



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Have you ever been frustrated by a deadline? Imagine how frustrating it is to try to write a bulletin letter for January 2nd on December 23rd.

First of all, thanks to all those who helped shovel snow. I hope all those who were dreaming of a white Christmas were happy.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. In some places, Epiphany is referred to as Little Christmas. Christmas and Epiphany are like two sides of the same coin. If Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, Epiphany celebrates its meaning. On Christmas Jesus was manifested to the shepherds, representing the Jewish people. On Epiphany, he was manifested to the magi, representing the Gentiles and the world. Today's feast is a powerful reminder that God desires the salvation of all people and that Jesus came into the world to save all people.

Have a wonderful week.

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Holy Cross Parish would like to thank everyone who helped with our food basket distribution this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your generosity allowed us to distribute close to 1,000 meals this year.

We're truly blessed by the generosity of our fellow parishes. Thank you.

Arvina Fuller would like to thank parishioners for their calls and prayers following the death of her husband Cliff.



Mass Intentions for the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 3 – JAN 9, 2005

- 03 January Monday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Ray Hendrix by Jon Bowling
- 04 January Tuesday**
8:30 am Ethel Rose by Bill and Rosie Logan
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 05 January Wednesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:00 pm **Rosewalk** - Mary Jane Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger
5:30 pm Cliff Fuller by Arvina Fuller
- 06 January Thursday**
8:30 am In Thanksgiving by Maurice Welsh
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 07 January Friday –**
8:30 am Theresa Mayfield by Nancy Tuttle
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 January Saturday –**
8:30 am Emmett Pierce by Janetta Ford
5:00 pm **Vigil : Baptism of the Lord**
Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger
- 09 January Sunday – Baptism of the Lord**
8:30 am For the People
10:30 am Deceased Members of Baumann & Clifford Families by Ruth Runkel
6:00 pm Marie Connor by Wieland Faming

The Week Ahead In Our Parish

JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 9, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
Tuesday	John 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
Tuesday	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Respect Life
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer group
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

Archdiocese of Indianapolis Young Adult Mass

You are invited to join other young adults, men and women and single, in their 20s and 30s for worship and reception at the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Young Adult Mass the second Sunday of every month all year. The next mass will be Sunday, January 9th at 5pm at St. Mary's, 317 N. New Jersey Street. St. Mary's is across the street from the Rathskeller, and just south of the Murat. For more information please email us at indyongadultmass@yahoo.com.

Epiphany of the Lord

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	\$ 13,670.67
Collection of December 26 th	not yet available
Electronic Contribution 12/14 to 12/20	\$ 1847.00
Electronic Contribution 12/21 to 12/27	not yet available
Year to Date Budget Goal thru 12/20	\$ 330,000.00
Year to Date Collections thru 12/12	\$ 325,763.30
Current Fiscal Year to Date thru 12/12	\$ (-4,236.70)

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,716.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,993.75
November Contributions	\$ 1,409.00
December Contributions to date	\$ 1,913.00



ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth room will be open on 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.

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of December 20th, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 2,424.50. 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 placed in the collection basket anytime throughout the month of January.

The Stewardship Commission is in the process of forming a new property and facilities committee to provide high level oversight and planning for parish facilities. The first project will be a review of the report from Arsee engineers on the condition of our church building. If you have expertise in construction and/or would like to be a part of this group, please call Tom at the parish center on January 3rd or 4th.

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

CHECK BACK NEXT WEEK FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION! 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. FOLLOW-UP IS BEGINNING FOR CARDS NOT YET RETURNED. **ONE FINAL REMINDER** - An up-to-date stewardship card on file at the parish center is one of the requirements for receiving the stewardship parishioner rate at Little Flower School and Scecina High School. If your card is not on file you will be placed in a different tuition category next year.



School resumes Monday, Jan. 3, 2005
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



FIRST 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.