



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Today begins Catholic Schools Week. Little Flower School is one of the principal ministries of our parish. I am always impressed by your commitment to and support of our school. In some parishes, the primary support for the school comes from the parents of school children. Here I have a strong sense that the majority of you are proud of our school and very much want our school to succeed.

As we begin Catholic Schools Week, we are grateful to Kevin Gawrys, our principal, and our entire faculty and staff for the ministry they provide to our children. We are also grateful to all the volunteers who support our school, especially the PTO and the School Commission. We are grateful to all the parents who have chosen to entrust their children to us during their formative years. Finally, we are grateful to all of you who support the school by supporting the parish.

It seems to me that there are three common reasons why parents send their children to a Catholic School. Some send their children to a Catholic school because they believe it is a safer environment for their children and they want their children to learn good values and have good discipline. Some send their children to a Catholic school because they believe that the quality of education will be higher or better than their children will receive in a public school. Finally, some send their children to a Catholic school because they want their children to grow in their knowledge and love of God and their Catholic faith.

Of course, we hope that our parents send their children to Little Flower for all three reasons. However, it is only the third that justifies the major investment Little Flower Parish makes in Little Flower School.

Finally, today is the closing day of the Church Unity Octave. If we look at history and at today, many wars have been fought over religion. Today let us pray for the unity of all Christians and all people.

Have a great week.
fr. bob

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

Please join in the interdenominational gathering of pro life supporters to commemorate the lives of many who have been denied the freedom and dignity of life through abortion since January 1973. The annual service in memory of the unborn will be held this afternoon at the Indiana War Memorial at 3:00 p.m.

RESPECT LIFE--HELP THE HOMELESS

The Indianapolis Homeless Initiative Program has a Street Team, which searches out folks who live under bridges, overpasses, and abandoned buildings. The Street Team is in serious need of donations to help these "poorest of the poor" survive the winter. Especially needed are donations of warm men's clothing, socks, water, blankets, personal care items, and non-perishable food which does not require cooking. Monetary donations are also welcome; checks can be made payable to "HIP Care Team." **On February 7-8, we will have boxes available at the church doors for these items.** This is a very concrete way to show our respect for the lives of those who are often invisible to society.

Please call Georgia at the Parish Center if you have any questions.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK – JAN. 26 – FEB. 1

- 26 January Monday**
7:00 a.m. In Honor of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini by Joe Sauer
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 27 January Tuesday**
8:30 a.m. Mary Burke by Bob and Julia Ross
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 28 January Wednesday**
7:00 a.m. **Communion Service**
1:00 p.m. **Covington – 1423 N. Edmondson - Communion Service**
5:30 p.m. Alberta Callahan by Chuck and Mildred Callahan
- 29 January Thursday**
8:30 a.m. Special Intention of James O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 30 January Friday**
8:30 a.m. Clara and Harry Nees by The Family
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 31 January Saturday**
8:30 a.m. Tom Blandford by The Bishop Chatard K of C
Vigil – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. Michael Donahue by Clara Donahue
- 1 February Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 a.m. For The Parish
10:30 a.m. JoAnn Gibson by Donna Tindall, Mary Ann Harwell-Wilks and Maureen Nuss-Wilks
6:00 p.m. Ken Tanaka by Mr. and Mrs. Michael De Santo

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH - JAN. 26 – FEB. 1

Monday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	St. Therese	9:15 a.m.	Familia
	Scout Rm.	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #1588
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation Class
	St. Therese	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
Tuesday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	La Leche League
	John 23 rd	1:00 p.m.	Apologetics Daytime Class
	Scout Rm.	3:15 p.m.	Girl Scout #787
	Scout	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #1323
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Apologetics Evening Class
	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Mocha Moms
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Little Rock Bible Study
Friday	School	Dismissal	At Noon
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Mens' Prayer Group
	Social Hall	8:00 a.m.	Pack #126 Meeting
Sunday	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	Nursery – Up to Age 4 yrs .
	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	Childrens' Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. – Kdg. – 7 th
	Social Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	11:00 to 12:30 p.m	Open House – Catholic Schools Week
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	GA

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH COLLECTION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

JOIN with missionaries in taking the presence of Jesus to a world in need of the Good News of His Word. With your prayers, with your personal sacrifices, with your financial support – please help this worldwide mission of Jesus. Please use the envelope in your envelope mailing.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CHILI COOKOFF

The third annual "Chili Olympic" contest will be held in the Social Hall on Saturday, February 21st. at 6:00 p.m.

If you wish to enter, please call Debbie Belles – 359-4288.

SUMMERFEST 2004 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are **June 4, 5 and 6**. A kick off meeting will be held for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. If you marked your Stewardship Card on this line, you will be invited. If you did not, and would like to be included in the leadership team, please call Tom at 357-8352

IT'S NOT TOO LATE to join the Thursday evening Scripture Study Group. We will be presenting the introduction to Exodus on January 29. The group meets in the St. Patrick Room from 7 - 8:30 p.m. for 10 weeks. All are invited to become part of a very enriching and spiritually fulfilling experience. Call Kathy Bogan - 894-6524 for info.



**LADIES CLUB MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
7:00 P.M. – SOCIAL HALL**



**7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCE
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH, VALENTINE'S DAY
7:00 P.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL**



LITTLE FLOWER GIRLS CLUB

Are you looking for a fun way for your daughter to learn more about her Catholic Faith? This club is for girls from age 5 to 8 years old. The girls will meet two Wednesdays a month after school and each meeting will focus on a virtue and one of our great saints. They will learn more about their faith through crafts, songs, snacks, and just plain fun. If interested in learning more about this group, call Jessica McAllister at 356-0406.

ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Don't forget to mark your calendars for one of two meetings. **Saturday, February 7th from 11 – 12:00 p.m. or Monday, February 9th from 7 – 8:00 p.m.** in church. All ministers are expected to attend. We will discuss some changes as well as answer any questions or concerns you have. Please call Ron Sharp – 356-3488 or email him at giboshihoosier@aol.com for more information.

**NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS
MONDAY, JANUARY 26TH – 7 P.M. – PARISH CENTER**

On Monday, January 26th, parents are invited to attend the Baptismal Preparation Class at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a Preparation Class. Plan ahead as the next class will not take place until March 29th.

To register, call the Parish Center – 357-8352.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 26TH – FEBRUARY 1**

We celebrate this week to recognize the important role Little Flower School plays in the development of our students, parish and community.

OPEN HOUSE will be held on Sunday, February 1st from 11:00 – 12:30 p.m.

As a part of the observance of Catholic Schools Week, a **Prayer Service honoring policeman, firefighters, religious, veterans and public officers will be held on Tuesday, January 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the church.** All members of the parish who serve in one of these capacities is invited to be acknowledged for the good they do for our community. **Please call Judi at the Parish Office if you would like to be a part of this service.**

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH - GRADES 8 - 12
CONFIRMATION DATES:**

February 8th Session 4 for candidates, sponsors and team from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria.

OTHER DATES:

January 25th Youth room open after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 8:30 pm. Bring a board game or some other game to share!

February 1st Youth room open after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until 8:30 pm.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

I HAVE SOME INFORMATION REGARDING A WEEK-LONG SUMMER RETREAT OPPORTUNITY AT THE NOTRE DAME CAMPUS IN SOUTH BEND. This retreat is centered on the themes of vocation and discipleship. It emphasizes our call of vocation as committed disciples of Christ. Cost for the week is \$225.00 if application is made before February 15th. This appears to be a really great retreat experience. Call Tom for more information.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of January 17 and 18	\$ 10,861.68
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 382,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 368,320.70
DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE	\$ (14,479.30)

Thank you for your generosity.
2003 Year-end statements have been mailed.

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	\$ 2,220.50
January Contributions to date	\$ 1,730.00

Thank you for your attention to our current financial deficit. Several people have asked the following question: "How much of our current deficit is due to a decrease in parishioners?" *Actually, only a very small part. On June 30, 2003 we finished the year with 1,097 registered parish families. We currently have 1,084 families on the roster.*