

*I Turn To You,
LORD, In Time Of
Trouble,
And You Fill Me With The
Joy Of Salvation.*

Dear Parish Family,

As a parish, we have entered into a time of intense preparation for those who will be receiving Sacraments of Initiation this Spring. These include our catechumens (those never baptized), candidates (baptized non-Catholics), and *confirmandi* (Catholic adults who were never confirmed). However, they also include our First Communion and Confirmation candidates. At Little Flower, children usually make their First Communion in second grade, and, beginning this year, adolescents usually receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in ninth grade.

At the 8:30 Mass this Sunday, our First Communion candidates are celebrating the Rite of Illumination. At their baptism, their parents received a lighted candle:

Receive the Light of Christ... Parents and godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly. These children of yours have been enlightened by Christ. They are to walk always as children of the light. May they keep the flame of faith alive in their hearts....

In this rite, the parents present their children with a lighted candle, saying, "Receive the Light of Christ." Then I will say to the children,

You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light, and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts. Bring the light and joy of Christ to everyone you meet.

Also, this Sunday, our Confirmation candidates are making their Confirmation retreat. Please pray for them and for their leaders.

Last Sunday, it was great to have Fr. Vince visiting and celebrating the 8:30 a.m. before he left for his three-month sabbatical in Rome. Please remember him in your prayers during this time of renewal in his life.

Finally, on the weekends of February 18-19 and February 25-26, you are invited to bring you old palms for burning for the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



The family of William Allen would like to express their sincere and heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers, cards, and support during their time of need.



Welcome into our Christian Community Marina Joann daughter of William and Margaret (Devine) Babcock baptized on February 5, 2006.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 13 – FEB 19, 2006

- 13 Feb** **Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Bill Allen by James Brown
- 14 Feb** **Tuesday**
8:30 am Joan Ehr Gott by Pat Gandolph
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 15 Feb** **Wednesday**
8:30 am Bernice and Hershhal Borton by The Family
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 16 Feb** **Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **Greentree:** Helen Ryan
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 17 Feb** **Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Urban Sauer by Helen Sauer
- 18 Feb** **Saturday**
8:30 am Larry Wisthoff by Ruth Wisthoff
5:00 pm **Vigil – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Dorothy Moody by The Little Flower Ladies Club
- 19 Feb** **Sunday – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am For the Parish
10:30 am Anne McAllen by The Little Flower Ladies Club
6:00 pm Ed and Helen Fillenworth by The Family

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Feb 13 – Feb 19, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Scout Troop #403
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	St Therese	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Mocha Moms
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Duffy Hall	6:30 pm	Spring Sports sign-up
	Social Hall	7:30 pm	Spring Sports Coaches Meeting
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Social Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Meeting
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	School	12:30 pm	Dismissal
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffy Hall	6:00 pm	Young at Heart Ball
Sunday	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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Seccina Memorial High School Mulch Sale

Seccina students will be in the gathering area after each Mass this weekend to take orders for their 1st Annual Mulch Sale.

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.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

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

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

CONFIRMATION

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.

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	\$ 10,738.16
Electronic Contribution 1/24 to 1/30	\$ 205.25
Collection of February 4 th and 5 th	\$ 14,133.03
Electronic Contribution 1/31 to 2/6	\$ 1,817.50
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 428,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 433,329.22
Year to Date	\$ +1,529.22

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 1,963.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,270.50
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 869.00

FESTIVAL NEWS – ITS ALREADY TIME!

SUMMERFEST 2006 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are June 2, 3, and 4. **A kick off meeting will be held on Monday, February 20th at 7:30 pm in the parish center for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team.** We have some positions that we need to fill with some new volunteers. Call Tom at 357-8352.

Rummage sale donations – Call Debbie Belles at 357-4288 or drop off at the parish center.

The Silent Auction team is looking for volunteers willing to solicit and follow up with businesses regarding donations. This is critical to our success. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473.

Capital Campaign News

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**

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 3rd.** 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. **Spread the word!**

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 this weekend, February 11th and 12th or at the Parish Center during the week between 9am – 3pm. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR UPCOMING EVENTS!

Nationally known Speaker Christopher West will be speaking at two local parishes. On Feb. 17th he will be at Holy Name Parish in Beech Grove from 4pm to 6 pm and 7pm to 9:30 pm. Topics include "Woman:God's Masterpiece" and "God, Sex and the Meaning of Life." Registration is not required. There will be a free will donation. Call 784-5454 ext. 4 for more information. On Feb. 18th he will be at Christ the King Parish from 9am to 4pm. This seminar is "Introduction to the Theology of the Body." Registration is required. The fee is \$15. For more information call 235-3666.

Is Catholic Radio important to you? Plan to attend the Second Annual Catholic Radio dinner. The speaker is Sr. Ann Shields. The Dinner is March 2, 2006 at Primo's in Fort Harrison. For more information visit their web site @ www.CatholicRadioIndy.org or Call Peg Kramer 356-7649

Saturday, April 22, 2006 will be the third annual Catholic Women's Conference. Watch the bulletin for more information.