

**Praise the Lord,
who heals the broken-hearted.**

Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to all who helped with preparing and hosting the Catholic Schools Week Open House last Sunday. Several non-school and/or non-parish families visited the school. Also, thanks to all of you who took time to stop in and see the good things that are happening at Little Flower School this year.

As I mentioned in my brief homily last Sunday, "from the beginning of the parish, Little Flower School has been the primary way Little Flower Parish has carried on the teaching ministry of Jesus, especially to the children of our parish." Consequently, as a parish, we want to thank Kevin Gawrys, our principal, our faculty, and our staff for their service to the children of Little Flower School. Also, as Kevin Gawrys said in his talk, we thank all of you for your support of Little Flower School. Finally, we thank all the parents who continue to entrust their children's education and religious formation to Little Flower School.

A couple of parishioners pointed out an article in *The Indianapolis Star* last Sunday concerning Indiana House Bill 1172. This bill would make changes to the "informed consent" part of Indiana's abortion law. From the Catholic perspective, the most important change is that doctors would be required to inform women that human life begins with fertilization. Concerning this bill, the Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC) has stated,

Because there are aspects that could be construed to approve of abortion and do not comport to the Church's teaching, ICC is careful in its response to the bill so as not to give a false impression. ICC is supportive of the intent and the hoped for results. Because the effect may be to reduce abortions, ICC supports HB 1172. Support for the bill does not imply support or approval of the practice of abortion or that providing an anesthetic makes the practice acceptable. ICC abhors the reason and necessity of the law - abortion itself. Each life is sacred and created in the image of God. All life is to be protected.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



The family of Dorothy Moody would like to thank the staff and parishioners of Little Flower for all the prayers and support you gave them during their mother's illness and death.

Jeffery Wednel, a parishioner of Little Flower, has been deployed by the Navy to Afghanistan. Below is his address to send him cards and letters:

LCDR, Jeffrey A. Wendel
205th RCAG, U.S. Navy ETT-6
APO AE 09355

The Gabriel Project

The role of Little Flower Parish in The Gabriel Project is to simply respond in love to a woman in a crisis pregnancy by providing spiritual, emotional, material, and sometimes financial support to help meet her needs. Our parish has been *VERY* generous with providing material and financial support over the past five years. **What we need most at Little Flower right now is the spiritual and emotional support.** This support comes to the expectant mother through her "Angel." An *Angel* is a parish volunteer who befriends the mother and is responsible for on-going contact with her during her pregnancy and after her delivery. Without the *Angels* there is no Gabriel Project! We will be signing up *Angels and friends* at all the Masses the weekend of February 18-19. **Please see next week's bulletin for more information**



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 6 – FEB 12, 2006

- 06 Feb Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm The Intentions of Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Arvin by Art Meier
- 07 Feb Tuesday**
8:30 am In Thanksgiving by Jim and Pat Dunn
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 Feb Wednesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
11:00 am **Adventuresome Group**– Dorothy Meier by Ruth Hoff
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 09 Feb Thursday**
8:30 am Marion E. Hunter by Thomas Hunter
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 10 Feb Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Mary Anne Sheehan by Noreen Murphy
- 11 Feb Saturday**
8:30 am Charles Lawless Jr. by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
5:00 pm **Vigil – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Lucille Carroll by Sr. Lavonne Long
- 12 Feb Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am Dorothy Reid Martin by Frank and Mary Skinner
10:30 am Urban Sauer by John and Kathleen Phillips
6:00 pm For the Parish



Dates to Remember

Feb 6 – Feb 12, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Sewing Room	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	John 23rd	6:30 pm	Stewardship Commission
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Patrick	11:30 am	Adventuresome Group lunch & program
	St. Therese & Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Duffy Hall	7:30 pm	Athletic Assoc.
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Duffy Hall	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Market Day pick-up
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
	Duffy Hall	7- 10 pm	Middle School Dance
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	1 st Communion Rite of Illumination
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth choir will practice on Sunday, February 19th, in church from 7 pm until 8:30 pm. We need new members. Please consider joining us.

Youth room will be open on Sunday, February 26th, after the 6 pm Mass, until 8:30 pm.

CONFIRMATION

The confirmation meeting originally scheduled for February 5th, will not be held.

The confirmation retreat will be held on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th**. All candidates and team should meet in the Little Flower Cafeteria at 10:00 am. We will be leaving Little Flower for the day, and the retreat will conclude with 6:00 pm Mass.

Adventuresome Group

We will meet this Wednesday, Feb. 8th, for Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch in the Parish Center and a program about medication safety.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of January 28 th and 29 th	check next week
Electronic Contribution 1/24 to 1/30	check next week
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 402,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 403,435.28
Year to Date	\$ +1,435.28

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,997.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,692.25
November Contributions	\$ 1,493.00
December Contributions	\$ 1,963.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,176.50

The new Parish Pictorial Directories are in. If you had your picture taken for the directory, you are entitled to receive a copy of the book. You may pick up your copy after Masses next weekend, February 11th and 12th. At this time, we are not able to sell books to those who did not have their pictures taken. If extras are available after all books have been claimed, we will let you know.

Seccina Memorial High School Mulch Sale

Seccina students will be in the gathering area after each Mass on the weekend of Feb. 11th and 12th to take orders for their 1st Annual Mulch Sale. See insert for more details.

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THANKS

The School Commission would like to thank Kurt Schnell of K&R Tool Rental for loaning us a sign used to help advertise the Open House last week.

Athletic Association News

Spring Sport sign-ups will be held in Duffy Hall on, Feb. 15th, at 6:30 pm.

We need coaches! There will be a meeting in Duffy Hall at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, Feb. 15th, for anyone interesting in coaching a Spring sport.

Hopeful Women

4th Annual Catholic Women's Convocation

- When: March 4, 2006
- Where: St. Christopher Catholic Church
5301 W. 16th St, Indianapolis, IN
- Time: 8 am – 3 pm

The keynote speaker is Paula D'Arcy, President of the Red Bird Foundation and a widely recognized retreat and conference speaker. Fliers are posted in Church, or for more information contact Nancy Meyer at 241-6314 x122 or email nmeyer@saintchristopherparish.org.

Capital Campaign News

Currently 405 families have pledged a total of \$821,767.00. This participation rate of about 40% of our parishioners is not enough to insure our success. We have still not raised sufficient funds to make our necessary repairs. We need everyone to participate to raise the funds necessary. If you have not yet responded, won't you please take the time to do so this week? Extra pledge cards are available at each of the church doors.

Pledges for Legacy for our Mission are forwarded to the Archdiocesan Office as they are received. You will receive statements as well as instructions for payment of your pledge from them. **Please do not make Legacy for your Mission payments through the Sunday collection** The first statements from the Archdiocese will be mailed by the end of January.

As pledge cards were processed, there were some situations where errors may have taken place. **When you receive your first statement from the Archdiocese**, if the amount pledged is incorrect, please call Tom at the Parish Center. The pledge card had requested the total amount pledged over three years, but it appeared that some may have only written the amount for one year or the amount for one installment payment. If your statement does not reflect your pledge amount, please call as soon as possible. If you made an error in the amount pledged and correct it, it may help our totals!

SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! **Little Flower Fish Frys will return on Fridays during Lent, beginning Friday March 4th**. Plan now to spend Friday evenings with us. Over the past few years, profits from these events have contributed significantly to our budget. Word of mouth is our best advertising.

Attention Servers

The new schedule for March – May will be coming out soon. If there are any dates you cannot serve or changes that need to be made, please contact Mrs. Gibbons at 357-8352 or email lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org by Feb. 8th.

Congratulations

Please congratulate Robert and Aaron Stroud, both of Boy Scout Troop 115, have met the requirements for the Ad Altare Dei Award, to be presented on February 12th at Sts. Peter and Paul Cathedral. These requirements demand reflection, study of the sacraments, as well as service to church, family, and community.

Eucharistic Ministers--The new schedule for March-May will be coming out soon. Any changes you want made, please contact me at 356-3488 or send an email to giboshihoosier@aol.com before February 8th. Also, any changes in your address or phone number, please tell Ron. Anyone who wants to be a head minister also can contact Ron Sharp. It takes just an hour orientation.