



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

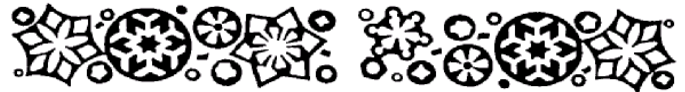
A Blessed and Happy New Year to all of you! It seems just like yesterday that we were all caught up in the uncertainty of Y2K and now we are set to ring in 2003. I want to thank all of you for your cards, gifts, goodies, and well wishes for Christmas. I really appreciate the kindness, love, and generosity that you have shown to me. Now I may have to make a New Year's resolution to lose some of the extra Christmas calories!!!

Last December we began an ambitious goal to be Debt Free in 2003. At that time our debt to the Archdiocese stood at \$252,000. Due to your commitment to Little Flower Parish, we are well on the way of achieving our goal. Once our debt payment is applied for the month of December, the debt will stand at approximately \$12,000. What tremendous progress in a relatively short amount of time. I want to encourage all of you to keep your pledges coming in. Your continued support should enable us to be Debt Free sometime in February. Many of you know that I announced at my State of the Parish Address back in October that once the debt is eliminated we would create a Home Improvement Fund. The purpose of this fund will be to address on-going maintenance items without having to incur new debt. The first targeted item from this fund will be the replacement of the roof on the rectory. Significant water damage on the second floor indicates that this is an area that needs to be addressed in the near future. You will begin receiving a Home Improvement Fund envelope in your monthly packets that will replace the Debt Reduction envelope. I know that these are tough economic times for all of us. I only ask that you utilize this envelope to the best of your ability. As always, thanks for your continued support of the physical and spiritual well being of our parish.

Fr. Vince

MASS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 5

- 30 December Monday**
7:00 a.m. Michael and Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland
5:30 p.m. Msgr. John Meyer by Marjorie Johnson
- 31 December Tuesday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
6:00 p.m. **Anticipated Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God** – Harry and Therese Armour by Roseanne Sullivan
- 1 January Wednesday – The Feast of Mary, Mother of God**
9:00 a.m. Bea Wilks by Elinor Johnson
- 2 January Thursday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
1:00 p.m. **Rosewalk Village – 1302 N. Lesley** – Alma Weiker by Nephew
5:30 p.m. Gene Crays by John and Nancy Cronin
- 3 January Friday**
8:30 a.m. Sr. Regina Priller by The Flynn Family
5:30 p.m. Ray Hendricks by Jon Bowling
- 4 January Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Gertrude Schonecker by The Flanagan Family
Vigil – Epiphany of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Michael Naughton by The Naughton Family
- 5 January Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 a.m. Mary Conder by Charles Conder
10:30 a.m. Jack Corriden by Lucille Corriden
6:00 p.m. For The Parish



MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, December 31 - 6:00 PM
New Year's Day
Wednesday, January 1 - 9:00 AM

PARISH EVENTS FOR – DECEMBER 30 – JANUARY 5

Monday	Parish	Office	Open
Tuesday	Parish	Office	Closes at Noon
	Social Hall	6:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve Party
Wednesday	HAPPY PARISH	NEW OFFICE	YEAR CLOSED
Thursday	PARISH	OFFICE	OPEN
Friday	PARISH	OFFICE	OPEN
	St. Therese	9:00 am	OA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	2:00 pm	Blue Army
Sunday	St. Patrick	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Social Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	St. Therese	8:30&10:30 Masses	Nursery for children up to 4 years of age
	St. Therese	12:00 pm	GA


SCHOOL AND PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

The New Year's Holiday Schedule for the Parish Office:
The office closes at NOON on Tuesday, December 31st and will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd.

The School and School Office is closed and will reopen on Monday, January 6th.

***** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 5TH.**

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**help US earn
free Stuff
for Our School.**

CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION

LOOK IN NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY STAR FOR
THE "BONUS LABEL COUPON" IN THE
SMART SOURCE COUPON INSERT

We need as many bonus labels as we can get!
Please place them in the containers located at the
entrances to church or bring to the School Office



Many volunteer parishioners as well as staff, teachers, parents and students cooperated throughout this holiday season in their many ministries which enhanced our liturgies and outreach to others as we witnessed to the love of Christ.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SCRIP PROGRAM OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. DON'T FORGET, SCRIP IS AVAILABLE ALL YEAR! Kroger, Meijer, Marsh, Osco and K-Mart are available in the Parish center from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on weekdays. Kroger and Meijer are available each week at coffee and donuts. Order forms are available at each of the church doors. Orders placed in the collection or brought to the Parish Center by 10:00 a.m. on Monday are ready for pickup by Friday at 10:00 a.m.



SUBS, SUBS, AND MORE SUBS!

If you are a lover of subs, head over to Blimpie's Subs and Salads at 8220 Brookville Road. 10% of your total purchase which includes dining, catering and party trays will be donated to the school. We thank parishioners, John and Pat Kiesel, owners, for this courtesy to our parishioners and generosity to our school. When ordering, please mention Little Flower so our school will receive the 10% donation.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH - Grades 8 - 12
The Youth Room will be open in the basement of the Parish Center following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 29th. Plan to drop in for pizza and to hang out for a while.

Confirmation dates:
Thursday January 2nd Team Meeting – 7pm – Parish Center
Sunday January 5th Session 2 for Candidates and Sponsors at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!



**LF NEW YEARS EVE PARTY!
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
SOCIAL HALL – 6:00 P.M.**

A festive evening awaits you as you bring in the New Year with family and friends. Tickets may be purchased at the door. \$45 per couple and \$30 per person. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Admission includes Dinner, Party Favors and a Champagne toast. A Cash Bar will also be available. For your entertainment, there will be a DJ, Karaoke contest and other fun activities through out the evening. For information, call - Bob & Laura Glynn 356-2154 Greg & Beth Bowles 359-7576 or Mark Hannah 359-8151. The Athletic Association is hosting the event.



**ADULT CHOIR WILL RESUME
REHEARSAL ON TUESDAY,
JANUARY 7TH**

We thank you for your inspiring support of the liturgies during this liturgical season!

SCHEDULING MASSES FOR 2003
We are now accepting your Mass intentions for 2003 in the new *Daily Mass Record Book for 2003*. The Mass stipend is \$5.00 per Mass and we ask you to limit the number of intentions to five (5) per year at this time. Additional Masses may be designated for our two missionary priests, Fr. Michael Barton and Fr. Dave Sullivan. Another way to honor a departed friend or loved one is by making a memorial gift to the parish

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

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 12,840.00
December 14 th and 15 th collection - not available due to early deadline	
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 308,160.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 316,974.07

PARISH DEBT REDUCTION

Pledges needed to be Debt Free in 2003	\$ 250,000.00
Pledges Received	\$ 252,266.59
Payments received on Pledges	\$ 218,294.18

DEBT FREE IN 2003 UPDATE

As you can see, outstanding pledges should allow us to be debt free within the next 4-6 weeks. IF Debt Free in 2003 collections exceed the amount of our debt, the money will be placed in our new HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND. Further details and in Fr. Vince's bulletin letter. We are hoping to redirect some debt reduction contributions to this new fund that will address major maintenance projects.

Debt Balance as of 11/30/02 \$ 22,291.76!