



Dear Parish Family,

So many times since I have come to Little Flower I have had to use this column to present negative financial information to you. Today I am delighted to give you some positive financial news.

First, if you look in the stewardship box, you will notice that as of last Sunday we are exceeding our budgeted Sunday collection revenue for the year. **Congratulations, and thank you for your generosity!** Since weekly collections tend to decrease later in the month, I hope that at the end of the month, we will still be exceeding the Sunday collection revenue budget.

Second, we have been accepted into the Sacred Spaces Grants Initiative sponsored by the Indianapolis Center for Congregations, Inc., and funded by the Lilly Foundation. This will qualify us to apply for a \$30,000 matching grant to complete the renovation of the Church sanctuary. Tom Costello will serve as the Project Director. During the next several months, we will work to develop our application for the grant.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the church year. I want to invite everyone to attend our Liturgies on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The Mass of the Lord's Supper, including the Washing of Feet, will be Thursday evening at 7 p.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion will be Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. Please remember that Good Friday is a day of both fast and abstinence. Stations of the Cross will be celebrated Friday evening at 6:15 p.m. The Easter Vigil will begin on Holy Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Because of the Easter Vigil, there will be no confessions on Holy Saturday. Therefore, the last scheduled confessions before Easter will be this Saturday, March 19, from 3:45 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, to accommodate larger numbers, Masses will be at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Finally, **all adults with regular contact with children and youth through Little Flower** must attend a VIRTUS Training Session. Virtus is a program concerning the prevention of sexual abuse of children. Training for Little Flower staff and volunteers will be this week. Please note the details in the specific announcement concerning Virtus training.

Have a wonderful week.

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Please welcome into our Christian Community Dominic Michael Fisher son of Barry and Kimberly (Adams)

Fisher baptized on March 5, 2005.

Time's almost up for filling those Baby Banks. Please return them to the steps of the altar before any Mass next weekend. Thank you for helping to support the Gabriel Project, Respect Life Committee and The Little Sisters of the Poor.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 14- MAR 20, 2005

- 14 March Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 15 March Tuesday**
8:30 am Lucille Teresa Atkins
5:30 pm Michael Ley by Carol Freeland
- 16 March Wednesday**
8:30 am Mary C. O'Brien by Selma Merkley
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 17 March Thursday**
8:30 am Laura Whysong by The Merge Family
1:30 pm **Greentree** – James S. Coomes by Mike, Kelli, Zach and Alexis Pacuch
5:30 pm Pearl Olvey by Rosemary Maginn
- 18 March Friday** –
8:30 am JoAnn Gibson by Daniel and Claire Anne
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 19 March Saturday** –
8:30 am Bernice Borton by Louise Latty
5:00 pm **Vigil: Palm Sunday**
Barbara Piers by Arthur Piers and Family
- 20 March Sunday – Palm Sunday**
8:30 am Edith Soulier by The Ladies Club
10:30 am Urban Sauer by Elinor Kanoop-Davis
6:00 pm For the People



MARCH 14 – MARCH 20, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Duffy Hall	6:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Virtus Training Session
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Prayer Group
	St. Therese	6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	1 st Communion Class (Non-School)
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA – Team Only
	Church	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	4:00 p.m.	Holy Week Planning Committee
	John 23 rd	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Friday	NO SCHOOL	Student Led	Conferences
	Duffy Hall	4:30–7:30 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry
	Church	5:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	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.
	Duffy Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Youth Room	7 – 9 p.m.	Youth Disciples In Mission

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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Members of the Respect Life Committee will pray at the Planned Parenthood Abortion Clinic at 21st and Ritter on Sat Mar 19th. Won't you join us at 8:10 AM for the Rosary before Mass, then after Mass, travel to the clinic for more prayer. Or join us at the clinic at 9 AM.

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 cannot attend either of these sessions, please see the complete list of sessions available by going to www.virtus.org. Child care will be available in the parish center during the session on Monday, March 14th. If you have questions, please contact Tom at the Parish Center.



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.



Blood pressure volunteers needed!

Can you check blood pressures using a cuff and stethoscope? Looking for a volunteer opportunity which doesn't require a big time commitment but offers an important service? Can you commit to being available after Sunday morning Masses once a month? If so, please call Georgia at the Parish Center.

Scecina News

All you can eat Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 19th from 8:30 - 10:30 AM in the Cafeteria at Scecina. Cost \$5.00. Sponsored by SMHS Track Team.

Scecina Presents: "Annie Get Your Guns"
March 18th & 19th at 7 pm in Scecina Gym

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!



Little Flower's Ladies Club will host the annual Spring Tea on Saturday, March 19, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM in the Social Hall. Ticket cost is \$10. Join us for a delightful afternoon. Any questions should be directed to Karen Lyons at 898-0494 or Rita Chapman at 356-7116.



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.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of March 5 th and 6 th	\$ 17,285.19
Electronic Contribution 3/1 to 3/7 8	\$ 1,747.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 475,200.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 477,484.79
<u>Current Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>\$ +2,284.79</u>

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 1,913.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,811.00
February Contributions	\$ 1,914.00
March contribution to date	\$ 1,313.00

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.

Lenten Fish Fry

Thanks to the members of the Pastoral Council who helped with our fifth fish fry, and of course to the ladies of the Ladies Club who prepare our desserts each week. Ladies, please keep those desserts coming. Next week, volunteers from our Athletic Association will help us gear up for the sixth and final fish fry of the season. Come out and support this great event and bring your friends and family. Let's make the last one the best one yet! Serving takes place between 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. in the school cafeteria. Carry outs are available.

Coming in late 2005!

The stewardship commission is going to begin work on a new parish pictorial directory. 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 as soon as possible at the parish center (357-8352) and leave your name.