



Dear Parish Family,

The entire parish and school staffs and I want to wish you a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year. In a special way, we want to welcome all our Christmas visitors and all those who have returned home for Christmas.

In the midst celebrating with family and friends, it is important that we not forget the true meaning of Christmas. *Christmas* comes from *Christ Mass*. Our primary celebration of Christmas should be Christmas Mass with our family, friends, and parish family. At Christmas Mass, we thank God, first, for the gift of Jesus, who makes all human love possible.

Jesus is God's greatest gift to us. He is the embodiment of God's love for us. The gifts we will give others are symbols and embodiments of our love for others. Christmas, then, is a time to be grateful for all the gifts of love in our lives.

Little Flower is a wonderful parish made up of people who genuinely care about each other and others. At Christmas I personally experience this care through your cards and generous gifts. However, this genuine care and concern is evident all year long as you ask about parishioners whom you miss seeing at church or who you hear are sick.

As we celebrate Christmas, then, let us thank God for the gift of Jesus, for the gift of family and friends, and for the gift of our parish family.

Blessings upon all!

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Please welcome into our Christian Community Jacob Michael, son of John and Brandy Maio, baptized on Sunday, December 17, 2006.

Adoration Chapel

As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us set aside time to spend with Our Lord in the adoration chapel. Current available hours are:

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1AM	2PM	11AM	1AM	10AM	10AM	11AM
1PM		12N	8PM		10PM	3PM
2PM			9PM			
5PM						

If you, your family, or a group would like to choose an hour in the chapel or have any questions, please call Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546. If you cannot currently commit to a specific hour, please feel free to make a visit at any time. May God bless you!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 25- DEC 31, 2006

25 Dec	9:00 am	The Nativity of the Lord Ida Girolami by Rick and Fernanda Girolami
26 Dec	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Tuesday Communion Service Communion Service
27 Dec	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Wednesday Dr. John Nohl by Clara Donohue Communion Service
28 Dec	8:30 am 1:30 pm 5:30 pm	Thursday Communion Service Covington – Dick Miller by Madelynn Miller Communion Service
29 Dec	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Friday Communion Service Deceased Members of the Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
30 Dec	8:30 am	Saturday Communion Service Vigil: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
	5:00 pm	Anne L Sanders by John Sheehan and Family
31 Dec	8:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Alvin A Lundy by Mary Anne Lundy For The People Vigil: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God For The People
01 Jan	6:00 pm 9:00 am	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Michael Hawkins by Pat and Dale Hawkins



Dates to Remember

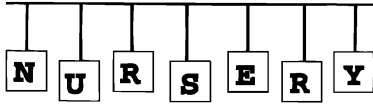
DECEMBER 25 – DECEMBER 31, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday		MERRY	CHRISTMAS
Tuesday	Scout Room	6 - 7:00 pm	Girl Scout #258
	Holy Family	6:30 pm - 7:30pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
Wednesday	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #606
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout Meeting
	Social Hall	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Scout Pack Meeting
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Boy Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy

Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Youth and Young Adult Ministry in the Office of Catholic Education is offering a pilgrimage directed by Father Jonathan Meyer, to the Holy Land for Young Adults (ages 18-35) on July 15-25, 2007. For more information please contact Kay Scoville at 317-236-1477.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Although the nursery during 8:30 am Mass has been somewhat inactive recently, we'd like to announce that this ministry has been reinstated. Children up to 4 years of age are welcome. The nursery is located in the parish center. If you have any questions, please call Georgia at the Parish Center.

NEWS FROM THE GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project is working with a young woman who left her abusive husband. She has two small children and is expecting another in April. She is working two jobs and has found a small apartment to move in to. She has no kitchen or bath supplies. If anyone has extra towels, table settings, dishes, kitchen utensils, or maybe received a new appliance for Christmas and wants to get rid of the old, please place the items in the bassinet by the usher's room. Thank you for all your support. **Please note: Normally all donations of used household goods would be directed to St. Vincent de Paul by bringing them to the parish center. For this one-time special case, please place these items in the Gabriel Project bassinet in church.**



A BIG thank you to all who baked or worked to make the Ladies Club Bake Sale a big success.

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

YOUTH CHOIR - Youth Choir will meet at 4:45pm on Sunday December 24th to sing at 5:30 pm Mass and on Sunday January 7th at 5pm to sing at 6pm Mass.

YOUTH ROOM - After a long absence, youth room will be open on Sunday January 14th after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. Plan to drop in for pizza!

CYO CAMP NEEDS REGISTERED NURSES!

CYO Camp Rancho Framasa still has a few camp nursing opportunities left for summer 2007. If you love kids and the outdoors, this could be perfect for you! In exchange for working a week at camp, you receive a free summer camp session for your child or a child that you know. Sound exciting? Call Mary Beth toll free at 1-888-988-2839, ext. 26 or email Marybeth@campranchoframasas.org.

The confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 7th from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Only candidates and team members need to attend this session.



DON'T WAIT TO FIGURE OUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING THIS SUMMER.....

The most amazing summer of your life awaits you at CYO Camp! Archdiocesan residential summer camp located in Brown County, Indiana. Operated by the Catholic Youth Organization since 1946. Serving campers aged 7 to 18 in various programs. Inclusive of persons with disabilities. NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER CAMP STAFF---aged 19 & older Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. For an application and more information call Angi Sullivan at 1-888-988-2839, ext. 25 or email angi@campranchoframasas.org.

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

Weekly Budget Goal (for new fiscal year)	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of December 16 th and 17 th	\$ 10,041.74
Electronic Contribution 12/12 to 12/18	\$ 2,776.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 327,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 324,593.27
Year to Date (current fiscal year) deficit	\$ - 3,006.73

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions	\$ 1,484.50
September Contributions	\$ 1,229.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,260.08
November Contributions	\$ 1,233.00
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,252.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 11/30/2006

Amount Pledged	\$862,045.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$322,061.00

It is not too late to pledge if you have not done so or if you recently have joined the parish. Extra pledge cards are available at each of the doors. Also, if you made a one-time gift last year in lieu of a three-year pledge, perhaps you are in a position to repeat that gift this year. You may donate at any time and mark your donation "Church Brick Project."

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY AND TUESDAY, December 25th and 26th.**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31st
Feast of the Holy Family
Regular Anticipation Mass on Saturday, December 30th at 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
HOLY DAY**
Anticipation Mass, Sunday, December 31st at 6:00 pm
Monday, January 1st at 9:00 am



Senior lady in the 9th and Emerson area needs a ride to Saturday evening Mass. Please call Georgia if you can help. Thank you!