



Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Monday we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus. With these two feasts, the liturgical season of Christmas draws to a close. I hope many of you took my Christmas suggestion to use the liturgical season of Christmas to focus ourselves and our families on the real meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ, and to think, talk, and pray about the meaning of Christ in our lives and in our families' lives.

Tuesday we return to Ordinary Time. Every intimate relationship has two dimensions. For the most part, we simply live our relationships everyday. However, relationships must also be celebrated. The same is true in our Liturgical life. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, we prepare for and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith. During Ordinary Time, we try to live out our faith, love, and hope in our everyday lives and in our relationships.

Thank you for your concern and prayers for Tom Costello and his family. Tom continues to recover from major surgery on December 27th. At this point, it is still too early to know when Tom will be able to return to Little Flower.

The other day I told Mary Martha, his wife, that it was unfortunate that he could not be here last weekend to hear all the expressions of love and concern for him.

As you know, Tom does so many things for the parish in so many different areas over and beyond his job description. During his absence, therefore, I must ask you to be patient if we are not able to answer all your questions immediately or do everything he might be able to do.

Please keep praying for his quick and complete recovery and for his family.

Have a great week.

fr. Bob



RCIA

On Tuesday, January 10th, the RCIA class will participate in the "Mass in Slow Motion" at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 9 – 15, 2006

- 09 Jan Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John T. Boyle Sr. by The Family
- 10 Jan Tuesday**
8:30 am Anne McAllen by Charley & Pat Withem
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 11 Jan Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Urban Sauer by Tim Arvin and Family
- 12 Jan Thursday –**
8:30 am Marie K Murphy by Ruth Skillman
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 13 Jan Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Josephine McCoy by Mr. & Mrs. George Haddin
- 14 Jan Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
Vigil – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 pm Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger & Family
- 15 Jan Sunday – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am The Ronald Elliott Family by Barbara Elliott
10:30 am Dorothy Reid Martin by Helen's Bridge Club
6:00 pm For the People

**THE WEEK AHEAD
IN OUR PARISH**

Jan 9 – Jan 15, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
Tuesday	Sewing Room	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	St. Therese	10:00 am	Mocha Moms
	Church	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday	School Music Room	7:30 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30am	Bible Study Group
	Scout Room	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Scout Troop # 403
	St. Therese & Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Board
Thursday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	St Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Duffy Hall	7:30 pm	Athletic Assoc.
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	School	12:30 pm	EARLY Dismissal
	Duffy Hall	4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Market Day Pick-up
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Mens' Prayer Group
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	School	9:30 am - 10:25 am	Religious Education
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

CONFIRMATION

Session 5, will be held on January 8, 2006 in the parish center from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Candidates and Team should attend.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of December 17th and 18th	\$ 11,358.51
Electronic Contribution 12/6 to 12/12	\$ 2,185.25
Collection of December 24th and 25th	\$ check next week
Electronic Contribution 12/13 to 1/1	\$ check next week
Collection of 12/31 and 1/1	\$ check next week
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 335,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 334,479.54
Year to Date	\$ - 520.46

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,997.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,692.25
November Contributions	\$ 1,493.00
December Contributions	\$ 1,906.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Holy Cross Parish would like to thank everyone who helped with our food basket distribution this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your generosity allowed us to distribute close to 1,000 meals this year. We're truly blessed by the generosity of our fellow parishes. Thank you.



First Communion

There will be a parent meeting about the First Communion program on Wed, Jan 18th, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. Please mark your calendar for the Rite of Enrollment on Sunday, Jan 29th, at the 8:30 am Mass. More to follow at our parent meeting. If you have a son or daughter that does not attend Little Flower Catholic School and is in 2nd grade, please contact Lisa at the parish office to register for the program.

From the Respect Life Committee:

To promote the US Council of Catholic Bishops campaign to end the use of the death penalty, please read the following:

- The advent of DNA testing has shown that many who were found guilty were, in fact, innocent. USCCA
- Less than half of all Catholics now support the use of the death penalty, down substantially from past years. USCCB
- The death penalty is unfairly applied depending on where a crime is committed, the race of the victim and offender, the quality and costs of defense, and other factors. USCCB

St. Lawrence Catholic Church and Northview Church of the Brethren are co-sponsoring a one-hour social justice presentation at St. Lawrence Catholic Church this Tuesday, January 10, at 7 p.m. concerning the **School of the Americas (SOA)**, the controversial combat training school, which has trained over 69,000 Latin American soldiers. This presentation is open to everyone.



Our most current totals indicate 380 families have pledged \$780,327. Extra pledge cards are available at each of the church doors. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. We have still not raised sufficient funds to make our necessary repairs. We need

everyone to participate to raise the funds necessary.

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

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 the parish office. 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!

Interested in growing your faith? Please join us at Lumen Dei (Light of God) as we deepen our spiritual walk with Mass and networking with fellow Catholics. Our next meeting will be on Friday, January 13, at 6:30 a.m., at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 520 Stevens Street, followed by breakfast in the parish hall. Cost of the breakfast for this meeting is \$10 for both members and guests. Please RSVP to LumenDei@comcast.net by Tuesday, Jan 10. For further information, please visit our website at www.lumendei.net or call (317) 842-6917.



Attention High School Students!

Little Flower is forming a co-ed volleyball team to participate in a CYO Volleyball Tournament in February. Please call Sarah Stevenson at 862-1952 by Jan 20th if you are interested.

Retrouvaille means "rediscovery." The Retrouvaille program is a weekend retreat that offers you a chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. The program is designed to help heal and renew couples who are drifting apart, or have drifted apart. A weekend is scheduled for Jan 20 – 22, 2006 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center. For more information, call 539-5935. Please pray for the couples attending this weekend retreat.