earn the parish in the area of \$1,000 a year or more, so we really need someone to step forward.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	\$	11,118.24
Electronic Contribution 9/8 to 9/14	\$	639.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	151,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	139,082.82
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$ -	12,166.18

Home Improvement Fund

June Contributions	\$	2,087.00
July Contributions	\$	2,107.00
August Contributions	\$	2,244.00
September Contributions (to date)	\$	1,611.85

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

**Coming Events...**



First Communion

On Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 [ljbibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:ljbibbons@littleflowerparish.org).



Confirmation

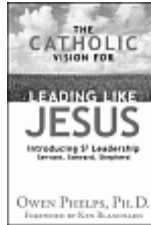
On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting for all young adults and their parents who might be interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation this year. Confirmation preparation is open to all youth in grades 9 thru 12. The meeting will take place in the school cafeteria 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.



Our annual celebration of our parish feast is coming up on Saturday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 [jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org) by September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please come - our celebration won't be complete without you!

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



*The Catholic Vision for Leading 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](mailto: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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Youth choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, meeting in church at 6pm.

**40 Days For Life**

On Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm at the St. Augustine Home for the Aged, 2345 W 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260. Meet our speaker Shawn Carney, co-founder of 40 Days for Life. We will then process along 86th St. to Planned Parenthood carrying a large wooden cross and signs while praying. The route is 2.6 miles and some of us will remain in the chapel or on the grounds of St. Augustine praying for the success of this campaign. Cars and vans will go to Planned Parenthood to pick up the processors. (There will be a Holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel at St. Augustine). For more information, call 317-213-4778 or go to [www.40daysforlife.com/indianapolis](http://www.40daysforlife.com/indianapolis).

**Scecina Homecoming Gathering for Alumni and Friends**  
 Friday September 25, 2009 Scecina Crusaders vs. Lapel Bulldogs - Kickoff at 7:00 p.m. Football Game is at University of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue / Indianapolis. There will be a cookout and tailgate gathering before the game Your choice of hamburger or hot dog with chips and soft drink for \$3.50. After the game alumni and friends are invited to Scecina for an adult gathering in the school

cafeteria. There will be live entertainment by Ken Aull. Snacks and beverages will be provided.