

Dear Parish Family,

Welcome back those who were enjoying some fun in the sun this past week. Now that Spring Break is behind us our focus turns to the celebration of Easter. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. These are very important days that bring the season of Lent to an end and whereby we are called to celebrate the Sacred Triduum or *Three Holy Days* of the liturgical year: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. On these special days we recall the institution of the Eucharist and the death and resurrection of Christ. Please continue to pray for all those who will receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist at the Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.

As a parish family we continue to pray for the men and women of our armed forces who are involved with the war in Iraq. A special prayer board is located outside the Adoration Chapel on which you are invited to write the names of military family members and friends you would like for us to remember in prayer. This Thursday at 7:00 PM we will have an ecumenical prayer service whereby we will remember them and continue to pray for peace and that the presence of God will be felt in that troubled part of the world. This Friday is also the last Fish Fry of the Lenten season. In addition, our school children will be putting on the Living Stations of the Cross at 6:15 PM in the church. Please join us for these various activities and bring a friend.

Fr. Vince

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FATHER VINCE!** Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup> marks the official big 4-0! Many happy returns. May you celebrate many more birthdays here with us! A special thanks on this special occasion for all you do!

**IN APPRECIATION**

*The family of Fred Tunis wishes to thank Fr. Vince, Georgia, Tom and all those who helped in any way to make this sad time easier for us all.*

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

**FINAL REMINDER FOR EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter flower can be donated in memory of a deceased loved one. Cost is \$8.50 per memorial. Deadline is this Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please return to the parish center in an envelope clearly marked “Easter Flowers” and a note indicating to whom your plants are being dedicated

**We are missing a few of our hearing assistance devices. If perhaps one accidentally went home with you, please return it as soon as possible. We want to be sure to have them available for Easter.**

**The Adventurousome Group** will meet on Wednesday, April 9. We will begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch. Mark your calendars!

**MASS SCHEDULE - APRIL 7 - 13**

<b>7 April</b>	<b>Monday</b>	7:00 a.m. Carol Cox Amend by Jerry and Mary Erlenbaugh
		5:30 p.m. Jim Hagan by Jerry Watts
<b>8 April</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Communion Service</b>
		5:30 p.m. Mary Lou Duffy by Mary and Carl McClelland
<b>9 April</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Communion Service</b>
		11:00 a.m. Charles Eugene Williams by Father and Mother
		5:30 p.m. Michael Foley by Pat and Bernard Foley
<b>10 April</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m. Communion Service</b>
		<b>1:30 p.m. Covington – 1423 N. Edmondson – Joanne Hartzler by Madelynn Miller</b>
		5:30 p.m. Edward P. O’Brien by Carmen O’Brien
<b>11 April</b>	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 a.m. Lorene Sheats by Rosemary Maginn
		5:30 p.m. Chet Chesterson by The Shoemaker Family
<b>12 April</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6:15 p.m. Living Stations” – No Benediction</b>
		8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Pfarr and Ulrich Families by Rita Gibson
		<b>Vigil – Palm Sunday</b>
		5:00 p.m. Mary Catherine O’Brien by her children
<b>13 April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:30 a.m. Louie and Ernie Nally by Carole Blankenship
		10:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Grandchildren by Ken and Rita Gibson
		6:00 p.m. For The Parish

**PARISH EVENTS FOR APRIL 6 – 13**  
(Disciples in Mission groups meet as usual but are not listed)

<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	9:15 am	Familia
	Scout Room	3:15 pm	Daisies #606
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup> Room	6:30 pm	Gabriel Project
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Prep.
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #1323
	St. Therese	7:15 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Bible Study
	Church	11:00 am	Adventuresome Group
	Scout Room	3:15 pm	Bears
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #239
	Holy Family	6:30 pm	Wolf
	Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #195
	Church	7:00 pm	Prayer Service
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	AA
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>LF Athletic Assoc.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos 1 and 2
	Family Room	7:00 pm	Tigers 1 and 2
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>→</b>	<b>FISH FRY 4:30 – 7:30</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Group
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>9 – 2:30</b>	<b>FLEA MARKET</b>
		6:00 pm	RCIA
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children’s Lit/ Nursery
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Social Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Help needed!** Do you have an hour or so to spare each week or two? Enjoy shopping for bargains? If you answered "yes" to these questions, you may be a big help for seniors who need help with grocery shopping. You won't need to make a big commitment of time or energy, but you may be able to help someone maintain their independence. If you are interested or have questions, call Georgia at the Parish Center.

**THE SCHOOL'S LAST IMPORTANT AND MUCH NEEDED FUNDRAISER!** Requirements: Minimum of 18yrs of age and the physical ability to work 6 am to 6 pm at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 9th and/or May 16. Volunteers will need to wear black pants and black shoes. Yellow shirts and hats will be provided. **THE SCHOOL WILL EARN 84.00 PER PERSON PER SHIFT!** We need YOUR help! Please contact Portia Graves 352-1309 for more information.



**PTO ANNUAL PLANT SALE  
ORDERS ARE DUE THIS MONDAY**

➤ Your orders will be delivered to the School Parking Lot on Thursday, May 8th

➤ Additional order forms are available in the back of church and the School and Parish Offices  
**Call Stacy Bucher! for more information at 353-9160**

**SVDP TO ASSIST AT WAREHOUSE – APRIL 12TH**

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. 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.**

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society Estate Sale** will be held at the SVDP Warehouse, 1201 E. Maryland on Thursday April 10th from 8am to 6pm and Friday April 11th from 8am to 4pm. The sale includes furniture, china, antiques, and collectibles. All funds received at the sale are used to purchase much needed beds and appliances for the needy.



**ONE LAST CHANCE!** Attend the last **Little Flower Lenten Fish Fry of the season this coming Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**, serving from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. Invite friends and family

members to join you. Eighth graders will also perform the Living Stations at 6:15pm in Church. Thanks to members of the pastoral council who helped last week. **LADIES!** We are in need of desserts for this last Friday. Please bring your donation to the Social Hall, if possible, before 4:30 p.m. Again, thanks for your donations.

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH  
(grades eight through twelve)**

**DISCIPLES IN MISSION for teens** will meet on Sunday nights April 6 and April 13 in the parish center from 7:15 until 8:45pm. All confirmation candidates are required to attend, however **this is open to ALL youth grades 8 through 12.**

**ADULT BASKETBALL** has moved from Sunday night to Thursday night, 6:30pm until 8:00pm. All parishioners age 19 and older are welcome. Cost is \$3.00 per person per night. Call Kevin Padgett at 356-7160 with questions.

**NEXT SATURDAY IS THE DAY! -GIGANTIC GARAGE SALE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH**

**9 – 2:30 P.M. – SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**FURNITURE – ELECTRONICS – CLOTHES – TOYS**

Please call Portia Graves at 352-1309 regarding questions or pick up of items you have to donate.

**HABLA USTED ESPANOL?** -Learn Spanish this Spring! Beginning Spanish classes will be taught at Seccina High School starting the fourth week of April. The day and hours will be determined by those interested. Fee: \$65 including book and 8 weekly classes of 1.5 hours each. Call Judy Nichols for details – 356-2608.



**EASTER EGG HUNT**

**ALL PRESCHOOL THROUGH AGES 7 YEARS ARE INVITED TO BRING A BASKET AND JOIN IN THE SEARCH FOR EGGS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 A.M. ON THE PARISH GROUNDS. (School Cafeteria in case of rain)**

Sponsored by the LF Athletic Association

**SUMMERFEST 2003 NEWS**

One last call for leadership for this year's festival. Time is growing short! We need your ideas and your help. Some areas needing leadership include publicity and additional adult games. Please call Tom at the parish center at 357-8352 as soon as possible.

**Reminder on our recent liturgical changes**

Don't forget one of the main reasons for the some of the changes that have been instituted is to create a more unified and reverent ritual. We are called to leave behind individual practices of reverence and adopt these new common actions. When receiving the Body of Christ, the communion minister will elevate the host, we should make a *slight bow* (coming mainly from the head and shoulders), the minister will say "The Body of Christ" and we respond "Amen". This same process repeats when receiving the cup.

**BABY BANKS ARE DUE!** The time has come to return the coin banks (hopefully full of change!) we have been working on as a parish Lenten project. Please bring them to Mass next weekend and place them on the steps to the altar. Help in getting these banks put away after Mass will be appreciated. Your support of the Gabriel Project, Respect Life Committee and Food for the Poor is a blessing!

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

**SUNDAY OFFERING**

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 12,840.00
Collection of March 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,944.99
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 500,760.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 514,420.58

**Year-to-date Income Summary**

(Includes all parish income and expense July thru February)

Income	\$1,566,666.49
Expenses	\$1,569,125.32
Net Loss Year to Date	\$ (2,459.17)

**Home Improvement Fund**

February Contributions	\$ 2,581.00
March Contributions	\$ 3,080.67