



Dear Parish Family,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is only one week from today. As Christmas Eve and Christmas Day approach, we want not to lose sight of the real significance of Christmas as the

celebration of Jesus' birth.

Thanks to all those who helped with the parish Christmas Party last Sunday. Thanks also to all those who attended. It seemed to me that many more people attended this year than last year. Also, there seemed to be a real holiday spirit.

Also, thank to Dr. Martha Thie and the Thie family who presented the Joseph and Veronica Thie Memorial Service Award to nine Little Flower students at the 10:30 am Mass:

- ❖ 8th Grade: Nicole Clegg, Eileen Costello, and Ryan Tooley
- ❖ 7th Grade: Mackenzie Moore, Katie Leszeynski, and Jeff Fleak
- ❖ 6th Grade: Michael Venezia, Jaclyn Clegg, and Olivia Belles

Recipients are chosen on the basis of academics, character, leadership, and service. These awards are named for Joe and Veronica Thie, who were very active parishioners at Little Flower for many years.

For those who may have been away last weekend, last Sunday was also Celebration Sunday in our capital campaign. I was delighted to announce that 332 of us have pledged \$758,207 to replace the bricks on the church. We have much for which to be grateful. However, we still have not raised sufficient monies to replace the bricks, and, therefore, it is critically important that the 2/3 of the parish who have not yet joined the campaign do so as soon as possible.

This Monday evening, December 19th there will be a final opportunity for Confessions from 6 to 7 pm in the Church.

Finally, please note our Christmas Mass Schedule: 3:30 pm, 5:30 pm, and 10 pm on Christmas Eve and 9 am on Christmas Day. **There will be no 6 pm Mass on Christmas Day.** There will be no Mass or Communion Service at 8:30 am Christmas Eve and no confessions on Christmas Eve.

Have a great week.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Please join the RCIA class at their annual Christmas and Caroling Party on Dec 20th at 7pm in the Parish Center. We begin the evening caroling around the neighborhood. It is a fun filled evening. Bring a covered dish to share, a flashlight for caroling and dress warm! If you have any questions contact Lisa at the Parish Center.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 19 – DEC 26, 2005

- 19 Dec Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Robert Meier by Art Meier
- 20 Dec Tuesday –**
8:30 am Carolyn Barnes by Don and Sue Heitman
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 21 Dec Wednesday –**
8:30 am Therrian Freeman by Brian Schluttenhofer
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 Dec Thursday –**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **Covington:** Betty Wade by Jim Cattlier
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Dec Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Deceased Members of The Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
- 24 Dec Saturday - Vigil: Christmas Eve**
3:30 pm Sheridan Bowron by Patricia Bowron
5:30 pm For the People
10:30 pm Ida Girolami by Rick and Fernanda Girolami
- 25 Dec Sunday – Christmas Day**
9:00 am Joesph and Freda Jines by Marilyn and Merrill Blackwell and Family

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH** Dec 19 – Dec 25, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Church	6 - 7:00 pm	Confessions
	St Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323-
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA Christmas Party & Caroling
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	Scout room	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Girl Scout Caroling & Hot Chocolate
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mom's Group
	Church & Parish Center	6:00 pm	Church Decorating & light supper
	St Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	PARISH	OFFICE	CLOSED
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
Sunday		MERRY	CHRISTMAS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH
(Eighth grade through twelfth grade)**

CONFIRMATION

Session 5, will be held on January 8, 2006 in the parish center. Candidates and Team should attend.

Youth Choir will practice in Sunday, December 18th from 7pm until 8:30pm in church. Please join us and bring a friend.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of December 10 th and 11 th	\$ 14,273.84
Electronic Contribution 12/6 to 12/12	\$ 205.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 321,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 320,935.78
Year to Date	\$ - 664.22

Thank you for your generosity

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,997.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,692.25
November Contributions	\$ 1,493.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,584.00

Capital Campaign News

Extra pledge cards are available at each of the church doors. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. We need everyone to participate to raise the funds necessary.

There will be a "Life After Loss" bereavement support meeting Sunday evening, Dec. 18th at 7:15 pm in the St. Patrick Room. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome. There is no charge, and no need to RSVP.



Thanks to all who helped make the Ladies Club Bake Sale a success! The raffle winners are:

- Angel - Anna Gutierrez
- Chocolates - Julie Bullock
- Quilt - Ruth Skillman

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve-Saturday, December 24 - 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and 10:00 PM.

Music will begin at 9:30 PM in preparation for the 10:00 PM Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 - 9:00 AM
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Regular Weekend Schedule

Anticipation Mass-Saturday, December 31-5:00PM
Sunday, January 1-8:30AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Anticipation Mass, Saturday, January 7 - 5:00PM
Sunday, January 8- 8:30 AM, 10:30AM and 6:00PM

PARISH CENTER SCHEDULE

THE PARISH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, FRIDAY DECEMBER 31 AND MONDAY JANUARY 2.



We need volunteers to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Join us Thursday, Dec 22nd at 6 p.m. A light supper will be provided in the parish center.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS



Readings for this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent

1 st reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
2 nd reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38

Today's Gospel account is the annunciation to Mary that she would become the mother of the incarnate God. Her profound "YES" is a model for each one of us for what God can do through us with our assent.

Questions to ponder

Lord, why did the Mother of God accept your call and all of it's crosses with humility and love, and why do I fight it and make excuses?

How do you prepare the way for Christ in your life, and in the lives of your children and grandchildren?

In what ways are you saying "no" to God?