

Dear Parish Family,

Special thanks to Susan Spilly-Lee for her excellent stewardship witness talk last Sunday. As always, these talks teach me important lessons about stewardship. As we prepare for Commitment Sunday next Sunday, I want to highlight some of the lessons I learned from Susan's talk.

First, she tied together faith and stewardship: "My faith journey has been my stewardship journey." In other words, faith and stewardship go hand in hand and mutually reinforce each other. In fact, her stewardship helped lead her to embrace the Catholic faith. She also emphasized the importance of those who were role models for her in the area of stewardship.

Second, as with most good stewards, she has received more from her stewardship than she has given. "I wanted to be more a part of the Church and meet more people. I also wanted to be another good role model for stewardship for Elizabeth....Caring for the Church building that way heightened our sense of ownership and 'home' and provided an opportunity for all three of us to do something together.... With each of these ministries, I most definitely HAVE gotten more from them than I've put in. I've made friends and acquaintances that I might not have, I've deepened my faith, become a member of a very large family, and we've been able to raise our daughter in a close-knit, supportive community."

Third, she made the point that it is okay that at various times, she and her family have had more money to give than time while at other times they have had more time to give than money. Stewardship is about giving a portion of what we have back to God.

Finally, what struck me most was Susan and Frank's commitment to modeling stewardship to their daughter Elizabeth and asking her both to share in their stewardship commitments and to make her own stewardship commitments. As I have often said, "children learn what they live and live what they learn."

Please check out our new parish and school websites: www.littleflowerparish.org. We hope you like them. Special thanks to John Eastes who, as part of his parish stewardship, developed, managed, and maintained our previous websites. With the new websites, parish and school staff will have more responsibility for their parts of the websites.

Elections are Tuesday, November 6. Some have suggested that this election is one of the most important elections in decades. Besides studying the candidates and their positions on issues, it is also important that we pray for our country, for our leaders, and for all of us who will vote in this election. The following is an election year prayer for the faithful witness of Catholics in the United States by Cardinal Raymond Burke, Prefect of the Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura. Cardinal Burke was one of my classmates in Rome.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You alone are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In Your Church You show us the Way, You teach us the Truth, and You give us Your Life. Grant, we humbly beg You, that, always and in all things, we may be faithful to You in Your Holy Church, and to Your Vicar on Earth, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI.

Grant also, we beg You, that, in these times of decision, all who profess to be Catholic and who are entrusted with the sacred duty to participate in public life, may, by the strength of Your grace, unwaveringly follow Your Way and faithfully adhere to Your Truth, living in You with all their mind and heart, for Your greater glory, the salvation of souls, and the good of our nation. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of America, pray for us.

Saint Thomas More, Patron of Religious Freedom, pray for us.

Have a good week.

fr. Bob



FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 - 28, 2012

- 22 October Monday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Catherine Quill by Diane and Ron Sharp
- 23 October Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Elizabeth Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 24 October Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. Zac Clegg by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
- 25 October Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
1:30 p.m. Crestwood - Fr. James Arneson
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 26 October Friday**
8:30 a.m. Walter and Anna Brodenkecher
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 27 October Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. **Vigil of - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Betty McAtee by Paul and Georgiann Georgescu
- 28 October Sunday - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. Don Baumgartner by The Mages Family
10:30 a.m. Fred Burton by Ralph and Rosemary Wenning
6:00 p.m. For the People

The Week Ahead

October 21 - 28, 2012

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
	Holy Spirit	7:00 p.m.	Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Bear Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #2441
Thursday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scout Sign Ups
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Brownie #2900
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Stewardship Intention Card Weekend		
Sunday	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall	10:30 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat



Confirmation candidates will meet for a day-long retreat on Sunday October 28. Please meet in the Little Flower Cafeteria at 10:30 a.m. We will be spending the day on the campus of Marian University.

THE LEGION OF MARY ~ "Our Lady of Victory"
Invites everyone to attend its annual Open House/Reunion on October 28, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Priori Hall at Holy Rosary Church.

THE TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Emerson Catholic Alliance

David Siler of Catholic Charities will discuss "Faithful Citizenship" following a 6:30 p.m. dinner at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church on Sunday, Oct. 28. During his talk, which will begin about 7:15 p.m., David will reflect on how our Catholic faith can and should inform our political and civic participation.



We remember our parishioner **Beverley Jean Kemmerer** who passed away on October 8 and whose funeral service was celebrated here on October 12. Jean was 82 years young and a very classy lady. During her many years at Little Flower she was involved in St. Vincent De Paul, working in the office, and helping with R.C.I.A. Please keep all of Jean's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Jean into His eternal glory.



Our annual Mass of Remembrance will be on Thursday, November 1, at 6 p.m. At this special liturgy, we remember by name those members of the Little Flower community who have died in the past year. 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 p.m. and write their names on the list that will be available at each door.



Please note the Market Day sale date has been changed to November 9, 2012.

The Little Flower 8th grade students will be selling Market Day pies at the doors of Church on the weekend of October 27-28. By purchasing a pie you will be helping students earn credits towards their Washington D.C. trip in the Spring. Pies will be delivered the weekend of November 9, just in time for Thanksgiving!



The Parish Life Commission will host a **Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. in school.** In order for our party to be a success we need your help. **Donations of individually wrapped candy treats are needed.** Please

leave your donation at the parish center, at school, or in the collection containers available at every church door. **If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352 or pclegg@littleflowerparish.org.**

NEWS FROM THE LADIES CLUB

Be sure not to miss the Service, Snack and Shop Event in the cafeteria immediately following 6 p.m. Mass on Thursday, November 1. See flyer at the doors or call Judy Jones at 353-8734 for details. See you there!

Celebrate the season at the Harvest Soup Supper, Saturday November 10 from 4-8 p.m. Dinner \$7 adults, \$6.50 seniors, \$5 kids. Prepaid Container of Soup orders \$5,\$4 and \$3 accepted until November 4. Flyers/order sheet available at the doors after Mass or at the Ladies Club Booth at the Service,Snack and Shop Event.

YOUTH NEWS - grades 8 thru 12

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, October 21 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in church. We will also sing at Mass on October 28 and November 4, meeting in church at 5 p.m.

YOUTH ROOM will be open after Mass on Sunday October 28 until 8:30 p.m.

TAKE NOTE: The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will distributed in mid-November Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Monday, October 22. You may also e-mail items to lfparishnews@yahoo.com Please include any questions about our church or parish you might like Father Bob to answer in the newsletter!



Our parish SVDP members will be putting together Thanksgiving food bags for the needy in our area on Friday, Nov. 16. We are in short supply of the following: Instant mashed potatoes, gravy mixes (not jars), stuffing mixes, canned green beans, corn, fruit, and cake mixes. These items can be dropped off at the parish center or placed in the SVDP cart in the back of the church anytime **before Nov. 16.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of October 13 th and 14 th	\$ 9,225.31
Electronic Contributions 10/8–10/12	\$ 1,134.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 221,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 210,091.67
Year – To – Date DEFICIT	\$ - 11,508.33

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 2,307.25
October Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,507.25

THANKS

A special thanks to all the staff, ministry and commission chair people and other volunteers who took at time to be at our ministry fair last weekend!

INTENTION SUNDAY

NEXT WEEKEND IS STEWARDSHIP INTENTION WEEKEND. PLEASE BRING YOUR INTENTION CARD TO MASS NEXT WEEKEND. THERE WILL BE A TIME DURING MASS WHEN YOU WILL BE ASKED TO BRING IT FORWARD.



ANNUAL LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL ALL-CLASS REUNION

Events. . . Saturday, November 3 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 5 p.m. Mass, and 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 to reservation to lfalumni@yahoo.com!



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 5th at 7 p.m. 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 sometime after the first of next year.

Please remember our parishioners in your thoughts and prayers who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

**Barb Surenkamp-Bohall - Beverley Living Center – Brookview
7145 E 21st Street, Indianapolis, IN 46219**



The parish gratefully acknowledges a gift from the estate of Nancy Lavelle. We deeply appreciate her foresight in remembering the parish in her estate planning. Have you remembered Little Flower in your will?