

*May the Peace
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 4**

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

I hope everyone had a most blessed and joyful Christmas. Special thanks to everyone who worked to make our Christmas Liturgies so beautiful: the Art and Environment Committee and all those who helped decorate the church, the Liturgical Ministers, and especially the Music Ministers, who have spent so many hours preparing for our Christmas Liturgies. On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts. Again, I am overwhelmed by your generosity.

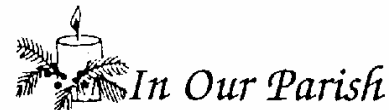
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today is a good day to thank God for the gift of our families and to ask God to bless our families in the New Year. I would suggest that today is also a day to renew our commitments to our husbands and wives, but especially to our children. Our children are our greatest gifts, but they are also our greatest responsibilities. All of you husbands and wives, parents and children, know better than I how challenging marriage and parenthood is. In difficult times, please remember that the commitments we make and, more importantly, the commitments we keep define us.

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holyday of obligation. Our Liturgies for New Year's Day will be Wednesday, December 31, at 6:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 1, at 9:00 a.m. January 1st is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. The ongoing violence in Iraq and the Middle East and the elevated security warning in our own country should be a strong impetus to prayer for peace on January 1st. Also, as we begin the New Year, we should ask God's continued blessings upon us and upon our families.

Finally, I want to thank Jeff Purvis, Bill Belles, Kerry Brand, Alan Urasky, and Frank Impicicche who have shared their musical gifts with our community on the third Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Because of other commitments, they are not able to continue playing and singing at Mass. From comments I have heard since I arrived, both from parishioners and visitors, they have been very much appreciated.

Have a wonderful week.
fr. bob

- 29 December** **Monday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
5:30 p.m. Joseph Pham by Samuel Pham
- 30 December** **Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Msgr. John Meyer by The Johnson Family
5:30 p.m. **Communion Service**
- 31 December** **Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
6:00 p.m. **Mass For The People**
- 1 January** **Thursday – Mary, Mother of God**
9:00 a.m. Francis Stites by Grace Stites
- 2 January** **Friday**
8:30 a.m. James Lee Brady by Stacy Bucherl
5:30 p.m. In Celebration of Marilyn and Bob Rabb's 50th Wedding Anniversary by Pat Gandolph
- 3 January** **Saturday**
8:30 a.m. **Communion Service**
Vigil – Epiphany
5:00 p.m. Ray Hendricks by Jon Bowling
- 4 January** **Sunday – Epiphany**
8:30 a.m. Frank Shea by Pauline Buckley
10:30 a.m. Robert G. Carter by The Area 30 Center
6:00 p.m. For The Parish



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 4**

Monday	St. Therese	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
Wednesday	OFFICE	HOURS	9 – 3 P.M.
Thursday	A	HAPPY	NEW YEAR TO ALL!
Friday	PARISH	OFFICE	CLOSED
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Mens' Prayer Group
	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Blue Army
Sunday	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	Nursery – Up to Age 4 .
		NO	RELIGIOUS ED.
		NO	CHILDRENS' LITURGY
	Social Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	GA

MASS SCHEDULE
FEAST OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, December 31st – 6:00 PM
Thursday, January 1st – 9:00 AM

BAPTISM
Morgan Isabella, daughter of Andelle Gies-Roberts and Scott Bart Wyman, was baptized on Sunday, December 21st.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



For the New Year's Holiday Schedule - the Parish Office will be closed on January 1st and 2nd. School and School and Parish Offices will reopen Monday, January 5th.

**WELCOME to our newest parishioner
Michael Beaupre!**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



APOLOGETICS CLASS

Learn how to *explain* your Catholic faith clearly, *defend* it charitably, and *share* it confidently in this class being offered here at Little Flower every Tuesday for 10 weeks from 7 – 8:30 p.m. **beginning January 6th**. Each week will focus on a **different topic** and each participant will have their own book to reference so you **don't** have to attend all 10 classes to keep up. The cost is \$8.00. **Please call Teresa Heffernan at 787-0368 to register and reserve your book.**



SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Our school will be raising funds by participating in a recycling program. Please bring any used computer ink/toner cartridges or used cell phones to the Parish Center or send them in to the School Office. You can also help by checking at your place of employment. If used printer cartridges are just being discarded, please ask if you can collect them for us. Thank you.

VolleyBall

VOLLEYBALL COACHES NEEDED: We are in need of at least two people to Coach a 4th grade as well as a Cadet B or C Team. If you are interested please call Susan Dugan at 352-0187 - Girls Athletic Director.

SCECINA VOLLEYBALL CAMP
DECEMBER 29,30,31 – 9 – 11:00 A.M.
GRADES 3 – 8 YEARS
CALL – COACH HAWKINS – 357-7123

LITTLE FLOWER COOKBOOK

The PTO is still collecting recipes for the parish cookbook. **Deadline is December 31st**. Many wonderful recipes have been received. If you are getting out your favorite one for the holidays, why not submit one to the School Office or Parish Center? Another option is to enter them directly online. Go to the web site: www.typensaveonline.com

Type in your name
 Type in Little Flower
 Type in password 14750



\$\$\$\$ FOR LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL

Please save the Project A Logo (as shown) from Tyson products and remit to the School Office. The school will redeem these labels for 25 cents each. Check your grocer's freezer section for Tyson items. This PTO-sponsored fundraiser will us earn extra money quickly and easily.

For more information, call Stacy Bucherl – 353-9160

ICE MELT AND NEW CEMENT DON'T MIX!

Due to the repairs to the cement steps and sidewalks, we will not be using Ice Melt on these areas until the cement is cured. This may necessitate closing the front entrance to church during snowy conditions. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



WHO CAN THINK OF SUMMER AT A TIME LIKE THIS!

You may be home on Christmas break and the idea of a summer job is not that far off. The CYO Camp Rancho Framasa is now hiring for **SUMMER CAMP POSITIONS**. Positions available are: Junior Staff – aged 15 – 17 years for 4 weeks; Program Staff – aged 18 and older for 10 weeks; Program Staff salaries start at \$240 per week. Training provided in May. For application, contact: 888-988-2839Ext.25 or CYOcamp@aol.com.

STEWARDSHIP CARD UPDATE

We still have a lot of cards that have not been returned. Extra cards are available at the church doors. Those involved in coordinating telephone follow up will meet next week, so there's still time to save them a call!

WE HAVE FAR MORE CALLS THAN OUR GROUP CAN EASILY MAKE! IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP WITH SOME FOLLOW-UP CALLS, PLEASE CALL TOM AT THE PARISH CENTER ON MONDAY. You won't have to come to any meetings and full instructions will be provided!

Also, if you volunteered for a new ministry on your Stewardship card, you should be called by someone during the month of January.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH - GRADES 8 - 12 CONFIRMATION DATES

January 4th Session 2 for candidates and team only from 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

**Call Tom for more information about confirmation
 OTHER DATES**

December 28th Youth Room open after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Because of Christmas break, we will remain open until 10:00 p.m. Bring a board game or some other game to share!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of December 20 and 21	\$ 12,845.94
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 330,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 315,195.51
DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE	\$ (14,804.49)

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 2,465.50
September Contributions	\$ 1,699.00
October Contributions	\$ 2,244.10
November Contributions	\$ 1,891.50
December Contributions to date	\$ 2,012.50