



Dear Parish Family,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent has traditionally been called *Laetare Sunday*. The word *laetare* means rejoice. We rejoice that we have reached the mid-point of Lent. This is one of two days in the

liturgical year when priests wear rose vestments.

Our Lenten Penance Service is this Monday evening, March 7, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. Several priests will be available to hear confessions. This will be your best opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter.

Before developing detailed plans or seeking bids for the necessary work on the church, we have asked Arsee Engineering to submit a detailed bid to oversee the project. Because this will be a major project, we have decided to place this year's festival profits in a restricted account for this project. In addition, when gifts are given to Little Flower Church in memory of a deceased parishioner, those gifts will also be placed in this fund.

A week ago yesterday, I spoke with Fr. Dave Sullivan. He continues to recover from his surgery. He told me that he will be taking a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) course in the area of hospital chaplaincy. He plans to be with us during July and August next summer.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



We extend our condolences to Carl Soulier, his daughter Carlyss and their family as they mourn the death of Edie. Edie's funeral mass was celebrated on March 2nd.

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.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Natalie Kathleen daughter of Greg and Marisa (White) Weimer and Sean Patrick son of

Christian and Linda (Kappes) White baptized on February 26, 2005. Also, Lucy Jane daughter of Joseph and Kristina (Nord) McDonald was baptized on February 27, 2005. Welcome!

There will be a special collection next weekend to aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Please use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet

Stewardship Saturdays! Stewardship Saturday helps participating parish families meet their service commitment to the parish. Our next opportunity will be at 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. on Saturday March 12th. We will be painting in the Parish Center. Please meet in the social hall. Many hands will get the job done faster. Please plan to attend!

Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 07- MAR 13, 2005

- 07 March Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 March Tuesday**
8:30 am Theresa Mayfield by Sandra McGovern
5:30 pm Josephine McCoy by Mary Jane Brownfield
- 09 March Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
11:00 am Adventuresome Group – Lavonne Rashid by Rosemary Haboush
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 10 March Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John T. Boyle, Sr. by Catherine Boyle Family
- 11 March Friday –**
8:30 am Urban Sauer by Joe and Elaine Sauer
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 12 March Saturday –**
8:30 am Lorene Sheats by Jane Griffin
Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm Irene Williams & Deceased Family by Family & Friends
- 13 March Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am John Land by Dorothy Land
10:30 am Michael Clifford by Ruth Clifford
6:00 pm For the People

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MARCH 07 – MARCH 13, 2005

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Monday | 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 |
| | St. Therese | 10:00 a.m. | Mocha Moms |
| | 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 | 6:30 p.m. | PTO Board |
| | Holy Family | 6:30 p.m. | PTO Board |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 p.m. | Pastoral Council |
| Thursday | St. Therese | 8:30-10 a.m. | Pray-n-Play |
| | St. Patrick | 6:30 p.m. | Little Rock Bible Study |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 p.m. | AA Meeting |
| Friday | Church | 2:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| | Social Hall | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | Lenten Fish Fry |
| | Parish Center | 5 – 6 p.m. | Market Day Pick-up |
| Saturday | Church | 5:30 p.m. | Stations of the Cross |
| | St. Therese | 6:30 p.m. | Nicotine Anonymous |
| | St. Therese | 7:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer group |
| | Social Hall | 8:00 a.m. | Stewardship Saturday |
| | Social Hall | 7 – 10 p.m. | Middle School Dance |
| 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 | 8:30 a.m. | 3rd Scrutiny - RCIA |
| | Social Hall | 12 – 4 p.m. | Franciscan Associates |
| | Youth Room | 7 – 9 p.m. | Youth Disciples In Mission |

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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. 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.

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, 6:00 pm until 8:30 pm at Little Flower or Wednesday March 16th, 1:00 pm until 4:30 pm at St. Philip. PLEASE REGISTER ON-LINE BY GOING TO 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 11th and 12th 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.

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.

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.

Ladies: looking for a way to lose weight, feel better, and feel better about yourself? Women, Weight & Well Being combines physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual approaches to health and self-image. Group members are given the tools and information to develop an individual life-long eating plan. Group sessions include gentle physical movement, science and/or nutrition lessons, time to focus on our hearts and souls, and sharing of successes, struggles, and support. For more information, contact Georgia at the Parish Center.

The family of Urban A. Sauer wishes to express their thanks to Fr. Bob, Georgia Impicicche, Tom Costello, the Funeral Luncheon Committee, and the Little Flower Family for their prayers and support during our time of loss.

Little Flower Athletic Association is in need of a track coach for the 2005 Spring Season. Interested persons should contact Mark Hannah at 359-8151.

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 13,200.00 |
| Collection of February 26 th and 27 th | \$ 12,103.25 |
| Electronic Contribution 2/22 to 2/28 | \$ 440.50 |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ 462,000.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ 458,452.10 |
| Current Fiscal Year to Date | \$ (-3,547.90) |

Home Improvement Fund

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| October Contributions | \$ 1,993.75 |
| November Contributions | \$ 1,409.00 |
| December Contributions | \$ 1,913.00 |
| January Contributions | \$ 1,811.00 |
| February Contributions to date | \$ 1,914.00 |

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

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

The silent auction is also looking for a donation of a vacation home or time share to offer for bidding. If you have access to something like this, please call Debbie or Mary Martha.

Lenten Fish Fry

Thanks to the members of the RCIA who helped with our fourth fish fry, and of course to the ladies of the Ladies Club who prepare our desserts each week. Ladies, please keep those desserts coming. **Again, a special thanks to those who are coming to the fish fry and bringing their family and friends. You are producing record crowds and that is great! Keep up the outstanding work!** Next week, volunteers from our Pastoral Council 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.



The **Moriarty Grand Tour of Ireland** will take place June 11-19, 2005. The flight will be direct from Indianapolis to Shannon, and the trip includes accommodations in five-star hotels and stays in Dublin, Waterford, and Clare. For information, contact Ita Moriarty at 353-1953 by March 23rd.

Adventuresome Group

Come and celebrate an early St. Patrick's Day with us on **Wednesday, March 9**. We will begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch. Our special guest this month will be Fr. Bob, who will offer an "Ask Fr. Bob" session. If you have any questions about church history, liturgy, papal succession, or other topics (or if you want to try to "Stump Fr. Bob") here's your opportunity for answers! Please RSVP to the parish center so we will know how much food to prepare!