

DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Thank you for responding so generously to our financial need. Our income has increased these last few weeks.

On February 4, 2004, the Archdiocese mailed to all Catholic households the report on incidents of sexual abuse within the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. If you did not get a copy or do not receive it within the next several days, you can view it on the Archdiocesan Web Site: www.archindy.org or call the Catholic Communications Center at 236-1585.

Please read the Archdiocesan report. A national study will be released on February 27 and will report national numbers. You will want to know the Archdiocesan numbers. Also, although even one incident is too many, it is important to remember that the study covers fifty-two (52) years.

Our Archdiocese has had policies and procedures dealing with allegations of sexual misconduct in place since at least the early 1980's. These policies and procedures have allowed the Archdiocese to reach out to victims in a pastoral manner and to take action against those who have had credible accusations. We want to help anyone who has been abused by someone ministering on behalf of the Church.

As a priest, I am saddened and hurt when I hear that a member of the clergy or anyone associated with the Archdiocese has sexually abused a minor. The abuse of a minor is a crime but, more importantly, a terrible tragedy. Here at the parish we will continue to do our best to educate our parishioners, especially those who minister to children, on the Archdiocesan policies and procedures and issues of safe environment.

It is my understanding that Little Flower previously hosted an open discussion concerning this tragedy in the Church. However, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me, and I will do my best to help you.

Also, someone approached me at Mass this past Sunday concerning snow removal. Joe Reid, our maintenance director, and volunteers are doing their best to keep our walks and steps cleared. As we mentioned earlier, where there is new concrete, we are not able to use salt or other chemicals. Although there are individual places on sidewalks, the largest area of new concrete is on the steps and sidewalk in front of church. On snowy, icy days, I would recommend that you use one of the side doors.

Finally, let me add my congratulations to Teresa Eckrich on receiving the Mother Theodore Guerin award for excellence in education.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

We congratulate Teresa Eckrich, Music Teacher and Parish Music Director, on her recent Archdiocesan award. She received the Mother Theodore Guerin Award as an exemplary teacher who demonstrates Catholic values to her students. We thank Teresa for her devotion to her craft but mostly for commitment to our children!

SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! Little Flower Fish Frys will return on Fridays during Lent. Plan now to spend Friday evenings with us. Over the past few years, profits from these events have contributed significantly to our budget. This year, this is even more important. Word of mouth is our best advertising. Spread the word! See next week's bulletin. **LADIES, we would appreciate your dessert donations again this year. Please deliver to the Cafeteria on Fridays.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 16 - 22

- 16 February**
8:30 a.m. Monday
 In Thanksgiving for St. Francis Xavier by Joe Sauer
 5:30 p.m. Raymond J. Williams by Nicki Howard and Nancy Williams
- 17 February**
8:30 a.m. Tuesday
 Clara and Harry Nees by The Family
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 18 February**
7:00 a.m. Wednesday
 Communion Service
1:00 p.m. Greentree- 8800 Spoon Dr. – Frances Van Treese by Sam Flecker, III
 5:30 p.m. Thomas Reckley by Katie White and Family
- 19 February**
8:30 a.m. Thursday
 Anne Convery by Kathy Bogan
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 20 February**
8:30 a.m. Friday
 Catherine Eaton by The Little Flower Ladies Club
 5:30 p.m. Anna Nhat by S.C.
- 21 February**
8:30 a.m. Saturday
 Mary Burke by Joan White
 5:00 p.m. Vigil – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jo Ann Gibson by Mr. and Mrs. Phil Caito
- 22 February**
8:30 a.m. Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 In Memory of the 24th Anniversary of the Death of John Land by Dorothy Land
 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 16 - 22

Monday	NO	SCHOOL	PRESIDENTS DAY
	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 Prep.
	St. Jerome	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Bears
Tuesday	Parish Ctr.	9:30 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	St. Patrick	1:00 p.m.	Apologetics Class
	School	6:00 p.m.	Technology Comm.
	School	7:00 p.m.	Web Content Comm.
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Apologetics
	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	SCHOOL	NOON	DISMISSAL
	John 23 rd	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	Scout Rm.	6:30 p.m.	Tigers
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Little Rock Study Group
	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
	Social Hall	6:00 p.m.	Chili Cook Off
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

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS COLLECTION

The church is asking your support for the national collection in the United States, now 119 years in existence. Last year the Mission Office reports that only a part of what was needed was received. Thank you for whatever you can give.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LENTEN FAIR – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AFTER 8:30 A.M. MASS – SOCIAL HALL

Come to this event and find ways for your family to prepare for Lent in a meaningful and concrete way. Booths will feature a Mardi Gra flair providing ideas for Lenten observance and reflection. “Angels Corner” (Religious gift store) will offer Lenten and Easter items for sale. Coffee and donuts will be served. Religious Education will not meet on this Sunday.

IT'S A CONTEST!

The Stewardship Commission has decided to begin publishing a parish newsletter on a quarterly basis to help tell the story of all the great things that happen at Little Flower. Our first issue is scheduled for May 15th. We are very excited about this project, but we need your help.

NAME OUR NEWSLETTER is your chance to help us come up with a great name for our parish newsletter. Ideas can be submitted by e-mail to lfp parishnews@yahoo.com, or in writing to the attention of Debbie Burks at the Parish Center. Please include your name and phone number. The Stewardship Commission will decide on a winner and award \$50.00 in Scrip certificates good at Outback, Bonefish Grill or Carrabas to the winner. **Deadline for entries is March 3rd**, so put your thinking caps on!

CHILI OLYMPIC COOK OFF! SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST 6:00 P.M. - SOCIAL HALL



You have the opportunity to be judged for “The Best Chili Award”. Or you are invited to come over and sample selections at 25 cents for a 2 oz. sample. Drinks and hot dogs will also be available. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School. Entry forms are at the Parish Center. \$15 Entrance Fee. Call Debbie Belles for details - 359-4288.



LADIES CLUB SPRING TEA SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH

TRASH BAG SALE

Students are selling trash bags to raise funds for the school. These are the same quality bags as last year. Order forms are available at the School and the Parish Center. **ALL ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.** Cash or checks, payable to “Little Flower PTO” are acceptable. **Sale ends Friday, February 20th.** Orders must be picked up at the gym. For more information call Jennifer Hadley-357-5206 or Kathy Mullis- 899-6768. Sponsored by the Little Flower PTO

CYO CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

This annual Volleyball Tournament is Saturday, February 21st. All skill levels are welcome and EVERYONE plays. Practice will be Monday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Come on down and have some fun. Call Eileen Walters for info. – 353-9243

A NOTE FROM THE GABRIEL PROJECT BABY BANKS ARE COMING!



Baby banks will be distributed to parishioners at Masses on Ash Wednesday and the weekend of February 28 & 29th. We ask that you collect spare change during Lent and bring the banks back to Church on Palm Sunday. All proceeds will go the Gabriel Project to help women faced with crisis pregnancies choose life for their babies. In addition, the Right-to Life Committee, and Father Dave Sullivan’s Ministry in the Philippines will receive funding. Thank you.

PART-TIME CAFETERIA WORKER NEEDED
Sccecina High School is looking for a part-time substitute cafeteria worker to be available **when needed** - Monday – Friday from 8:00 – 1:30 p.m. Please call Julie at Sccecina – 356-6377.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH – GRADES 8 - 12

CONFIRMATION DATES

February 22nd Retreat day for candidates and team only – begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center
February 29th Disciple in Mission begins - 7:15 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

Disciples in Mission for teens will meet in the Parish Center at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday evenings during Lent, beginning February 29th. This is part of the requirement for the confirmation preparation program. However all youth in grades 8 through 12 are encouraged to attend – **Parents** – encourage your older teens to attend!

DISCIPLES IN MISSION UPDATE

If you were unable to sign up for a small group, but are still interested, please call Tom at the Parish Center at 357-8352. Leave a voice mail message and he will get back to you late this week.

If you requested a family activity booklet, they will be available in church the weekend of February 21st

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 7 and February 8	\$ 14,770.12
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 422,400.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 410,724.73
DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE	\$ (11,675.27)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We are making some good progress with the Sunday Collection!

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,244.10
November Contributions	\$ 1,891.50
December Contributions	\$ 2,220.50
January Contributions	\$ 2,202.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,595.00