



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Father Dave joins me in thanking everyone for all the Christmas greetings and gifts. You are very thoughtful and very generous. Christmas not only celebrates God's presence among us in Christ but also celebrates the bonds of love that unite us with one another, especially with our families.

Once again, our church and our Liturgies were beautiful. First, I want to thank all those who served as Liturgical ministers at our Christmas Liturgies. However, I want to give special thanks to the Art and Environment Committee and those who helped decorate the church on Thursday evening and to all the Liturgical musicians who have been practicing for several weeks to make our Christmas Liturgies prayerful and beautiful.

Second, thanks to all those who took Giving Tree tags, shopped for gifts, and returned them. The recipients of your gifts were thrilled to receive them. Because of the economy, more people have more needs. Likewise, because of the economy, I know that it was harder for many of you to purchase these gifts.

New Year's Day is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. This year, because it falls on Saturday, it is a Holyday but not a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be Friday evening, December 31st, at 6 p.m. and Saturday morning, January 1st, at 9 a.m. There will be **no** Saturday evening 5 p.m. Mass or confessions. Masses on Sunday, January 2nd, will be at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Although New Year's Day is not a Holyday of Obligation this year, I want to encourage you to come to Mass. New Year's Day is a day to thank God for all his blessings this past year and to ask his continued blessings in the New Year. At the same time, New Year's Day is a wonderful time to pray for peace in our world and peace in the hearts of all people.

My blessing prayer for you comes from Numbers 6:24-26: *The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!*

fr. bob

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 27, 2004 – JAN 02, 2005

- 27 December Monday**
8:30 am For The Parish
5:30 pm Tim Smith by Jim Smith
- 28 December Tuesday**
8:30 am Mary Sharp by Meda Sharp and Family
5:30 pm Cliff E and Kathlyn Anderson
- 29 December Wednesday**
8:30 am Mary C. O'Brien by Selma Merkley
5:30 pm Edward Juniper by Helen Juniper
- 30 December Thursday**
8:30 am Msgr. John Meyer by The Johnson Family
5:30 pm Lavonne Rashid by Rosemary Haboush
- 31 December Friday –**
8:30 am Lorene Sheats by The Massari Family
6:00 pm Laura Whysong by The Merge Family
- 01 January Saturday –**
9:00 am Robert McMahon by William McMahon
- 02 January Sunday - Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 am Frances Flynn by Rose Priller
10:30 am Grace Stites by The Hudson and Hannigan Families
6:00 pm For The Parish



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 02

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	PARISH	OFFICE	CLOSED
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Women's Prayer Group
Tuesday	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	PARISH	OFFICE	CLOSED
Saturday			
Sunday	Social Hall	9:30am	Coffee and Donuts
		NO	CHILDREN'S LITURGY or NURSERY
		NO	RELIGIOUS ED.

PARISH CENTER HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Monday, December 27th office closed
Friday, December 31st office closed

Feast of the Holy Family

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of December 18 th and 19 th	not available/early deadline
Electronic Contribution 12/14 to 12/20	not available/early deadline
Year to Date Budget Goal thru 12/12	\$ 316,800.00
Year to Date Collections thru 12/12	\$ 310,245.63
Current Fiscal Year to Date thru 12/12	\$ (-6,554.37)

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,716.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,993.75
November Contributions	\$ 1,409.00
December Contributions to date	\$ 1,774.00

We may not want to think about it, but snow could be right around the corner. We are looking for volunteers who live nearby and would be willing to be called to come over and help shovel snow, especially on the weekends prior to masses. If you would help with this, please call Joe at the parish center at 357-8352, or at home at 375-1044.



ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth room will be open on Sunday December 26th and Sunday January 2nd from 7pm until 9pm. Plan to stop by.

Attention Nurses!! *CYO* Camp Rancho Framasa needs you to spend a week this summer as a Camp Nurse. In exchange, you will receive two free summer camp sessions for your child or a child that you know. Call Mary Beth toll free at 1-888-988-2839 ext. 26 or email Marybeth@campranchoframasa.org

Catholic Social Services has a Caregiver Support Program to help people caring for family or friends age 60 or older. A support group meets once a month on the Eastside. Call Monica at 261-3378 for more information and a free caregiver resource guide.

December 31-January 1 "New Beginnings - A New Year's Eve Retreat" with Fr. Jim Farrell at Fatima Retreat House. Call 545-7681 for more information.

Stewardship Card Update

As of 12/20/04 we have received 423 Stewardship cards. This represents 42% of our registered households.

Totals from Stewardship cards so far

Estimated weekly contributions to Little Flower
\$ 9,934.15 compared to \$13,200 budget goal
Annual contributions to United Catholic Appeal
\$46,986.96 compared to \$57,000 goal

There are still many cards to be returned. Please turn in your completed card as soon as possible. Extra cards are available at the church doors if you have lost or misplaced yours.

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of December 20th, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 2424.50. If you have misplaced the envelope you received in the mail, or if you did not receive one, extras are available at the church doors. The Godparent program assists children of Little Flower Parish families who are unable to bear the entire cost of tuition. Our goal for contributions for this special collection is \$12,000.00. Please be as generous as possible. Envelopes may be donated through the month of January.



Christmas Break from Dec. 20 – Dec. 31, 2004
School resumes Monday, Jan. 3, 2005
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



HOLY COMMUNION

Mark your calendars for the Rite of Enrollment on Sunday, January 16, 2005 at the 8:30 am Mass. A parent meeting will follow in the social hall. If you have any questions call Lisa at the Parish Center.

Saint Meinard School of Theology's Ecclesial Lay Ministry (ELM) Program will offer a course "Who is Jesus Christ" on Thursday mornings in Indianapolis beginning February 3, 2005, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish. For more information and to register, call the Indianapolis Office of Saint Meinrad School of Theology 317-955-6451 or email indyprogs@saintmeinrad.edu.