



DEAR PARISH FAMILY,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. Today marks the end of the Church's Christmas Season.

In earlier times in the Church, Epiphany, which we celebrated last Sunday, was a celebration of the adoration of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the miracle of the wedding feast of Cana.

Monday begins Ordinary Time in the Church. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, we celebrate or prepare to celebrate the major mysteries of Christ's life. During Ordinary Time, we celebrate the mystery of Christ in its fullness.

In one of our theology classes, we were asked what is the principal celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Of course, most of us answered Easter. However, the correct answer was the weekly Sunday celebration of Eucharist. In other words, each Sunday we come together to celebrate Eucharist, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and his victory over sin, suffering, sickness, and death.

Last year the Pastoral Council, under Steve Grohovsky's leadership, worked hard to develop a strategic plan for the parish. This year the Pastoral Council, under Mike Cavosie's leadership, is working hard to implement the plan. For example, our first goal was to *establish an efficient governance structure for the parish*. In our current structure, three commissions are not functioning largely because of the way they were originally structured. Therefore, we are working to create commissions that will function and that will meet real needs within our community.

Now that tax season is upon us, we are eager to get all our financial records in order. Your personal contribution statements will be mailed during the third week of January.

Finally, Friday morning there will be an 8:30 a.m. Communion Service rather than Mass. I serve on the Perinatal and Pediatric Ethics Committee at St. Vincent Hospital. This Committee meets at 7:30 a.m. at St. Vincent's three or four times per year.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. Bob



The family of Ida Girolami would like to thank Fr. Bob, Georgia, Tom, the Funeral Luncheon Committee and the Ladies Club for their kindness during "our time of sorrow."

The Bud Moody family would like to thank all our friends for their prayers, cards and well wishes during Dorothy's recent

convalescence. Your care and concern is the main reason she has done so well.



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.

Masses of the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 10- JAN 16, 2005

- 10 January**
7:00 am
5:30 pm
 - 11 January**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
 - 12 January**
7:00 am
5:30 pm
 - 13 January**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
 - 14 January**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
 - 15 January**
8:30 am
5:00 pm
 - 16 January**
8:30 am
10:30 am
6:00 pm
- Monday**
Communion Service
Ida Girolami by The Ladies Club
 - Tuesday**
Margaret Gentry by The Ladies Club
Communion Service
 - Wednesday**
Communion Service
Ethel Rose by Mary Beatty
 - Thursday**
Josephine McCoy by Evelyn and Bob Daly
Communion Service
 - Friday -**
Communion Service
Dick Miller by Madelynn Miller
 - Saturday -**
Josephine Pfau by The Pierce Family
Vigil : Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
For the People
 - Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Patsy Falvey by Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Pierce
Special Intention of Ed and Ruth Axsom by Pat Reese
Joseph Thu Chu by Sam Chu

Dates to Remember

JANUARY 10 - JANUARY 16, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Therese & Holy Family	6:30 p.m.	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Holy Family	9:30 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	Social Hall	5 - 6 p.m.	Market Day Pick-up
	St. Therese	6:30 p.m.	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer group
Sunday	Church	8:30am	Rite of Enrollment for 1 st Communion
	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

The parish office will be closed due to Martin Luther King Day on Monday, January 17th



Please welcome into our Christian Community Natalie Clare Greene daughter of Daniel and Patrice (Lewis) Greene baptized on December 26, 2004.

Baptism of the Lord

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of December 26 th	\$ 11,984.95
Collection of January 2 nd	\$ 12,287.80
Electronic Contribution 12/21 to 12/27	\$ 55.00
Electronic Contribution 12/28 to 1/3	\$ 1,602.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 356,400.00
Year to Date Collections thru 12/12	\$ 351,693.55
Current Fiscal Year to Date thru 12/12	\$ (-4,706.45)

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,716.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,993.75
November Contributions	\$ 1,409.00
December Contributions	\$ 1,913.00
January Contributions to date	\$ 1,164.00

Thanks for your contributions to the Home Improvement Fund. Recently a large icicle fell from the top of the church and punctured the roof over the adoration chapel. The Home Improvement Fund was used to cover this unexpected expense!



ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (eighth grade through twelfth grade)

The next youth choir practice will be Sunday, January 16th from 7pm until 8:30pm in church. All are welcome!

Watch for ICE SKATING news. We are planning an outing for the afternoon of Sunday January 23rd!

Stewardship Card Update Stewardship Card Update

As of 1/3/05 we have received 432 Stewardship cards. This represents 43% of our registered households.

Totals from Stewardship cards so far

Estimated weekly contributions to Little Flower
\$ 10,032.96 compared to \$13,200 budget goal
Annual contributions to United Catholic Appeal
\$47,166.96 compared to \$57,000 goal

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 Seccina High School. If your card is not on file you will be placed in a different tuition category next year.

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of January 3rd, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 3,299.50. 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.

★ TAKE NOTE:

Volunteers are needed to help take down the church Christmas decorations on Mon Jan 10 at 6 p.m. We do appreciate your time and energy.

Signups for Adult Volleyball will be January 14th and January 21st at 8:00pm in the Gym. Adult Volleyball is open to anyone age 19 and older. If you have questions, please call Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124.

Lost: A large crystal and silver women's rosary was lost in church. This rosary is very sentimental. If found please call or return to the parish center.

Caregiver Information Fair

Being a caregiver for an elderly or disabled loved one is hard work. Catholic Social Services is sponsoring an event just for you, to learn about resources to help care for your loved one and yourself. Monday, January 24, from 9-11 am at the Ransburg YMCA (501 N. Shortridge Road). Meet representatives from home health agencies, Catholic Social Services, CICOA, Meals on Wheels, and the Senior Health Insurance Information Program. For more information, call Georgia at the Parish Center, or Monica at Catholic Social Services (261-3378).



Little Flower Musicians will be hosting hundreds of musicians, from parishes throughout the Archdiocese, in an annual event called "Bring Your Own Group." The musicians will perform on Friday, January 21st, at 7PM in the Church. Everyone from Little Flower is welcome. Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall right after the concert.

Indianapolis Men's Conference

Registrations are now being accepted for the 4th Annual Indianapolis West Deanery Catholic Men's Conference entitled, "Men of the Bible Speak to Men Today." The conference will be held at St. Christopher Church in Speedway, IN on Feb. 12, 2005. The keynote speaker is Fr. Eugene Hensell, OSB, an experienced Scripture professor and retreat leader from St. Meinrad Archabbey. The cost is only \$30.00 and includes lunch if the registration is made before January 31. Information on the conference can be obtained by visiting <http://mensconference.indianacatholic.org/> or by contacting David J. Burkhard, conference chairperson, at 317-241-6314 ext.126 or at djb@saintchristopherparish.org.