

**DEAR PARISH FAMILY,**

Father Sullivan's surgery has been scheduled for February 4th in New York. Also, Fr. Paul Shikany is recovering from surgery that he had on Wednesday, January 12th. Please pray for both of them.

Christmas is a very popular time for couples to become engaged. Right after Christmas we begin receiving calls from couples wanting to schedule weddings at Little Flower. Often there is some confusion regarding what Church law requires for a marriage to take place.

The most basic church law concerning Catholic marriages is the law of canonical form: for a marriage of a Catholic to be valid or to be recognized, it must take place before a Catholic priest and two witnesses unless a dispensation is granted by the Archbishop or his delegate.

The only parish with an obligation or a right to witness your marriage is a parish in which you have domicile through residence or registration. To go somewhere else, you need the permission of your pastor. This is also true if you wish to return to your childhood parish or your parents' parish. In the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, all weddings must take place in church.

Our Archdiocese also has Archdiocesan marriage policies: Couples desiring to marry in the Archdiocese will notify their parish priest as soon as they become engaged, or at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. Within the policy, the Archdiocese also notes that a premarital pregnancy does not justify a hurried wedding with limited preparation. Likewise, it also notes that if a Catholic is inactive and wishes to marry in the Catholic Church, the Church expects the person to be open to growth in faith prior to the wedding.

Sometimes people question why the Catholic Church has so many laws and policies concerning marriage. It is because we believe in the sacredness of every marriage and the sacramentality of every marriage between two Christians.

Finally, I want to state that we welcome Little Flower's sons and daughters to return to Little Flower to celebrate their weddings. However, if they are not residing in the boundaries of the parish or are not registered, they will need to obtain the permission of the pastor of either Catholic party.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Please welcome into our Christian Community Clair Marie Brizendine daughter of Edgar Kern and RaeAnne (Elliott) Brizendine baptized on January 8, 2005.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 24- JAN 30, 2005**

24 January	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	William Hamilton by Thomas Hunter
25 January	Tuesday
8:30 am	Dick Miller by Charlene Runge
5:30 pm	Communion Service
26 January	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
1:00 pm	Covington: Frank Johns
5:30 pm	Pearl Olvey by Jane Bell
27 January	Thursday
8:30 am	Frances Flynn by Michael and Roselyn Royce
5:30 pm	Communion Service
28 January	Friday -
8:30 am	Russell Rowling by Joanne Hartzler
5:30 pm	James O'Brien by Dottie Spalding
29 January	Saturday -
8:30 am	Leon Surenkamp
	Vigil: Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm	Barbara Piers by Arthur Piers and Family
30 January	Sunday - Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Jim O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller
10:30 am	Barbara Piers by Robert and Vivian Thilman
6:00 pm	For the Parish

DATES

TO REMEMBER. . .

JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 30, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Jerome	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	Social Hall	7:00 p.m.	Parent Wrestling Meeting
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
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Little Rock Bible Study
	Social Hall	7:00 p.m.	Parent Wrestling Meeting
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Psallite Choir Rehearsal
	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
	Social Hall	8:00 a.m.	Pinewood Derby
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

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 24th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center on Monday at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the end of March.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of January 8 th and 9 th	\$ 10,921.58
Electronic Contribution 1/4 to 1/10	\$ 120.25
Collection of January 15 th and 16 th	\$ 13,829.62
Electronic Contribution 1/4 to 1/10	\$ 1,972.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 382,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 378,537.25
Current Fiscal Year to Date	\$ (-4,262.75)

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	\$ 1,475.00

YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE COLLECTION FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE TSUNAMI TOTALED \$6699.42! This amount will be forwarded to the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your generosity.

Attention Seniors! Save the date: Saturday, February 5 the school Service Group will sponsor a Senior Prom. Prepare to cut a rug, play some bingo, and enjoy refreshments. Watch the bulletin for further information on this exciting event!



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

All are invited to go ICE SKATING on Sunday, January 23rd at Ellenberger Park. We will meet at Ellenberger at 2:30pm and you need to be picked up at Ellenberger at 5:00pm. Admission is \$2.50 if 17yrs. old or younger and \$3.00 if over 17. Skate rental is \$1.50. We will need a few adults to stay and chaperon. Please call Katie Lyons, 352-1129, if you are able to chaperone or if you have any questions.

The youth room will be open on Sunday, February 6th after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION will be held as a faith-sharing opportunity for youth during Lent. This will begin on Sunday, February 13th. Watch for further details.

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of January 3rd, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 4,614.50. 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. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, please be as generous as possible. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket anytime throughout the month of January.

There will be a mandatory meeting for parents whose children plan to be part of the wrestling team. Mark your calendars for Monday, January 24 OR Thursday, January 27 at 7 pm in the school cafeteria.



SUMMERFEST 2005 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are June 3, 4, and 5. A kick off meeting will be held for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. If you would be interested in serving on the leadership team, please call Tom at 357-8352



SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! Little Flower Fish Frys will return on Fridays during Lent, beginning Friday February 11th. Plan now to spend Friday evenings with us. Over the past few years, profits from these events have contributed significantly to our budget. This year, this is even more important. Word of mouth is our best advertising. Spread the word!

Bring in spring with bloomin' good news for the LF Garden Newsletter! The next issue of the newsletter will be published in March. With the holiday season, Christmas vacations and travel experiences, and those special family times that are shared during the holidays, perhaps you have a story you would like to share. Perhaps you renewed an old Little Flower acquaintance and would like to tell a "Where They Are Now" story or maybe you are, or know of, a returning soldier with a story to share. Personal reflections of our faith, school news, parish organizations news, and recognition of special volunteers are all newsworthy items for the LF Garden. Reminders of upcoming school and parish events are welcome. Information for the newsletter may be emailed to LFParishnews@yahoo.com or dropped off at the Parish Center to the attention of Debbie Burks

The Respect Life Committee

Death, whether of an unborn child or of a convicted criminal, does not bring us closer to a civilization of love, but rather feeds the mistaken and dangerous notion that killing is a solution for problems. Human problems call for humane solutions.

Volunteer Opportunity! CYO is looking for chemists, biologists, science teachers and professors, and advanced students in related science fields to judge the Archdiocesan Science Fair, Saturday, March 5th at the CYO office. Please contact the CYO Office at 632-9311 or via email at mmcfadden@cyoarchindy.org.

News From the Gabriel Ministry

The Gabriel Project would not be able to distribute the items collected if it were not for our Gabriel Angels and more Angels are needed! Training/Information meetings are schedule for Wednesday, January 26 from 1:30 to 4:30 or 6:00 to 9:00 pm and on Thursday, January 27 from 9:00am to noon at the Catholic Center downtown. If you are interested in becoming an Angel or just interested in learning more about the Gabriel Project please call Teresa Heffernan @ 496-9397 to register.

