



**Dear Parish Family,**

One of the principal roles of the Pastoral Council is to do strategic planning. Our ability and willingness to plan for the future is critical. Over the last several months, the Pastoral Council has been looking at a process called *Appreciative Inquiry*.

This process has been used successfully by many corporations, government agencies, and church congregations.

The process uses an innovative approach to determine the strengths of an organization or congregation *and* to develop a plan based on those strengths. The process is based on the premise that by studying and uncovering the conditions and/or circumstances that contribute to excellence in a congregation, we can learn and envision how we can leverage those strengths to help us grow and flourish in the future.

Therefore, the process has two goals. First, the process will result in a document that we will be able to share with our entire congregation that will highlight the BEST things about Little Flower Parish. Second, this document will serve as a springboard for the Pastoral Council to develop a solid, reasonable, and achievable plan for the future.

The process involves personal interviews with parishioners. During the next four months, you may be asked to be an interviewer or an interviewee. If you are asked, I hope you will be willing to share some of your time with your parish.

There will be *no* Adventurousome Mass or meeting this week. We have received several promising resumes from persons interested in serving as our Pastoral Associate. We hope to have someone in place in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience!

Have a great week.

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Please welcome into our Christian Community Joseph Lee and Frank Edward sons of William and Lisabeth (Armstrong) Cheever and Greta Viola

daughter of Micah and Leslie Sitzman who were baptized on Sunday, August 31, 2008.

**School News**

Last week Little Flower's eighth graders spent a morning making lunches that they delivered to the Habitat for Humanity volunteers who are building two houses on Bolton Ave. The volunteers expressed their appreciation for the lunches and especially remarked how touched they were that every lunch bag was decorated by a student and contained a hand-written note of thanks. We hope to continue to work with Habitat as they begin work on a house on Bancroft. Anyone interested in supporting this effort can contact Mr. Gawrys at 353-2282.



Everyone is invited to attend a reception for Georgia Impicciche on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am – 2pm, in Duffey Hall. Hosted by the Funeral Luncheon Committee, Adventurousome Group, Franciscan Associates, Wednesday A.M. Bible Study Class, Monday

P.M. Prayer Group, and the Ladies Club. This will be a good time to thank

Georgia for her years of service to our parishioners and to offer her well wishes and support.



**Mass Intentions**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 8 – 14, 2008**

- 08 September Monday**  
8:30 am George Lester by Kathleen Lester  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 09 September Tuesday**  
8:30 am Elinor Johnson by Katie Jones  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 10 September Wednesday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Eileen Reel by Linda Bear
- 11 September Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Elaine Sauer by Krista and Jim Bugenhagen
- 12 September Friday**  
8:30 am Rosemary Hauck  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 13 September Saturday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:00 pm **Vigil-** Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
Amelia Fodora by Vivian Hess and Kathy White
- 14 September Sunday – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
8:30 am Betty Gavaghan by The Little Flower Ladies Club  
10:30 am Mary Frances Dugan by Family and Friends  
6:00 pm For the People



**Dates to Remember**

**September 7 - 14, 2008**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall	11:30 am	Reception for Georgia
<b>Monday</b>	Gym	4:45 pm	Cheerleading Practice
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
	<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am
Holy Family		2:30 pm	Brownies #195
St. Therese		6:30 pm	PTO Board
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Parish Council/Appreciative Inquiry
	Gym	7:00 pm	Girls Basketball Camp
	<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 pm
Duffey Hall		7:00 pm	Athletic Assoc. Business Meeting
St. Therese		8:00 pm	A.A.
<b>Friday</b>	Duffey Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day Pick-up
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Ladies Club</b>	<b>Flower</b>
St. Therese		7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Ladies Club</b>	<b>Flower</b>
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Franciscans Associates



**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord...**

Please pray for the friends and families of Chester Bryant, Steve Schmidt, and John Wurz who were buried from Little Flower this past week.

**Catechetical Sunday**

On September 20-21, 2008, Little Flower will join with parishes throughout our diocese and the country to celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The theme of our celebration is "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." During all weekend Masses we will recognize and commission all those involved in handing on the faith to children, youth, and adults in our parish. We will also recognize the role parents and guardians play in handing on the faith to the children and youth in our parish. Take a minute and thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our children, youth, and adults.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of August 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 8,886.33
Electronic Contribution 8/25 to 8/31	\$ 000.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 126,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 115,028.00
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ -10,972.00

**Home Improvement Fund**

May Contributions	\$ 1,258.00
June Contributions	\$ 1,327.00
July Contributions	\$ 1,242.81
August Contributions	\$ 1,239.00

The home improvement fund was recently used to make some much-needed repairs to the school alarm system, and to add an alarm to the parish office building. Thank you for your continued contributions.

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign  
As of 7/30/2008**

Amount Pledged	\$903,585.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$680,403.00



Our current contest period is now over, but outside of the contest we earn considerable money by recycling. Please keep up the great work. We will keep you updated as to the final results of the contest.

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
May	13.26 tons	13.73 tons
June	12.98 tons	9.58 tons
July	10.95 tons	11.62 tons
August thru 8/20	22.40 tons	7.50 tons
Total to date	59.59 tons	42.43 tons



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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 the end of November.



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on September 7<sup>th</sup>, meeting in church at 5pm.

Youth room will be open on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass and until 8:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION preparation will begin soon. Confirmed High School youth who are interested in helping with this year's class, please call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org).

**Religious Education Notes**

We are still registering for Religious Education for children entering kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who do not attend Little Flower School. Our sessions will begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am - 10:25am. Please call Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext. 33 to register; or email [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org).

**Gabriel Project Update**

The Gabriel Project has been very busy this year. Our Parish has helped over 20 women with financial, material, emotional, and spiritual support throughout and after their pregnancies. This great need has drained our supply of many staple items. We are currently most in need of size 1 diapers, wipes, bottles, and baby hygiene supplies. If you would like to donate any of these items they can be brought to Church and placed in the bassinet at the back of the gathering area. If you have any questions you can contact Carla Carter at 317-946-1111. Thank you for your generous support of the Gabriel Project.

**RESERVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES!**

Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm Mass with dinner following!  
Come celebrate our parish feast AND the SUCCESSFUL completion of our church masonry repairs  
DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!

Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>

Annual Little Flower School  
All-Class reunion



**The Little Flower Athletic Association**

would like to thank the entire parish for their support of our Hog Roast and Cornhole Tournament on August 16<sup>th</sup>. The number of people attending exceeded our expectations and made the event a huge success for the LFAA. The profits from the event will allow us to purchase some much needed uniforms for our teams this year. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Steve Clegg for handling the ticket sales, Antoinette Burford and the cheerleaders for selling so many tickets and performing their cheer routines, Adam Mueller for "babysitting" the cooker all night, Tim Smith and Doug Schroeder for all of their efforts on Friday night and Saturday, and Frank Lee who did a fantastic job of overseeing and preparing all the food. As we move forward we know there were a few areas we need to improve for next year, but thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone at the LFAA Hog Roast next year.

If anyone is interested in being a Coach for the upcoming Girl's Basketball season, please contact Tim Smith 356-8020 or [trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net](mailto:trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net) by September 10th.