



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Thank you to those who have generously responded to our current financial deficit. Over the next several weeks, we hope to be able to report some progress in the Sunday collection portion of that shortfall.

Last Sunday we had our first significant snowfall. Snow and the threat of snow affect both attendance and contributions. Because of last Sunday's snow and threat of snow, we were not able to see the immediate results of your increased generosity. As I mentioned in my recent letter, when you are unable to attend Sunday Eucharist, it would be most helpful if you would still contribute what you would have contributed if you had been present. I know many of you already do that, and it is much appreciated.

Our parish will again be offering *Disciples in Mission* as a small group faith sharing opportunity during Lent this year. What makes this faith sharing opportunity particularly valuable is that it also focuses on our mission as individuals and as a parish. Watch the bulletin for more details.

As I mentioned in my homily last Sunday, the Gospel contained Jesus' personal mission statement from Isaiah 61:1. I suggested that this past week we all take a few moments to develop a personal mission statement. If you did not have the time or opportunity to do so, I would encourage you to spend a few minutes prayerfully developing your personal mission statement.

Finally, last Monday, Archbishop Raymond Burke was installed as the Archbishop of St. Louis, Missouri. He and I were classmates in Rome. Please pray for him in his ministry as Archbishop of St. Louis.

Have a great week,
fr. bob

BAPTISM

On Sunday, January 25th, Little Flower parish welcomed Christopher Alan, son of Julie (Sheetz) and Thomas Bullock with the waters of baptism. Congratulations on this happy occasion.



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 – FEBRUARY 2 – 8

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| 2 February | Monday | 7:00 a.m. Laura Whysong by The Merge Family |
| | | 5:30 p.m. Special Intentions of the Michael Miller Family by Madelynn Miller |
| 3 February | Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. Michael Foley by Dennis and Rita Foley |
| | | 5:30 p.m. Communion Service |
| 4 February | Wednesday | 7:00 a.m. Communion Service |
| | | 1:00 p.m. Rosewalk – 1301 N. Ritter - Pearl Olvey by Betty Ruhmkorff |
| | | 5:30 p.m. Frances Van Treese by Dick and Peg Kramer |
| 5 February | Thursday | 8:30 a.m. Clara and Harry Nees by The Family |
| | | 5:30 p.m. Communion Service |
| 6 February | Friday | 8:30 a.m. Lorene Sheats by Annie Trimpe |
| | | 5:30 p.m. Deceased Classmates of 1943 by The Little Flower Alumni of Class 1943 |
| 7 February | Saturday | 8:30 a.m. Norma Arney by The Little Flower Ladies Club |
| | | Vigil – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| | | 5:00 p.m. Mary Burke by Bob and Julia Ross |
| 8 February | Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30 a.m. Margaret Lawley by The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women |
| | | 10:30 a.m. John T. Boyle by Ike and Mary Weber |
| | | 6:00 p.m. For The Parish |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH - FEBRUARY 2 – 8

Monday	St. Therese	9:15 a.m.	Familia
	Scout Rm.	3:15 p.m.	Girl Scout #606
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	1 st Communion Preparation
	St. Jerome	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	Parish Ctr.	9:30 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	John 23 rd	1:00 p.m.	Apologetics Daytime Class
	Holy Fam.	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Leaders' Mtg.
	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Bears
	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	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life Committee
	St. Jerome	7:00 p.m.	Arts & Environment Com.
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	Scout Rm.	6:30 p.m.	Tigers
	Social Hall	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Little Rock Bible Study
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Wolf
	Holy Fam.	7:00 p.m.	Webelos 1 and 2
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 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
	St. Therese	1:00 p.m.	GA

"Living on earth is expensive but it does include a free trip around the sun every year!"

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

As we begin a New Year, we would like to recognize the foresight and generosity of those people who died in 2003 and remembered the parish in their will. In a very special way, through their generosity, they continue to be a part of our parish mission.

Gladys Klest
Bernice Borton
Mary Burke
Helen Ryan

In addition, Memorial Gifts were received in 2003 in honor of the following people. Memorial gifts are placed in a restricted fund and used to finance projects that we otherwise would not be able to afford. We again say thank you to their families for designating Little Flower to receive Memorial Gifts.

Ruth Birch, Frank Shea, Dorothy Warner, John Barnett, James Hagan, Lorene Sheats, Mary Focke, Bernard Riedeman, Theresa Esslinger, Bernice Borton, Fred Tunis, Tom Reese, John and Gretchen Niehus, Hazel Barton, Laura Whyson, Donald Wincel, Phyllis Carson, Frances Van Treese, Tom Reckley, Catherine Mertz, Marie Murphy, Otila Sanchez, Jo Ann Gibson, Thomas Walker, Margaret Lawley, Nancy Stone, Mary Burke, Mary Sharp, and Christine Vollmer.

Please consider remembering the parish in your will and designating the parish for memorial gifts



Join Us!

LADIES CLUB MEETING

Don't forget February 5th at 7:00 p.m. - the next meeting for the Ladies Club. Business topics will include the upcoming Women's Tea (March 20th) and the possibility of a Christmas bazaar for next year. We are very fortunate to have some of the women tell us about their trip to Medugorje, and

Judy Nichols will tell us about a Spanish girl's 15th birthday celebration. Mark your calendar and come for the fun

WILL SPRING EVER COME? Well, on Saturday, March 20th the ladies of the parish will celebrate spring with the annual Womens' Tea. Watch for more informatio.



Eucharistic Ministers

Remember the meeting scheduled for Saturday, February 7th at 11:00 – 12:00 Noon or you may choose the alternate date of Monday, February 9th at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the church. It is mandatory that all Eucharistic Ministers attend one of the two meetings. Changes to procedures will be announced. Bring any questions or concerns you may have. If you cannot attend, please call Ron Sharp – 356-3488 or email – giboshihoosier@aol.com.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY
11:30 - 1:00 P.M.

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



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.

LOOKING FOR CYO SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES

If you have a background in physical or biological science or are a chemist, biologist, science teachers or an advanced student in related science fields - the CYO Office asks you to volunteer to be a judge for the Archdiocesan Science Fair on Saturday, March 6th. Judging begins with a meeting at 11:30 a.m. and will finish by 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served. Please contact the CYO Office at 632-9311 or email at mmcfadden@cvoarchindy.org

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH – GRADES 8 - 12

CONFIRMATION DATES

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

OTHER DATES

February 1st Youth room open after 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of January 24 and 25	\$ 11,675.56
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 396,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 379,996.26
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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	\$ 2,202.00