



## Pastor's Notes

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations to the members of our second grade class who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Advent Penance Service on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The next step in their spiritual journey will be First Communion on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Let us continue to pray for them and all the young members of our parish.

Can you believe Christmas is almost here? I hope that you and your loved ones are planning to join us in celebrating the birth of Christ. Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24 at 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and 10:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated on Christmas Day, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Please note that with Christmas falling on a Saturday there will not be the usual 5:00 PM Mass that day. This will give Fr. Jonathan and I the opportunity to celebrate Christmas with our families. Masses on Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup> will be at their usual times of 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 6:00 PM. A reminder, too, that school will dismiss at 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and resume on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who will be traveling over the Christmas holiday, may God bless you. We look for your safe return.

Fr. Vince

**75<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FLASHBACK:** The Little Flower Neighborhood is bordered by 16<sup>th</sup> Street on the north, 10<sup>th</sup> Street on the south, Emerson Avenue on the east, and Sherman Drive on the west. The area was developed in the 1910's and 1920's during a spurt in Indianapolis growth. The area was named after the parish and was mainly an Irish-Catholic neighborhood.



### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

The Men's Group is sponsoring its annual retreat to St. Meinrad Archabbey, February 19-20, 2000. The theme this year is, "Benedictine Spirituality, A Rule for Living" with Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB. The cost is \$125.00 per person. **Please contact Mark Bucherl at 353-9160 or Jeff Purvis at 357-4775 for more information.**

### MARKET DAY UPDATE

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade frozen food fundraiser, *Market Day*, is doing well. The food is convenient, affordable, and delicious. Order forms are available at all three entrances to the church. Please take one, fill it out, and return to the Market Day bags located at the church entrances by January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Orders need to be turned into the school by Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

#### Month Seven & Eight

*You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby. He is completely formed, and has been since 8 weeks. All he is doing now is gaining weight and making his mother uncomfortable with his size. But she is not worried now. In a short time, her baby will be born. Like Mary, she is pondering the miracle and mystery of birth. Prayer and trust have given her grace for this journey.*



## The Week Ahead

### 20 December Monday

8:30 a.m. Mary E. Pesut by Rosemary Goodin  
5:30 p.m. Alice Schlosser by The Little Flower Ladies Club

### 21 December Tuesday

7:00 a.m. Clifford Lynette by Cathy & Jeff Wellner  
5:30 p.m. Mary Habboush by Cliff & Arvina Fuller & Al & Judy Habboush

### 22 December Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Phyllis Carson  
5:30 p.m. Mary Ann & Jim O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller

### 23 December Thursday

8:30 a.m. SCHOOL MASS  
Pat Striby by Gerrie Sweeney  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**  
Rose Duvall by Florence & George Duvall

### 24 December Friday

3:30 p.m. Margaret Johnson by Marilyn Combs  
5:30 p.m. Carl Clark by Roseann Clark  
10:00 p.m. George C. Duvall by Florence & George Duvall

### 25 December Saturday

9:00 a.m. **FOR THE PARISH**  
**NO EVENING MASS**

### 26 December Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 a.m. Joseph Jines by Freda Jines  
10:30 a.m. **FOR THE PARISH**  
6:00 p.m. In honor of James Walters



## This Week in our Parish

### December 20 - December 26, 1999

**Monday** Wolf #1 3:15 p.m. – Scout Room  
Legion of Mary 3:45 pm - St. Pat's Room  
SVDP 7:00 pm – Holy Family Room

**Tuesday** RCIA 7:30 pm –Christmas Party  
Christmas Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
LF Neighborhood Association. 6 pm – Holy Family

**Wednesday** FAMILIA (Women) 9:15 a.m. St. TH & H.Fam.  
Christmas Decorating of Church 6 pm

**Thursday** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – Dismissal 3 pm  
Psallite Rehearsal 7:30 pm - Church  
AA Mtg. 8 pm – St. Therese Room

**Saturday** Men's Prayer Group 7 am – St. Therese Room

**Sunday** **NO Children's Liturgy & Nursery or Coffee**



**The 75th anniversary sidewalk brick project is well underway. Commemorate your family with an engraved brick for the sidewalk on the parish grounds. Payments are available. Call the Parish Center – 357-8352 – to become a part of this legacy.**



**Angel faces are decorating the GIVING TREE**

this year. Please take one home as a reminder of the gift of love which the Christ child renews in us at Christmas. We invite you to participate by bringing a **wrapped** present to any Christmas Mass which you will be attending. You will be asked to process with your gift to the manger at an announced time and place it there. The Respect Life Committee as sponsor will direct these gifts to the BIRTHLINE program of Catholic Social Services, which assists families of children, ages newborn to 2 years old. Many of these mothers are single parents and chose life for their child. A list of recommended items will be posted at the bulletin boards in church.

Call Bud or Dorothy Moody with any questions – 894-4134

**MILLENNIUM NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

Mark your calendars for the New Year's event of the century! Open the millennium offering thanks and prayers with your parish family. Our celebration will begin in the Social Hall at 9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. Please bring snacks to share. Mass will begin at 11:00 p.m. and end just in time to ring in the new century.

If you are can help plan the party, call Teresa Eckrich at 356-1868.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

- Market Orders Due Thursday, December 23rd
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> Last Day of School – Dismissal at 3:00
- Christmas Break December 24 – January 9

**PRESCHOOL 4's CLASS**

A PRESCHOOL class for four-year olds will be available Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. - providing 12 children enroll. The class will begin January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Call School Office immediately to register – 353-2282

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

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| Cadet B vs. Christ the King @ LF | 1:00 p.m. |
| Cadet A vs. Christ the King @ LF | 2:00 p.m. |
| 56 B – Blue vs. Mt. Carmel @ LF  | 2:00 p.m. |
| 56 B – Gold vs. Nativity @ LF    | 3:00 p.m. |
| Jr/Sr vs. St. Jude @ LF          | 4:00 p.m. |
| Fr/Soph vs. St. Jude @ LF        | 5:00 p.m. |

\*\*\*High School Co-Ed Volleyball beginning in January

**YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE**

Our Youth Choir is always open for new members. The next practice is Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8:30 p.m.

The next opportunity for the sacrament of confirmation will be in September 2000. We will be scheduling a call-out meeting in January for those who wish to be confirmed. We will also be looking for youth who have already been confirmed to help with the program. Your involvement will be very important. Watch the bulletin for further details after the holidays.

Call Tom Costello at 352-0704 with any question

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEACHERS NEEDED....**

Additional teachers are needed for our children's liturgy on Sunday during the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The majority of our teachers are parents of children ages 4 through 8 years. Preparing for a lesson only takes a few hours and our rotation schedule is such that volunteers are called to serve only once every 4-5 months. Training is available for those who would like it. If interested please call Michelle McCauley 356-7340.



**CHRISTMAS 1999/NEW YEAR 2000**

**CONFESSIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**

Thursday, December 23 – 3:30 –5:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve – 3:30 PM ; 5:30 PM; 10:00 PM  
Christmas Day – 9:00 AM

**HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>**

NO 5:00 PM Saturday Mass on Christmas Day  
Sunday – 8:30 AM; 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

**NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

New Year's Eve – 11:00 PM

*This Mass will begin with fellowship in the Social Hall at 9:00 PM.*

*Mass will end as we ring in the year 2000*

New Year's Day – 9:00 AM

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2**

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday – 5:00 PM

Sunday – 8:30 AM; 10:30 AM; 6:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

★ All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to select a Mass for the Christmas season. A sign-up sheet will be available in the sacristy.

We need you for these Masses:

Christmas Eve – 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day – 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – 11:00 p.m. – New Year's Day – 9:00 a.m.

★ **Help decorate the Church for Christmas. We will gather at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. A light supper will be provided.**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**TIME and TALENT**

**Little Flower parishioners are charming their Christmas trees with lovely commemorative ornaments thanks to the efforts of Mary Martha Costello who helped coordinate this project.**

**TREASURES**

<b>Sunday, December 12</b>	<b>11,543.60</b>
<b>Collected Year to Date</b>	<b>281,188.39</b>
<b>Year Budgeted 7/1/99-6/30/00</b>	<b>629,200.00</b>
<b>Needed weekly to meet budget:</b>	<b>12,100.00</b>
<b>HOLY DAY COLLECTION</b>	<b>1,416.00</b>

**Your regular contributions are greatly appreciated!**

**PARISH ENVELOPES FOR YEAR 2000**

Your envelopes for contributions to the parish will be distributed this weekend. Call the Parish Center – 357-8352 - if you were unable to pick yours up at the weekend Masses.