



His Face Shone Like The Sun.

Dear Parish Family,

Today is the Second Sunday of Lent.

Today at the 8:30 Mass we celebrate the *Rite of Sending* with our catechumens and candidates. We are sending them to the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul to celebrate the *Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion* with Archbishop Daniel.

During this rite, after their sponsors attest to their readiness, the

catechumens and candidates will declare their intention to become full members of the Church. In the name of the Church, the Archbishop will then declare these catechumens and candidates ready to proceed to the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at Easter. Also, their names will have been inscribed in the Book of the Elect. After celebrating this rite, they are no longer catechumens or candidates but the elect.

Celebrating the Rite of Election with the Archbishop enables the catechumens and candidates to understand that they are not just becoming members of Little Flower but members of the Archdiocese and, indeed, members of the universal church.

During Lent, we, the community of Little Flower, are called to walk with them on their journey to Easter. Please keep these men, women, young men, young women, and children in your minds and hearts and prayers as they make final preparation to become full members of the church and of Little Flower parish.

Also, after 8:30 a.m. Mass, our first communicants will pick up the materials for their First Communion banners. Parents of first communicants, if your children are preparing to receive First Communion, it is very important that you and they attend Sunday Eucharist every Sunday. In the final blessing at their baptism, you were reminded that you are the first teachers of your children in the ways of faith. We also prayed, "May they be the best of teachers."

Here is a Bible quiz for anyone interested in a challenge. Today's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' transfiguration. Only three times in the Gospels do we hear the voice of God the Father. Two of those times are at Jesus' baptism and transfiguration. What is the third occasion? Here is a clue: check out John's Gospel. My letter next week will have the answer.

If you have not already done so, please mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Finally, while you are marking your calendars, don't forget our Fish Fry every Friday (except Good Friday) during Lent. Please invite your families and friends. Besides delicious fish, it is a good time to visit and socialize.

Have a great week.

fr. Bob

Vocation Retreats

The Conventual Franciscans are offering a retreat March 11 -13 for single men, ages 16 - 40, who are interested in finding out more about priesthood and brotherhood. Contact Fr. Jim Kent 800-424-9955 or email franvoc@aol.com for more information.

For single, Catholic women 18 yrs. and older interested in learning more about vowed religious life, there will be a "Come and See" weekend, March 19 -20, 2005, at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Joan Miller at 812-933-6417; email joanm@oldenburgosf.com Must register by March 14.



Masses of the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 21- FEB 27, 2005

- 21 February Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 February Tuesday**
8:30 am Arvin Fuller in Memory of Clifford Fuller by The Everidge Family
5:30 pm Intentions of Art and Dorothy Meier
- 23 February Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
1:00 pm **Covington** – Cliff E. and Kathlyn Anderson
5:30 pm William Galluzzi by Roberta Galluzzi
- 24 February Thursday**
8:30 am Cindy Kaufman by The Ladies Club
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 25 February Friday –**
8:30 am Edward Haboush by Arvina Fuller
5:30 pm Living Stations (No Communion Service)
- 26 February Saturday –**
8:30 am Alma Hoffman by Richard and Marilyn Killila
Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Michael Foley by Dennis and Rita Foley
- 27 February Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am Mary C. O'Brien by Marian Kebe and Family
10:30 am Jerry Arvin by Norb and Mary Helen Arvin
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY 21 – FEBRUARY 27, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	No School	President's	Day
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	St Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Svdp
Tuesday	Parish Center	9:30 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Little Rock Bible Study
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Psallite Choir
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	Church	1:30 p.m.	Living Stations
	Social Hall	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Living Stations
Saturday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer group
	Social Hall	5:00 p.m.	Blue and Gold Scout
Sunday	St. Patrick	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 a.m.	Nursery – up to age 4
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed.
	Social Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 p.m.	1 st Scrutiny - RCIA
	Youth Room	7 – 9 p.m.	Youth Disciples In Mission

NOTE CHANGE IN DATE: The next meeting for the **Festival Leadership Team** has been changed to Thursday, March 10th at 7pm in the Parish Center.

The Ladies Club will be at the Church doors on the weekend Masses of Feb 26th and 27th to accept donations for purchasing Easter flowers.



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

GOD'S WORD IS LIKE AN ELECTRICAL OUTLET. If you're unplugged - you are not empowered. Plug in and you're empowered to live! DISCIPLES IN MISSION will be held as a faith-sharing opportunity for youth during Lent. Meet each Sunday during Lent in the Parish Center after 6pm Mass. This is open to all. However, anyone considering preparing for confirmation in our next confirmation class must attend. The sessions will conclude at 8:30 followed by social time and snack in the youth room until 9:00 pm.

SNOW TUBING! We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday February 26th. We will leave LF around 5:30pm and return around midnight. **Reservations by Tuesday February 22nd are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees must be in by this date!** Permission slips have been distributed and mailed. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office. Call Katie Lyons at 352-1129 or Tom at 357-8352 for more information!

JUST A REMINDER that donations are needed for the rummage sale and the silent auction at **SUMMERFEST**. For more information, please call:

Rummage Sale	Debbie Belles	359-4288
Silent Auction	Debbie Burks	353-1192
	or Mary Martha Costello	352-0704

If you would like to be a branch on the Little Flower Prayer Vine send a note, with your name and email address, to LITTLEFLOWERPRAY@AOL.COM. We will be starting to take prayer requests soon.

At the Masses on the weekend of Feb 26/27, you are asked to bring items for the homeless. Items needed are toiletries, head wear, socks, underwear, gloves, and any new or gently used clothing for men, women or children. Sponsored by The Respect Life Committee

Lenten Fish Fry

Thanks to the members of the school and parish staff who helped with our second fish fry, and of course to the ladies of the Ladies Club who prepare our desserts each week. Ladies, please keep those desserts coming. Next week, volunteers from our school PTO will join our regular team of volunteers. Serving takes place between 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. in the school cafeteria. Carry outs are available. Next Friday, February 25th, our eighth graders will present the Living Stations of the Cross in church at 5:30 pm.

Ladies: Are you looking for a way to lose weight that's healthy physically, emotionally and spiritually? Watch the bulletin (and bulletin boards) for information about a group starting here at Little Flower on March 13, or contact Georgia for more information



Little Flower school will be holding an open house for new families on Sunday, March 6 from 12:30-3:00. We encourage everyone to invite someone you know to attend—remember there is a \$50 finder's fee paid if a family registers and mentions that you sent them.

Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Friday, March 18.

Living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the eighth grade on Friday, Feb 25 at 1:30 & 5:30. Stations of the Cross will be every Friday during Lent at 2:00pm and 5:30pm.

Taxes, taxes, taxes! Are you a senior or disabled person who needs help with your income taxes? One of our parishioners who is an accountant has volunteered to help at no charge. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Georgia at the parish center.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 12 th and 13 th	\$ 12,389.60
Electronic Contribution 2/8 to 2/14	\$ 225.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 435,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 432,931.80
Current Fiscal Year to Date	\$ (-2,668.20)

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,993.75
November Contributions	\$ 1,409.00
December Contributions	\$ 1,913.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,811.00
February Contributions to date	\$ 1,514.00

The Home Improvement Fund was recently used to repair a broken water pipe under the church. This repair was necessary because the break was preventing the delivery of hot water anywhere in the sacristy. Thank you for your generosity to this monthly collection. So far this fiscal year, the Home Improvement fund has funded approximately \$12,000 in necessary repairs.

All Adults volunteering or working with children and youth at Little Flower are being required (mandatory) by the Archdiocese to attend the VIRTUS Training Session. Virtus is a program concerning the prevention of sexual abuse of children. *This includes but is not limited to:* All Staff members, Catechists, Volunteers interacting with children in any capacity, Playground monitors, Confirmation leaders, Vacation Bible School volunteers, Coaches/Assistant Coaches, Youth Ministry Chaperones, Drivers, Scouting Assistants and Volunteers, etc. This training is also open to any parishioner. The dates for the training (you need only attend one) are Monday, March 14th, 6:30 pm until 9pm at Little Flower or Wednesday March 16th, 1:30 pm until 4:00 pm at St. Philip. Further information will be published regarding registration for the session of your choice, but please mark your calendars now! If you have questions, please contact Tom at the Parish Center.