



**DEAR PARISH FAMILY,**

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

The word *lent* comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, or spring. This in turn comes from an older Teutonic word which means to become longer. Our word *lengthen* comes from the same root. In other words, the Anglo-Saxon word for spring developed from the fact that days lengthen at that time of the year, and our springtime season of penance and prayer came to be called Lent in English.

**On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Communion at 6 p.m. Because of Stations, there will not be a 5:30 p.m. Mass on Friday evenings.**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.** The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholics from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not encourage you to attend our Fish Fry each and every Friday during Lent.

Have a wonderful Lenten journey.  
fr. bob

**CHECK OUT THE LENTEN FAIR AFTER THE 8:30 A.M. MASS THIS SUNDAY IN THE SOCIAL HALL. GATHER IDEAS FOR LENT FOR YOUR FAMILY. ANGELS' CORNER WILL HAVE EASTER AND LENTEN ITEMS FOR SALE.**

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25  
8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.**



The Respect Life Committee and Health and Senior Ministries thank you for your generous support of the *Homeless Initiative Project*. We had two vanloads of items that will help those living on the street to stay warm for the remainder of the winter. Thank you for seeing God's face among the poorest of our brothers and sisters. May you be blessed abundantly for your kindness to the less fortunate fellow men and women.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Beulah Centracchio, a former parishioner and sister of Ralph McClelland, was buried from the parish on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. We pray for the repose of her soul.**

**BAPTISM**

Sara Desiree, daughter of Dinora (Cauazos) and Miguel Luna was baptized on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK FEBRUARY 23 - 29**

- 23 February**  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
5:30 p.m. Robert G. Carter by The Area 30 Career Center  
Pauline Muckerheide by Mildred Mauer
- 24 February**  
8:30 a.m. Tuesday  
Special Intentions of Bud and Dorothy Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless  
5:30 p.m. Communion Service
- 25 February**  
8:30 a.m. Wednesday – Ash Wednesday  
11:00 a.m. Helen Walker by The Family  
6:00 p.m. LaVonne Rashid by Rosemary Haboush  
John T. Boyle by Silvin and Jo Maginn
- 26 February**  
8:30 a.m. Thursday  
5:30 p.m. Carol Amend by Jim and Jodi Erlenbaugh  
Communion Service
- 27 February**  
8:30 a.m. Friday  
6:00 p.m. Jerry Arvin by Norbert and Mary Helen Arvin  
Communion Service and Stations of the Cross
- 28 February**  
8:30 a.m. Saturday  
5:00 p.m. Francis Convery by Kathy Bogan  
Vigil – First Sunday of Lent  
John Kraus by Marie Kraus
- 29 February**  
8:30 a.m. Sunday – First Sunday of Lent  
10:30 a.m. Intentions of the Little Flower Classmates of 1943  
6:00 p.m. Dan Neidlinger by Ott Hurrle  
For The Parish

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH - FEBRUARY 23 - 29**

<b>Monday</b>	Scout Rm.	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #1588
	St. Jerome	6:45 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scout Rm.	7:00 p.m.	Bears
	St. Therese	10:00 am.	La Leche League
	Scout Rm.	3:15 p.m.	Girl Scout #787
	St. Patrick	1:00 p.m.	Apologetics Class
	Scout Rm.	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #1323
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Apologetics
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Therese	7:15 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Choir
	<b>Church</b>	<b>8:30a / 11a 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese.	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
	Scout Rm.	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #195
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Little Rock Study Group
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	AA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Psallite Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>4:30 - 7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>LENTEN FISH FRY</b>
	St. Therese	6:15 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	9:30 – 11a	Gabriel Project Training
	<b>Social Hall</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Blue and Gold Banquet</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	Nursery – Up to Age 4 yrs.
	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. – Kdg – 7 <sup>th</sup>
	Social Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts



*The family of Catherine Eaton would like to express their thanks to Fr. Bob, Tom Costello, Georgia Impicicche, the Funeral Luncheon Committee and our Little Flower family for their kind thoughts and support during our time of loss.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**IT'S FISH FRY TIME!  
THE MOMENT YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!  
OUR FIRST LENTEN FISH FRY!**



Don't forget to be in the School Cafeteria this coming Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, for the first Lenten fish fry. PLEASE, invite your friends. See the flyer in today's bulletin for more info. \*\*\* We need your delicious desserts starting this Friday. Please bring them to the Social Hall between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. Thank You

**COOKS NEEDED! .....** We're looking for a few Marthas willing to help provide meals to parishioners and their families who are recovering from surgery, illness, or injury. This is a great way to help families feel the support of the Little Flower community during difficult times (remember the phrase "nothing says lovin' like something from the oven"). If you'd like to help out or have any questions, please call Georgia at the Parish Center.



**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.....** to help seniors prepare tax returns. If you are a professional who can spare an afternoon or evening, please call Georgia at the Parish Center.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 [lfparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfparishnews@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 3<sup>rd</sup>**, so put your thinking caps on!



**School Registration**

If you register students in grades K – 8 by April 9, the fee is \$100 per child. Any student registering during this period will be guaranteed a place next year. Any late registration will not be guaranteed. After April 9<sup>th</sup>, the registration fee is \$200 per student.

For any new student, there is a one-time \$50 "New Student Registration Fee." There are no other fees during the school year (all field trips, books, etc. are included). There will be a meeting later this month to discuss changes in our Preschool program. Registration for Preschool will begin after that meeting. To register, or for more information, contact the School Office at 353-2282. \*\*\* PLEASE NOTE: If you received and kept a yard sign last year advertising Little Flower registration, please put it out again. The School is now open for registration, and we want to get the word out.

**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 on Monday! Several groups have a few openings. Sunday and Thursday evening groups have places available, and other times may also be able to be accommodated. Please consider this special way to grow in faith during this Lent.



**AT THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES, BABY BANKS** will be distributed to parishioners as well as on Ash Wednesday. 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.

**TRASH BAG SALE**

The Trash Bag Sale is extended until this Monday. 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. **ORDERS MUST BE PRE-PAID.** Cash or checks, payable to "Little Flower PTO" are acceptable. **Orders must be picked up at the gym. For more information call Jennifer Hadley-357-5206 or Kathy Mullis- 899-6768.**

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH - GRADES 8 - 12**

**CONFIRMATION DATES**

- February 22<sup>nd</sup>** Retreat day for candidates and team only – begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center.
- February 29<sup>th</sup>** 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 14 and 15	\$ 13,628.18
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 448,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 424,352.91
<b>DEFICIT – YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ &lt;24,447.09&gt;</b>

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY*

**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)	\$ 1,911.00