

Dear Parish Family,

Since war broke out in Iraq a couple of weeks ago, many people have remarked to me how they are experiencing a certain amount of depression and sadness in their lives. It is easy to get so caught up in the “around-the-clock” coverage of the war, that we forget to be about the ordinary events of our lives. We want to turn off the television, but we seem to be glued to it. **Absolutely** our thoughts and prayers must be with our leaders and the men and women of our armed forces. However, we must still be about our every day activities. This balance of time for prayer and play and work is what will help to re-instill within all of us that notion of hope and optimism that all Christians are called to have in the face of adversity.

Please continue to pray for the members of our RCIA class who are preparing to enter the Church on Holy Saturday. They are in the final period of their preparation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.

Let us also pray for the children of our parish and their teachers who are on Spring Break this week. Wherever your plans may take you during this holiday, may God travel with you to keep you safe. Have a well-deserved rest!

Fr. Vince

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Please join us for an evening of “*Prayers for Peace*”, on **Thursday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. This service will focus on support for our troops and on prayers for peace in the world and in our hearts. The service will last about 45 minutes and will include music, readings and prayers in the format of a Taize service. Taize is an ecumenical spiritual community founded in 1940 in France. Taize services are perhaps best known for their beautiful music, which has been described as "sung prayer."**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN SERVICE

“**Pray It Forward**” - A home school group from Indianapolis parishes are looking for names and addresses of service men and women that you know. Bracelets bearing their names will be made and worn here, while a postcard for each service person will be sent to them, letting them know that someone is keeping them and their families in prayer daily. Please contact Mary Grace Phillippe at 201-6606 or e-mail, Maryg2108@yahoo.com.



FLOWERS WILL ADORN OUR WORSHIP SPACE

The Ladies Club members will be at the church doors on the weekend Masses of April 5th and 6th to accept donations for purchasing flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter, April 19th. Please help us transform our church into one of beauty for this joyous occasion.

MASS SCHEDULE - MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

- 31 **March Monday**
7:00 a.m. Mary Collins by Carolyn and Cara Smith
5:30 p.m. Pat Rettig by Mr. and Mrs. George Georgescu

- 1 **April Tuesday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
5:30 p.m. Anne Sheehan by Noreen Murphy
- 2 **April Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. Carolyn Ley by Carol Freeland
5:30 p.m. Carl Strom by The 753rd Chaplain
- 3 **April Thursday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
1:00 p.m. **Rosewalk - 1301 N. Ritter** – Mary Cox Amend by Ray and Kathleen Okerson
5:30 p.m. Warren Hellrung by Bob and Julia Ross
- 4 **April Friday**
8:30 a.m. Art and Ceal Kramer by Peg and Dick Kramer
5:30 p.m. Gene Crays by The Crays Family
6:15 p.m. **Stations of the Cross and Benediction**
- 5 **April Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Robert Atkinson by Marie Atkinson
5:00 p.m. **Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Jack Corriden by Lucille Corriden
- 6 **April Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:30 a.m. For The Parish
10:30 a.m. Frank Shea by Joann Pagan and Family
6:00 p.m. Special Intentions of Frances VanTreese by The Family

PARISH EVENTS FOR – MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

Monday	SPRING	BREAK	ALL WEEK
	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Disciples In Mission
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Disciples In Mission
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptismal Prep. Class
Tuesday	Parish Center	9:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	St. Therese	7:15 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Bible Study
	St. Therese	4:00 pm	Zoning Board
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Art and Environment
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Respect Life Comm.
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Disciples in Mission
Thursday	St. Therese	9:15 am	Familia
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Disciples In Mission
	Social Hall	7:00 pm	Ladies Club Gathering
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	AA
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Disciples in Mission
Friday	St. Therese	9:00 am	OA
	Church	7:00 pm	Charismatic Mass
	Social Hall	→	FISH FRY 4:30 – 7:30
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Group
	St. Therese	2:00 pm	Blue Army
Saturday and Sunday	Church doors	Easter	Flower Collection after all Masses
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children’s Lit/ Nursery
	NO Religious	Ed.	Yes – Coffee & Donuts
	St. Therese	12:00 p	GA
	St. Patrick	2:30 pm	Disciples In Mission
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Disciples In Mission
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Disciples In Mission
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Teen Disciples in Mission



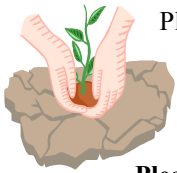
SUMMERFEST 2003 NEWS
The **SILENT AUCTION** will be back at the Festival, and with your help it will be

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

bigger and better! We are looking for donations of NEW goods or services to include in our Festival Silent Auction. Goods or services should have a retail value of at least \$25.00. Perhaps you own your own business or can solicit your employer for a gift. Call Mary Martha Costello at 352-0704 or Debbie Burks at 353-1192 if you have questions.

SVDP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS FOR CENTER

Little Flower's regular shift to work at the St. Vincent de Paul Distribution Center is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12th**. Come one, come all! We especially need drivers and strong hands to help pick up donated items on the truck routes. The more driver teams we have, the more items that we can pick up to serve the poor. You also can help in many other areas at the center. Your time will be well spent to help the needy of the Indianapolis area! **For more details or directions to the warehouse, contact Charlie Withem at 353-0165 or Kathy Bogan at 894-6524.**



ADOPT-A-GARDEN AREA

Please keep our church and school grounds beautiful. The Green Thumb Group is looking for individuals or families to adopt-a-garden area. There are several available spots around the church and school grounds to choose from.

Please call Dan Greene –842-8764 for details.

COME AND BE BLESSED!

You are invited to experience the peace, grace and healing of our Lord at the Charismatic Mass, Friday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. here at Little Flower. Fr. Paul Landwerlen, pastor at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Shelbyville, will provide a teaching at 7:00 p.m. followed by Mass and a Healing Service.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

THIS MONDAY, MARCH 31ST

7:00 P.M. - PARISH CENTER

The class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended. The next class is May 19. To register, call the Parish Center – 357-8352.



WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PAINTERS

We have no volunteers to date to help paint the Brides Room in church. This an opportunity to spruce up the area and make it a pleasant environment for the bride and her bridesmaids.

We need 5 people to help paint on Saturday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. **Please call Judi at the Parish**

Center if you are available to help - 357 - 8352.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Your donations to the second collection next weekend will assist the ministries in the churches in Central and Eastern Europe. This appeal is sponsored by the Bishops of the United States. Help rebuild the faith of the people in these regions



FISH FRY NEWS

Stuck at home for Spring Break? Attend the Little Flower Lenten Fish Frys

continuing on Fridays during Lent, serving from 4:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Thanks to members of RCIA who helped last week. Only two more weeks left. Don't miss this great opportunity for good food and fellowship. Invite friends and family member to join you? **LADIES!** We are in need of desserts for the next **two Fridays**. Please bring your donation to the Social Hall, if possible, before 4:30 p.m. Thank you for your contributions.



SPRING CLEANING ALERT!!!

GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

9 – 2:30 P.M. – SCHOOL CAFETERIA

We are accepting any donations

FURNITURE – ELECTRONICS – CLOTHES – TOYS

Please call Portia Graves at 352-1309 regarding questions or pick up service. Sponsored by the School Commission.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH GRADES 8 - 12

DISCIPLES IN MISSION FOR TEENS will meet on Sunday nights March 30, April 6 and April 13 in the Parish Center from 7:15 until 8:45 p.m. All confirmation candidates are required to attend, however **this is open to all youth, grades 8 through 12. Please come as a help to your observance of Lent.** PARENTS, please encourage your young adults to attend! About 35 teens attended last Sunday....did you encourage your teen to attend?

CRITERION SUBSCRIPTION UPDATE

Last month a special mailing was sent out to solicit your support for your subscription to the *Criterion*. Thanks to all those who have contributed so far. To date, contributions have totaled \$6,165.00 Your contributions help to offset the fees the parish is charged for *Criterion* subscriptions. If you have not gotten around to this yet, your help would be appreciated. If you have misplaced your original envelope, you may use a plain envelope and mark it "*CRITERION*" Include your name an/or envelop number. Thank you for your help.

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

SUNDAY OFFERING

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 12,840.00
Collection of March 22 nd and 23 rd	\$ 10,961.26
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 487,920.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 502,475.59

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 2,581.00
March Contributions to date	\$ 2,980.67

Thank you for helping us to grow our new **HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND**. Your generosity will help us plan for much-needed larger maintenance projects such as the replacement for the rectory roof.