

**THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL.**

**Dear Parish Family,**

Last Saturday evening, Little Flower School's Service Club hosted the Second Annual "Senior Prom" for our parish seniors. The prom included food, dancing, and bingo. Our students made a wonderful impression on our seniors. Besides enjoying the event, they were extremely impressed with our students. The students were polite and gracious hosts and hostesses. Thanks to all the Little Flower students who made the second annual "Senior Prom" a success and to teachers Gary Asher, Annie Agresta, and Margaret Bova who "chaperoned." For me, this prom was a testament to the value of a Catholic School education and to the excellence of our students.

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**On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.** The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

**Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 20, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower.** We will host Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette. Our First Communicants will also make their First Confession that evening.

Of course, I would be remiss if I did not encourage you to attend our delicious **Fish Fry** each and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m.

Have a great week.

fr. bob

 **Newly Baptized** †

Please welcome into our Christian Community Maxwell John son of John and Sally (Allsop) Krause baptized on January 8, 2006. Josephine Marie daughter of Danion and Annice (Willard) Dugger, and Madison Rose and Cooper Allan children of Roger and Regina (Bergen) Monfreda baptized on February 19, 2006.

**SOMETHING'S FISHY AROUND HERE**

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! See the special insert in today's bulletin for more information about our fish fries. *Over the past few years, profits from these events have contributed significantly to our budget.* Word of mouth is our best advertising. **We are counting on your support. Spread the word!**



**Masses of the Week**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 27 – MAR 05, 2006**

- 27 Feb Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Jerry Arvin by Norbert and Mary Helen Arvin
- 28 Feb Tuesday**  
8:30 am Dorothy Moody by Pat Gandolph  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 Mar Wednesday - Ash Wednesday**  
8:30 am Richard Elliott by The Family  
6:00 pm Robert Meier by Art Meier
- 02 Mar Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
1:30 pm Rosewalk – In Thanksgiving to St. Therese by Joseph Sauer  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 Mar Friday**  
8:30 am James Coomes by Mike, Kelli, Zach & Alexis Pacuch  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 04 Mar Saturday**  
8:30 am Grace Stiites by Bud and Dorothy Moody  
5:00 pm **Vigil – First Sunday of Lent**  
Julia McNally
- 05 Mar Sunday – First Sunday of Lent**  
8:30 am Joseph Kunkel by Ruth Kunkel  
10:30 am Joe Meyer by Mary Helen Shea  
6:00 pm For the People



**Dates to Remember**

**Feb 27 – Mar 5, 2006**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion (non school) class
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Respect Life Committee
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Art & Environment
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Duffy Hall	6:30 pm	LF Ladies Club pitch-in dinner/meeting
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Duffy Hall	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fish Fry
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	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



**Driver needed**

Several ladies in Crestwood Village need a ride to Mass on Saturday evenings. If you can help, please call Georgia at the parish center.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**Treasuring Womanhood  
Catholic Women's Conference 2006**

Women of all ages, mark your calendars! Join us Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. at the Indiana Convention Center. Our featured speaker is internationally known apologist Rosalind Moss. Born and raised in the Jewish faith, she converted to Evangelical Protestantism before entering the Catholic Church. Hear her amazing journey into the fullness of the Faith. Also, be inspired by Catholic singer-songwriter and speaker Annie Karto. Experience the healing mercy of God through Annie's ministry. To register, send name, address, telephone number and e-mail along with \$35 per registrant. Lunch is included. Make check payable to St. Michael Foundation and mail to Marian Center of Indianapolis, 3356 W. 30th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46222. For more information, call (317) 924-3982.



**INFORMATION FOR LENT**

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Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. We will host Our Lourdes.

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group will begin studying the New Testament on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please join us at 9:30 am in the parish center. All are welcome. Any questions please call Dottie Spalding at 356-8341.

**Could You Help?** We are looking for volunteers to provide a meal to families when their loved ones are hospitalized or receiving treatment. Please contact Eileen Wall, 356-4807, if you can donate a dinner a few times throughout the year. This service of loving care and compassion to the families of Little Flower is a blessing to all.



**It's Baby Banks time!**

The Baby Banks will be available for pick up after all the Masses on Ash Wednesday and next weekend. Please use the bank over the next several weeks to collect your change. We will collect them back on Palm Sunday. This is the only fundraiser that our Gabriel Project does and the money raised is used to give financial assistance to the women we are helping. Thanks for your support!



**Little Flower Ladies Club  
St. Patrick's Day Pitch-in Dinner & Meeting**

When: Thursday, March 2nd  
Time: Dinner at 6:30pm with entertainment  
Bring your favorite covered dish.



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

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

**SNOW TUBING!** We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting!). We will leave LF around 6:00pm and return around midnight. Cost is \$20.00. **Reservations by Tuesday February 28<sup>th</sup> are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees must be in by this date!** Permission slips have been sent home with Little Flower 8<sup>th</sup> graders mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office and at youth room on 2/26. Call Tom at 357-8352 for more information! ***I need parents to volunteer to drive. Please call Tom if you can help.***

**CONFIRMATION**

The final session for candidates and sponsors will begin at the 6pm Mass on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> and conclude at 9pm.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of February 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 10,714.71
Electronic Contribution 2/14 to 2/20	\$ 2,430.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 455,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 456,704.63
Year to Date	\$ +1,104.63

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Home Improvement Fund**

December Contributions	\$ 1,963.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,270.50
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,374.00

**FESTIVAL NEWS – ITS ALREADY TIME!**

**SUMMERFEST 2006** planning has begun. Our summer festival dates this year are June 2, 3, and 4.

**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**

In thanksgiving for all of God's blessings on Little Flower and its parishioners, remember to make a pledge to Legacy for Our Mission. God Bless You for your Generosity!

Our latest totals: 407 families have pledged \$829,457. If you have not yet pledged, please consider helping us get closer to our goal.

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.**