



**Dear Parish Family,**

Besides Jesus' baptism and transfiguration, on what other occasion in the Gospels do we hear the voice of God the Father? It was during Holy Week and can

be found in John 12:20-36, specifically verses 27-29: *"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him."*

On the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent we celebrate the scrutinies with our elect. The scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. They mark the final preparation of the elect for the sacraments of initiation. Their origins date back to the fourth and fifth centuries when St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults states, *"The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" [141].*

The scrutinies will be celebrated at 6 p.m. this Sunday, 10:30 a.m. on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and 8:30 a.m. on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Celebrating the scrutinies at different Masses enables more of you to know our elect and to pray with and for them. Also, they enable us to scrutinize ourselves as well.

As I have mentioned the last couple of weeks, our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday, March 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Although this may be a little less convenient, I encourage to come and celebrate the sacrament with the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette as they did with us during Advent.

In recent weeks, I have seen several new faces in church. If you are attending Little Flower and intend to make this your Church home, please take a few minutes to register. Registration forms are at the doors of the church.

Have a great week.

fr. bob

*Our Sympathy*

We extend our condolences to the family of Roseanna Koch, a longtime parishioner who died on February 13<sup>th</sup> and to the family of Jim Burks on the death of Jim's sister Suzan. We also extend our sympathy to Helen Sauer and her children Michael, JoEllen (Eaton), and Eileen (Mader) on the death of their husband and father, Urban Sauer.

Next weekend there will be a special collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Please use the specially-marked envelope in your regular envelope packet to this special collection

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



**Masses of the Week**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 28- MAR 6, 2005**

- 28 February Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 March Tuesday**  
8:30 am In honor of St. Therese by Elaine Sauer  
5:30 pm Elinor Bevan by The Ladies Club
- 02 March Wednesday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Helen Ryan by The Family
- 03 March Thursday**  
8:30 am Russell Rowling by Joanne Hartzler  
1:30 pm **Rosewalk** - Communion Service  
5:30 pm Grace Stites by The Hudson Family
- 04 March Friday -**  
8:30 am Josephine Pfau  
5:30 pm Way of the Cross and Communion Service
- 05 March Saturday -**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:00 pm **Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
Justine Clark by Mary Taylor
- 06 March Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
8:30 am Suzan K. Burks by Teachers at St. Susanna  
10:30 am David Moorman by James and Rita Kriech  
6:00 pm For The People



**Dates to Remember**

**FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 06, 2005**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	St. Therese	6 - 7 p.m.	1st Communion Prep-non-school
	John 23rd	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Jerome	7:00 p.m.	Art and Environment
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Little Rock Bible Study
	Social Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	Church	2:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	Social Hall	4:30-7:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer group
	St. Therese	2:00 p.m.	Blue Army
<b>Sunday</b>	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	10:30 a.m.	2nd Scrutiny - RCIA
	Youth Room	7 - 9 p.m.	Youth Disciples In Mission



Please welcome into our Christian Family Raphael Steven Gallagher son of Sean and Cynthia (Lecher) Gallagher baptized on Sunday, February 20, 2005.

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Youth News

#### 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

### School News

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.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of February 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,104.55
Electronic Contribution 2/15 to 2/20	\$ 1,872.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 448,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 445,908.35
Current Fiscal Year to Date	\$ (-2,891.65)

#### 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	\$ 1,714.00



### Thank You

The family of Elinor Bevan wish to thank Fr. Bob, Georgia and Tom for their assistance with the funeral Mass for our Mother. Also, special Thank you to all those who prepared and served the meal afterwards. God bless you all.

**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

Veronica Belles a 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Little Flower School is helping the homeless by collecting large coffee cans. If you have any large coffee cans she will collect them at Coffee & Donuts or drop off at the parish center.

**Extraordinary Ministers:** There are sign up sheets in the sacristy for the Tridium and Easter services. If you will be attending any Mass, please help with the service. Have a Happy Easter.

Our Little Flower Prayer Vine is now up and running! If you would like to be a part of the prayer vine by praying for fellow parishioners' specific intentions, please send your name and email address to [LITTLEFLOWERPRAY@aol.com](mailto:LITTLEFLOWERPRAY@aol.com). You may also send prayer requests to that address. If you don't have email, please call the parish center with your prayer request. Please call Georgia with any questions.

## Lenten Fish Fry

Thanks to the members of the PTO who helped with our third fish fry, and of course to the ladies of the Ladies Club who prepare our desserts each week. Ladies, please keep those desserts coming. **THANKS most of all to all those who have been attending with family and friends. You are producing record crowds and that is great! Keep up the outstanding work!** Next week, volunteers from our RCIA program 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at Little Flower or Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm at St. Philip. PLEASE REGISTER ON-LINE BY GOING TO [WWW.VIRTUS.ORG](http://WWW.VIRTUS.ORG) AND CLICKING ON REGISTRATON. If you have questions, please contact Tom at the Parish Center.

#### Coming in late 2005!

The stewardship commission is going to begin work on a new parish pictorial directory. Our current directory is nearly five years old, so it is time for an update. Currently, pictures are scheduled for September 2005. However, we have arranged for the photographer to be here on July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> to photograph families who want to be sure to include students who are home for the summer. If you will be interested in an early appointment during the summer, please call Jeannie at the parish center (357-8352) and leave your name.



#### Ladies Club News

The Ladies Club annual St. Patrick's Day pitch-in celebration will be Thursday March 3rd starting at 6:30PM. Come and join us and bring your favorite covered dish. Scotty Grant will be entertaining us with some great Irish Songs. Hope to see you there.

#### A NEW ARRIVAL!

We are happy to announce that within the next few weeks, you will have an opportunity to recycle newspapers, magazines, catalogs, and most other paper here on the grounds at Little Flower. More details will follow.