

**Dear Parish Family,**

The Little Flower Novena continues until Thursday at 5:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, the novena prayers will be followed by a Communion Service. Thursday is the Solemn closing of the Novena with procession, prayers, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. This year's First Communion class will participate in the Solemn Closing of the Novena.

Thank you for your prayers for my friend Mary Lou Hudson, who died on Thursday, September 16. She taught here at Little Flower from 1946-1948 as Sister Charlotte Marie.

In the homily last Sunday, I stressed the importance of parish registration both for you and for the parish.

- We all need to be part of supportive communities. For example, most of us know that how much help a supportive community can be in times of crises in our lives, such as sickness or death.
- Besides weekend Liturgies, our only way to communicate with you is in writing. If we do not have your address, it is impossible for us to communicate information to you that can help you make your experience of parish life as rich as it possibly can be.
- Many years ago, it was reported that Catholics who do not register in a parish are more likely to stop practicing their Catholic faith.
- For you or your children to receive Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation or for you to be a godparent, you must be a registered Little Flower parishioner.
- If you wish to be married Little Flower, you must be a registered member of Little Flower or receive permission from the parish in which you are registered or live. Even if your family still lives here and even if you attended Little Flower School, Little Flower Parish does not have the right to witness your marriage unless you are currently a member of Little Flower or have permission from your current pastor.
- Adults living on their own or even still living in their parents' home but not financially dependent upon their parents (as opposed to a college student) are no longer considered registered in the parish unless they register as adults.

Your registration in the parish is very important to the parish.

- Little Flower Parish needs you. We need your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Little Flower is a thriving parish. However, there are lots of needs within the parish and within the larger community that we could better serve if we had more people to help.
- Also, it is always good for parishes when new members join. They bring new ideas, new perspectives, and new life that can help all of us grow and change.
- Many dioceses are developing criteria for parish viability and/or for the assignment of priests. The number of registered parishioners is one of the few objective criteria that may be used in the future in making decisions.

If you are not registered but consider this your church home, please register.

Finally, I would like to mention a point of church etiquette. Chewing gum during Mass is not appropriate. Thank you!

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Good News about Little Flower School:** The Tree Song has been a tradition at Little Flower First Communion's for over twenty years. Each year the entire student body is led in singing The Tree Song by the second grade at our final Celebration.

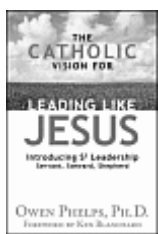
**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF September 28 – October 4, 2009**

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| <b>28 Sept.</b> | <b>Monday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Therese Shockley by Jerome Wiley   |
| 5:30 pm         | Little Flower Novena and Communion Service   |
| <b>29 Sept.</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
| 8:30 am         | Communion Service  |
| 5:30 pm         | Little Flower Novena and Communion Service   |
| <b>30 Sept.</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   |
| 8:30 am         | A Deceased Priest  |
| 5:30 pm         | Little Flower Novena and Communion Service   |
| <b>01 Oct.</b>  | <b>Thursday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Betty Crofts by Family and Friends   |
| 5:30 pm         | Solemn Closing of the Little Flower Novena and Benediction   |
| <b>02 Oct.</b>  | <b>Friday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Communion Service  |
| 5:30 pm         | Helen Sauer by The Burgins   |
| <b>03 Oct.</b>  | <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Communion Service  |
| 5:00 pm         | <b>Vigil</b> – The 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Charley Murphy by James and Mary Ann Burkhart |
| <b>04 Oct.</b>  | <b>Sunday</b> –The 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  |
| 8:30 am         | Bud Moody by Butch and Donna Brown   |
| 10:30 am        | Carmine Taddeo by Ken and Rita Gibson  |
| 6:00 pm         | For the People   |

**Dates to Remember****September 27 – October 4, 2009**

| DAY              | ROOM            | TIME                            | GROUP                |                    |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | St. Therese     | 7:00 am                         | Men's Prayer Group   |                    |
|                  | Parish Center   | 8:30 am                         | Children's Liturgy   |                    |
|                  | Duffey Hall     | 9:30 am                         | Coffee and Donuts    |                    |
|                  | School          | 9:30 am                         | Religious Education  |                    |
| <b>Monday</b>    | Duffey Hall     | 7:15 pm                         | Confirmation Meeting |                    |
|                  | Parking Lot     | 5:00 pm                         | Kickball Playoffs    |                    |
|                  | Scout Room      | 6:00 pm                         | Webelos I            |                    |
|                  | Holy Family     | 6:00 pm                         | Wolf Scouts          |                    |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | St. Therese     | 7:00 pm                         | Prayer Group         |                    |
|                  | Parking Lot     | 5:30 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     | 5:30 pm                         | Kickball Playoffs    |                    |
|                  | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>The Feast of St. Therese</b> |                      |                    |
| Scout Room       |                 | 6:30 pm                         | Webelos II           |                    |
| St. Patrick      |                 | 6:30 pm                         | Adult Bible Study    |                    |
| Duffey Hall      |                 | 7:00 pm                         | Ladies Club Meeting  |                    |
| <b>Friday</b>    | St. Therese     | 8:00 pm                         | AA                   |                    |
|                  | Gym             | 8:00 pm                         | Adult Volleyball     |                    |
|                  | <b>Saturday</b> | Parish                          | Feast                | Day                |
|                  |                 | St. Therese                     | 7:00 am              | Men's Prayer Group |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Parish Grounds  | 9:00 am                         | Pet Blessing         |                    |
|                  | Duffey Hall     | 6:00 pm                         | Appreciation Dinner  |                    |
|                  | Parish Center   | 8:30 am                         | Children's Liturgy   |                    |
|                  | Duffey Hall     | 9:30 am                         | Coffee and Donuts    |                    |
|                  | School          | 9:30 am                         | Religious Ed         |                    |

**TWENTY-SIXTH DAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*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 has been extended to October 1st, but space is limited and reservations will be filled as payments are received.

**Ladies Club Next to New Booth**

Anyone wanting to donate to the "Next to New Booth" at the Fall Card Party may do so by dropping off their items at the parish center marked "Ladies Club" or call Donna Bown at 356-0774 for pick-up. No Clothes Please.



Anyone interested in coaching boys basketball please contact Steve Clegg ([steven.clegg@att.net](mailto:steven.clegg@att.net)) or at 538-6636 by Friday October 16. There will be a coaches

challenge night November 3<sup>rd</sup>, time to be scheduled for teams having more than one person interested.

**HAVE YOU HEARD?**

The Little Flower Athletic Association is hosting a Reverse Raffle October 17<sup>th</sup> in Duffey Hall (the cafeteria). Social Hour begins at 6 PM. Tickets are \$25 per person. The cost of your ticket includes Dinner, Free Beer & Wine and a chance to win \$1000. Tickets are available now. Please contact Amy Clegg 223-6850.

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal                                       | \$ 13,750.00          |
| Collection of Sept 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> | \$ 9,193.35           |
| Electronic Contribution 9/15 to 9/21                     | \$ 4,724.64           |
| Year to Date Budget Goal                                 | \$ 164,000.00         |
| Year to Date Collections                                 | \$ 153,000.81         |
| <b>YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT</b>                              | <b>\$ - 10,999.19</b> |

**Home Improvement Fund**

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| June Contributions                | \$ 2,087.00 |
| July Contributions                | \$ 2,107.00 |
| August Contributions              | \$ 2,244.00 |
| September Contributions (to date) | \$ 1,996.85 |

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign**

As of 7/31/2009

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Amount Pledged                   | \$903,955.00        |
| Amount Received on Pledges       | \$757,175.00        |
| <b>Pledges still outstanding</b> | <b>\$105,681.00</b> |

**STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!**

During the month of October, as we begin our annual focus on stewardship of time, talent, and treasure, volunteers from various parish ministries will be in the gathering area on weekends to promote their ministry and look for new volunteers! Please take this opportunity to consider your stewardship of time and talent to our parish.

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:

**Anni Marie Shook  
Emma Yamasaki**

Community Nursing & Rehabilitation  
5600 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46218

**Coming Events...**

**Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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 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!



**The Parish Life Commission will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm.** We are looking for help with this event. We are in need of people to help run the children's games, pass out candy and so forth. Please contact

Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center if you are available to help. Also, mark your calendars and plan on bringing your children to this fun filled evening. More details to follow in the bulletin.

**YOUTH NEWS**

(grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, meeting in church at 5pm.

**YOUTH ROOM** will be open on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass, until 8:30 pm. Come drop in.

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.