

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make this year’s All-Class Reunion last weekend special. Special thanks to Angie Mackell who worked very hard to make this event happen. Also, thanks to our parish and school staff, our adult and student liturgical choirs, and all those who attended. Also, every year the management and staff of the Indianapolis Marriott East do an outstanding job with our social and dinner. A successful All-Class Reunion requires a collaborative and cooperative effort on the part of all.

Feedback from alumni, especially the honorees and their families, suggests that the evening could not have gone better. The food was delicious. Alumni, however, most enjoy the opportunity to visit with former classmates and friends. The highlight of the evening, of course, was the presentation of awards.

Each year the $1,000 Bob Kiley Scholarship is awarded to an outstanding 8th grader who is an altar server. This year the award was split between Wil Battles and Reanna Hollada. Congratulations to Wil and his parents, Mike and Maureen Battles, and to Reanna and her parents, Ron and Bridget Hollada.

Also, congratulations to four outstanding alumni who were added to our Wall of Honor: Sr. Barbara Hileman, O.S.F., Class of 1947, Mike Boyle, Class of 1951, Bill Bevan, Class of 1959, and Bob Gavaghan, Class of 1973. I hope to include a short biography of each within the next couple of weeks.

**We are currently at a Sunday collection deficit of over $20,000 to budget. This is the largest deficit we've had at this point in the fiscal year for at least the last 5 years. Also, the last two months we have seen a lower average weekly collection than we have seen in years. In September, we showed an average weekly collection of $11,805. In October, it was $11,566. In the last 5 years (at least), we've only had one month that had an average weekly collection less than $12,000!**

**One of my concerns is that often collections tend to get a bit lighter during the winter. To have a Sunday collection deficit over $20,000 at this time in the fiscal year is more concerning because we are only 1/3 of the way through the fiscal year. At this point, I am writing this to call your attention to the issue and to ask that if you perhaps have fallen behind in your commitment to the parish, you will do your best catch up. Thank you for all you do for the parish.**

On a much more positive note, from my perspective, our Youth Choir, under the direction of Tom Costello, is one of our best liturgical ministries. The Youth Choir consists of students in Grades 8 through 12. They sing at the 6 p.m. Mass on the first and fourth Sundays of the month and practice on the third Sunday.

Since its formation in 1995 with Tom as the conductor, many of our youth have served the parish through participation in the Youth Choir. Based on my own experience and what parishioners tell me, they have served the parish well. The youth choir brings an undisputable energy to the Liturgy when they are present. Youth Choir hopefully teaches them how to meaningfully serve their parish through participation in Liturgy and how to keep a commitment to a group of which they are a part. But this is a lesson that cannot be taught by staff alone. We need parents of our youth to encourage them and help them to meet and keep their commitment. I want to encourage parents of 8th through 12th graders to consider this opportunity with their teens. Please consider making the sacrifices necessary to enable their participation. More details are available elsewhere in the bulletin, so please review it. I feel strongly that a strong and vibrant Youth Choir is very important to the life of our parish.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**NEW WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Effective weekend of**

**November 30/December 1**

**Saturday 5:00 P.M.**

**Sunday 9:30 A.M.**

**Sunday 6:00 P.M.**

***Also effective December 1, 2019***

**Coffee and Donuts will follow the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

**Children’s Liturgy will be during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

**Sunday Religious Education will be 10:30 a.m. until 11:25 a.m.**

**The regular time for Baptisms will be after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.**

We extend our condolences to *Kristen and Jason Deiwert* and their family on the death of Kristen’s mother, **Linda Swain** and to *Maureen Sweeney* on the death of her father, **Jerry Sweeney**. We extend our sympathy to Dan Hawkins and his family on the death of his brother, **Dale Hawkins** who passed away. Dale was 88 years young and a very faith filled man. Among his many relatives are parishioners: Cathy Hawkins, daughter-in-law; *Laura Hawkins*, sister-in-law; and *Sandy Clegg* & *Jenni Nevins*, nieces. Please keep all of these families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Linda, Jerry, and Dale into his eternal glory.

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**For the Week of November 11 - 17, 2019**

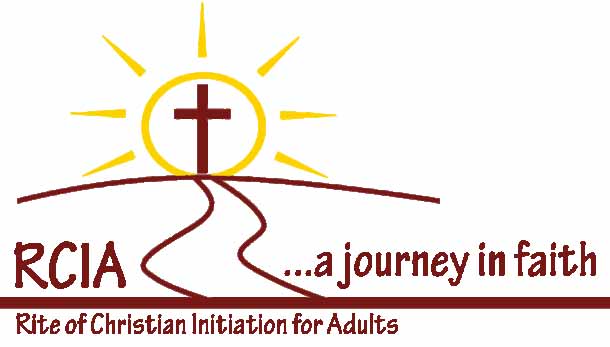
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| **11** | **November** | **Monday** |
|  | 5:30 p.m. | Sharon Rocchio by Sean and Ann Casey |
| **12** | **November** | **Tuesday** |
|  | 5:30 p.m. | Jamie Michelle by Carol Freeland |
| **13** | **November** | **Wednesday** |
|  | 11:00 a.m. | Marcia Kosinski by Bob and Bobbie Lawless |
|  | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| **14** | **November** | **Thursday** |
|  | 5:30 p.m. | Bryan Cuppy by Donna and Thomas Kemp |
| **15** | **November** | **Friday** |
|  | 8:30 a.m. | Angela Bir by B.J. Schmidt |
|  | 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| **16** | **November** | **Saturday – Vigil of The 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
|  | 5:00 p.m. | Dane Kramer by C. Gill |
| **17** | **November** | **Sunday – The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** |
|  | 8:30 a.m. | Judy Moss by LF St. Vincent de Paul Society |
|  | 10:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of the Auxiliary Members of Little Flower Legion of Mary Praesidium |
|  | 6:00 p.m. | For the Parish |

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**November 10 - 17, 2019**

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| **DAY** | **ROOM** | **TIME** | **GROUP** |
| **Sunday** | Blood Pressure Check 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 |
|  | School | 9:30 a.m. | RCIA for Children |
|  | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | Young Adult Bible Study |
| **Monday** | St. Therese | 6:30 p.m. | SoulCore |
|  | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | Baptism Class |
| **Tuesday** | St. Therese | 9:30 a.m. | Legion of Mary |
|  | Duffey Hall | 7:00 p.m. | Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc. |
|  | St. Therese | 7:00 p.m. | RCIA |
|  | Gym | 7:30 p.m. | Little Flower Athletic Commission |
| **Wednesday** | Church/PC | 11:00 a.m. | Adventuresome Group |
|  | St. Therese | 6:00 p.m. | Respect Life |
|  | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | Parish Council |
| **Thursday** | St. Therese | 8:00 p.m. | AA |
| **Friday** |  | | |
| **Saturday** | New Parishioner Registration after all Masses. | | |
| **Sunday** | Church | 8:30 a.m. | Children’s Liturgy |
|  | Church | 8:30 a.m. | RCIA - Rite of Acceptance |
|  | School | 9:30 a.m. | Religious Ed |
|  | School | 9:30 a.m. | RCIA for Children |
|  | Duffey Hall | 9:30 a.m. | Coffee and Donuts |
|  | Church | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Choir Practice |
|  | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Adult Bible Study |

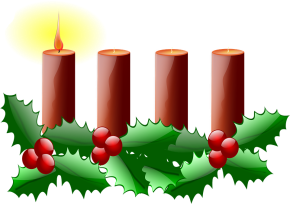
V9E.tifThe next **Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 317-357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until February.



RCIA will meet again on

Tuesday, November 12, from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

We will have a Church Tour. Please join us in the Parish Center.



The **Parish Life Commission** will host **“Journey into Advent: Faith, Family, and Fun" on Monday, November 25, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria**. This is an opportunity for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent before it begins on December 1. The evening will begin with dinner (pizza). Following dinner each family will be given the opportunity to make an Advent Calendar to help count down the days until Christmas. The evening is free, but reservations are needed. Please call the Parish Center if you plan on attending. If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Clegg at pclegg@littleflowerparish.org, or (317) 357-8352.

**On the weekend of November 23 and 24 we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. Lectors, servers, music ministers, greeters, ushers, and arts and environment ministers will be commissioned at all Masses. (Because of their special role, Eucharistic ministers will be commissioned next spring at the Holy Thursday liturgy.) Please plan to come forward for a special blessing at whatever Mass you attend.**



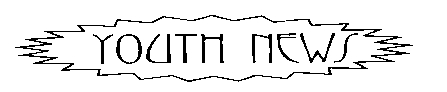
The **Adventuresome Group** will meet on **Wednesday, November 13 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass** to celebrate Thanksgiving! Please bring a friend and join us for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner complete with all the trimmings! If you plan on attending, please contact Peggy Clegg at (317) 357-8352 or [pclegg@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org).

**PLEASE CONSIDER REMEMBERING**

**LITTLE FLOWER PARISH AND SCHOOL**

**IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING.**

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| **STEWARDSHIP CORNER**  **Your Gifts of Treasure** | |
| **Weekly Budget Goal** | **$ 13,550.00** |
| **Collection of November 3 and 4** | **$ 9,762.21** |
| **Electronic Contributions 10/28 to 11/1** | **$ 6,741.91** |
| **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Actual** | **$ 236,969.34** |
| **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Budget** | **$ 257,450.00** |
| **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 YTD DEFICIT** | **$ - 20,480.66** |
| **Home Improvement Fund** | |
| **September Contributions** | **$ 2,204.15** |
| **October Contributions** | **$ 2,055.14** |
| **November Contributions (to date)** | **$ 743.91** |
| **PLEASE NOTE**  **This weekend is Intention Sunday for the Archdiocesan United Catholic Appeal: Christ our Hope. Christ our Hope provides year-long support to Archdiocesan ministries that benefit people in all parishes. You should have received your intention card in the mail, but extras are available at the church doors. Please take special care that you don’t mistake this for the intention card for parish support. Our parish awareness campaign for stewardship of time, talent, and treasure will take place in the coming months.** | |

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**(grades 8 thru 12)**

**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, November 17 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in Church. New members are needed. Parents, encourage your kids in grades 8 through 12, and consider making the sacrifice to help them participate. They practice one Sunday evening per month and sing at the 6 p.m. Sunday evening Mass on the 1st and 4th Sunday of each month, arriving at 5 p.m. to practice before Mass. This group makes a huge contribution to our liturgy! **We will especially welcome new eighth graders to this practice as well as other new members. Please consider it!**

**YOUTH CHOIR** will sing on Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, December 1, meeting in Church at 5 p.m. to prepare for 6 p.m. Mass. ****

**IT SEEMS EARLY,….BUT**

**ADVENT IS COMING**

We are seeking volunteers to assist in the lighting of the Advent Wreath at weekend Masses throughout Advent. This includes the weekends of November 30/December 1, December 7/8, 14/15, and 21/22. If you are interested in helping, please send an email to [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org), and send your preferred weekend and Mass time. As of this writing, the following times are still available:

December 8th at 9:30 a.m. Mass

December 14th at 5:00 p.m. Mass

December 15th at 9:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. Mass

Please respond as soon as possible as we would like to get the schedule set and preference will be given to those who respond first. You will be sent a reminder before the weekend you are scheduled.

***Please keep our ill and homebound parishioners in your thoughts and prayers, especially the following people who have requested prayers for various reasons***:

Bill Ajamie, Karen Ajamie, Esther Capps, Rita Foley, Ed Galluzzi, Roberta Galluzzi, Gene Miller, Joe Swift, Dave Parris, Denice Rose, Martha Haddin, Gary Walters, Haydee Gloria, Mary Shea, Charles Aughe, Barbara Spellman.

If you get a chance, please send them a card or a note. It will really brighten their day. This week we especially want to remember:

**Harry and Betty Heidelberger**

**1309 N Parker Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46201**

**If you or someone in your family is ill or serving our country and would like their name listed in the bulletin so others can pray for them, please contact Peggy Clegg at 317-357-8352 or** [**pclegg@littleflowerparish.org**](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org)**.**



The Little Flower Men’s Club is selling Crew Carwashes!

We will be selling after Mass on

November 23/24

as well as during the entire month of November.

See Jeff Lyons or Rick Fischer to purchase outside of Mass.

Crew Carwashes are $9 each & half of all proceeds will go to the Little Flower campus garage upgrade project.

**Thanksgiving Blessing Bags**

**Thank You to everyone who took a Thanksgiving Blessing Bag to fill for a neighborhood family in need for Thanksgiving. Your response was overwhelming! We ran out of bags after the 10:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday, so 100 bags are being filled!**

**If you did not get a bag last weekend or were unable to commit to doing the shopping to fill a bag, here’s what you can do. Please consider purchasing a $10 or $25 gift card from Aldi or Kroger. Then place the gift card in the collection basket marked to the attention of St. Vincent de Paul. These cards will be distributed with our bags to allow families to purchase the perishable food portion of their meal. Please do this any time up to and including the weekend of November 16/17. Thank you once again for your overwhelming generosity!**

LITTLE FLOWER CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Preparations for Little Flower Christmas Choir are right around the corner. Every year, our adult choir welcomes in adults from inside and outside the parish who may not want to commit to the choir on a year-round basis. We also welcome parish children in grades 6 and above who wish to join. As always it seems to be the case, we anticipate a greater need for male voices!

The Christmas Choir rehearses on the 5 Tuesdays prior to Christmas at 7 p.m. beginning on Tuesday, November 19. The choir will then sing at the 10 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve and the 9:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, December 29 and Sunday, January 5.

**Members are asked to commit to four of the five practices and are also asked to commit to two of the three Masses at which the Christmas Choir sings** unless special circumstances exist and arrangements are made in advance. Special arrangements will be made for returning college students.

Questions should be directed to Tom Costello at tcostello@littleflowerparish.org Please consider being a part of this special tradition! **If you plan to join this year, please email Tom as soon as possible so that we can have enough music ready for everyone!**

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**WHY DO THEY SAY/DO THAT DURING MASS?**

**Join the Invite Commission for a two week crash course on**

**“THE USE OF SCRIPTURE DURING MASS”**

**With Dr. Edward Sri and Jeff Cavins**

**Little Flower Duffy Hall**

**7:00 -8:30 p.m.**

**Baby sitting available**

**12/2 and 12/9**

**Each night we will watch two Ascension Press videos and have a short discussion.**

**Enrollment: $20.00 which includes book.**

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**Please register by calling, texting, or emailing Cac Diehr: 317-501-0060**

**Before 11/30/2019.**

**LECTORS** will need their new workbooks for the year beginning with the readings of November 30 and December 1. Please pick up your copy in the sacristy.

**\*\*\*ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS\*\*\***

**DO YOU NEED SERVICE CREDITS?**

**The Little Flower Invite Commission needs two child care helpers on 12/2 and 12/9 in Duffy Hall from 6:45p.m.-8:30 p.m. We have games, coloring, artwork supplies, and adorable, well-behaved children who just need a couple of enthusiastic, capable sitters. Please call or text Cindy Woods at 317-408-6396. Thank you! Completion of Safe Sitter Program required.**

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Next weekend, November 16 and 17 is the collection for the Campaign for Human Development. CCHD was founded to help end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Your donation will help defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please use the envelope provided in your regular packet and place your donation in the regular collection.

Fall Clean Up

On Saturday November 23 the Men’s Club and Green Thumb Committee will lead a fall clean up day. We will be cleaning up the parish grounds for winter.  We will meet at 9:00 a.m. by the garage. Please join us – many hands make light work.

**Spreading the Holiday Scrip**

**Shopping Cheer!**

Believe or not, the holidays are quickly approaching! This year has flown by, but rest assured there is no need to panic about the hustle and bustle that lies ahead in the weeks to come. Instead make plans to make the most of the Holiday Season by purchasing gift cards through our Scrip Program!

There are Scrip Order Forms at all the entrances of Church. Orders are placed on Tuesdays, and are available for pickup on Fridays. (Payment must accompany your order.) **We will order on the following dates for your Christmas needs:**

**November 12, 19**

**December 3, 10, 17**

You may drop off order forms at the Parish Office, through school, or the collection basket. We also have an assortment of gift-cards on hand to purchase. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the parish office, 357-8352 ext. 33.