



### Dear Parish Family,

Today is Pentecost Sunday. Today we celebrate the birth of the Church. Thanks to everyone who wore something red.

In First Corinthians, St. Paul made the point that the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different individuals and communities. As I

requested in my homily, please let me know what you think Little Flower's special gifts are. You can e-mail them to me at [frbob@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:frbob@littleflowerparish.org) or drop them in next Sunday's collection. I think the results will be interesting.

On Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, our Ladies' Club presented the parish with \$8,600 from their fund raising efforts this year! This was \$2,600 more than last year. \$5,600 had been budgeted to help with this year's regular operating expenses. Because the Ladies' Club is also the Altar Society, we are setting aside the remaining \$3,000 for a specific part of our sanctuary renovation project. The details of what exactly will be funded by this money will become more clear as the project takes shape over the coming year. With a small number of active members, the Altar Society has given us a prime example of what I meant by parish ownership in last Sunday's homily. Shakespeare's words capture my sentiments: "I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks...."

Last weekend our Middle School, under the direction of Teresa Eckrich, presented the play *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*. They were excellent. As I watched, I thought to myself how fortunate we are to have someone as gifted as Ms. Eckrich teaching the children of Little Flower. I also thought how much the children were learning about producing a play, including all those who worked behind the scenes on lighting, sound, and stage.

Anyone who attended had to be impressed with the improvement in the sound thanks to the baffles installed in Riedinger Hall a couple of weeks ago. Although I was in the back, I could hear almost every word. Our Alumni Appeal paid for the baffles.

Also, thank you to the Athletic Association and all the men who prepared and served the annual Mothers' Day Breakfast last Sunday. The Mothers' Day Breakfast is another prime example of members of the parish taking ownership.

However, I do need to address one problem. At weekend Masses, people are again double parking behind the rectory! When people in the front row try to get out, this is a property damage accident waiting to happen. Also, please do not block the rectory garage doors. Last summer, I needed to go to anoint someone at the hospital during one of the Masses but could not get out.

We realize that we have many elderly and handicapped parishioners who need to park close to the doors. Therefore, I am asking that all the parking places behind the parish office be served for the elderly and handicapped during weekend Masses we will be putting up signs to that effect soon.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm 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 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 July.



### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16 –MAY 22, 2005

<b>16 May</b>	7:00 am 5:30 pm	<b>Monday</b> Communion Service Communion Service
<b>17 May</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Eleanore McCann by Anita Moody Mary Anne and Jim O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller
<b>18 May</b>	8:30 am  5:30 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> Deceased Members of the DesRoche & Hobert Families by Rita Gibson Communion Service
<b>19 May</b>	8:30 am 1:30 pm 5:30 pm	<b>Thursday</b> Communion Service <b>Greentree</b> - Grace Stites by Ed & Judy Trumpey Deann Doyle Santos by Edward & Mary Frances Doyle
<b>20 May</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Friday</b> Anna Gertrude Strunk by Heather McAlister Communion Service
<b>21 May</b>	8:30 am  5:00 pm	<b>Saturday</b> Communion Service <b>Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity</b> Larry Wisthoff by Charlie & Pauline Graf
<b>22 May</b>	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity</b> Edward Juniper by Helen Juniper Carolyn Barnes by Little Flower Ladies Club For the Parish

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH MAY 16 – MAY 22, 2005

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Family	6 - 7:00 pm	Talent Show Try-Outs-
	John 23rd	6:30 pm	Womens' Prayer Group
	St Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	Holy Family room	7 - 9:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc
	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parking Lot	6 am	Eighth Grade returns from Washington DC
	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Bible Study
<b>Thursday</b>	Duffy Hall	6 - 8:30pm	Spring Instrument sign-up
	John 23rd.	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer group
	Cafeteria	8 – 11 am	Stewardship Saturday
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	St. Therese	8:30 am	Nursery up to 4 years
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts

### Bereavement

Are you mourning the loss of a friend or relative, and seeking a source of spiritual support? You are invited to an evening of sharing and learning more about recovering through grief on Wednesday, May 25, at 7 pm in the parish center. Frank Impicciche, a hospital chaplain, will speak about "God's Gift of Grief." Please call Georgia at the Parish Center if you have questions.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

Mark your calendars for the annual bus trip to King's Island on Wednesday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Tom at the Parish Center to register.

Youth choir - Next date - Meet at 5pm in church on Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> to practice for 6pm Mass.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,200.00
Collection of April 30 <sup>th</sup> and May 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 12,277.53
Electronic Contribution 5/3 to 5/9	\$ 190.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 594,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 599,719.01
<u>Current Fiscal Year to Date</u>	<u>\$ +5,719.01</u>

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

#### Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,914.00
March contributions	\$ 1,802.00
April contributions	\$ 2,080.00
May Contributions to date	\$ 1,972.00

ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER IS WORKING VERY NICELY FOR NEARLY 50 PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN THIS WAY TO FULFILL THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PLEDGE. Nearly \$5,000 of our monthly collection amount now comes from automatic deduction. If you are interested in this, enrollment forms are at each of the church doors. If you have questions, please call Tom at the parish center.

THANK YOU all parishioners who shopped at Angel's Corner Catholic Gift Shop during the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>. Your purchases resulted in a rebate to Little Flower Parish of **\$146.76!** Thanks also to Angel's Corner for their donation.

### **HELP Needed**

#### Stewardship Saturday Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 8 - 11 am

Our night custodian, Gene Pritchett, has been off for a month due to health issues.

We thought it would be a good idea to give him a clean school to come back to! As most of you know, Gene has been at Little Flower for over 20 years. This would be a nice way to show him how much we appreciate all he does. Please try to come. We will meet in the cafeteria. We will be doing general cleaning of the school building. Please bring any supplies you might want, but we will have some available. Thank you, Joe Reid



We would like to develop a list of "on-call" parishioners who would be willing to take digital pictures at various parish functions. The camera will be provided. We envision "assigning" a person (dependent on their availability) from this list to important parish functions, with our objective being to enhance the photo content of the parish web page. If you would be interested in being one of our volunteer digital photographers, please call John Eastes at 353-9483 or e-mail [jeastes@earthlink.net](mailto:jeastes@earthlink.net)

### FESTIVAL NEWS !!

SUMMERFEST 2005 - June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>

**SUMMERFEST IS FAST APPROACHING. Here are a few areas in which we need your help!**

**Rummage Sale Donations** - you may leave these at the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288 for assistance or with questions.

The **Silent Auction** is looking for donation of new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00. Call Mary Martha Costello at 352-0704 or Debbie Burks at 353-1192.

**RAFFLE! Thank you in advance for your participation in the sale/purchase of raffle tickets which helps offset any losses that may be the result of bad weather! EXTRA TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL OF THE CHURCH DOORS.** Money can be turned in at the parish center or in the collection basket.

**New this year!** We will be hosting a **Texas Hold 'Em tournament** on Friday and Saturday nights in the Monte Carlo room. Registration begins at 6pm each night.

**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS** are available for the festival. Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships are \$200.00 each. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center.

**On the weekends of 5/21-5/22 and 5/28-5/29, presale tickets for dinners and rides will be available in the gathering area after all masses.**

**PLANT BOOTH** - Anyone having starts and small planters to donate for the booth may leave them at the parish center. Any volunteers who would specifically like to be assigned to the plant booth would be appreciated. You may call anyone listed below. Anyone needing plant items to be picked up please call:

Barbara Elliott - 359-9741  
Madelynn Miller - 353-8630  
Katie White - 356-1990

Thank you for your participation!

**YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET?** Call Jeannie at the Parish Center at 357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival. Please call the parish center even if you had a sign last year, so we know it is ok to place one in your yard again.

**ICE CREAM BUCKETS NEEDED:** Please drop off at the Parish Center any clean, plastic gallon ice cream buckets you are willing to donate.

**SET UP** - We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9am and Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6pm. If you have one, please bring a drill and/or and 8 ft step ladder.

**VOLUNTEERS** - If you did not have a chance to sign up in the gathering area last weekend, please go to [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org) and follow the links to festival volunteer sign-up. You can now volunteer on line or call tom at 357-8352.

**Scecina News:** The Crusader Community is hosting an Open House on May 22 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm to celebrate the many contributions of Rick Ruhl, Frank Velikan, Carole Hamilton, and Mary Helen Eckrich to Scecina Memorial High School. Please join us in honoring these remarkable educators.