**Dear Parish Family,**

Today marks the 33rd Anniversary of *Roe v Wade*, the Supreme Court Decision legalizing abortion.

Besides legalizing abortion, this decision had at least one unforeseen consequence. When people were surveyed after *Roe v Wade*, a significantly higher percentage of people believed that abortion was moral than before *Roe v Wade*. This suggests that many people believe that what is legal is moral, and what is illegal is immoral. This qualifies as fuzzy moral reasoning. Morality and legality are not the same. Because something is legal does not mean it is moral. Likewise, because something is illegal does not mean it is necessarily immoral.

Fuzzy moral reasoning can also be found in arguments that support legalized abortion on the basis of a right to privacy or a woman's right to her own body. Even if these rights are real, neither is an equivalent right to the right to life, the most basic human right.


Since *Roe v Wade*, the Catholic Church has been a consistent voice for the respect and protection of all human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. In fact, the Catholic Church has been far more prophetic than many other voices against abortion with its teaching concerning the seamless garment of life and its opposition to capital punishment and unjust war.


As we pray for an end to abortion and respect for all life, we need to be grateful for the work of our own Respect Life Committee and the Gabriel Project, both of which work in very different ways for the life of the pre-born.

Many of you know Gene Pritchett, who cleans the school at night. Gene is a hard worker who does an excellent job for Little Flower. For example, when we hosted one of the meetings for the *Future Parish Staffing* project, one of the pastors commented that Little Flower was the cleanest Catholic school he had ever seen. His mother, Margaret Pritchett, died on Monday, December 26. Please pray for Margaret, Gene, and his family.

Have a great week.

fr. bob

 The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 30th, at 7pm in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend.

 Stewardship Saturday will be Saturday, Jan 28th, from 8 am - 11 am. Come help to make our school sparkle for our Open House on Jan 29th. Many hands will lighten the load. Please meet in the East stair tower, ground floor.



I would like to say a special "Thank You" to all of you who took the time to send a card, express your concern, or say an extra prayer during my recent illness and surgery. Your care and concern made all the difference. I hope to be back in the office this week on a very limited basis. During the week of January 29th, I will continue recovery on a pre-planned vacation and return to the office the following week. I will be facing a follow-up surgery tentatively scheduled for the end of April. Thanks again for everything.

Tom Costello

**Mass Intentions****MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 23 – 29, 2006**

23 Jan	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Eleanore McCann by The Respect Life Committee
24 Jan	Tuesday
8:30 am	William Hamilton by Thomas Hunter
5:30 pm	Communion Service
25 Jan	Wednesday
8:30 am	Jo Ann Gibson by Pat and Barb Braun
5:30 pm	Communion Service
26 Jan	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Covington - Pearl Olvey by Jerry Watts
5:30 pm	Communion Service
27 Jan	Friday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	John Kraus by Marie Kraus
28 Jan	Saturday
8:30 am	Mary C. O'Brien by Al and Maureen Merkley and Family
5:00 pm	Vigil – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Donahue by Clara Donahue
29 Jan	Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	Randall Elliott by The Family
10:30 am	Robert and Terry Sweeney by Gerri Sweeney and Family
6:00 pm	For the Parish

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH
(Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Youth choir will sing on Sunday January 22nd and January 29th.
Please meet in church at 5pm.

**First Communion**

Rite of Enrollment is **Sunday, Jan 29th, at the 10:30 am Mass.**

A Memorial Service for the Unborn & Indy Memorial Walk is Sunday, Jan 29th, from 2 - 3 pm at the Indiana War Memorial Auditorium. Join pastors in an inter-denominational prayer service and memorial walk! All are invited to this free event. For more information, call 582-1596 or visit www.rtlindy.org.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

If you are interested in an hour in the chapel or becoming a substitute, please call Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546. If you cannot commit, please find some time to spend with Our Lord.

Open hours in the chapel are as follows:

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	SAT
12 MN	12 MN	7 PM	12 MN	6 AM	1 AM
1 AM	2 PM		1 AM		3 AM
					11 AM
					4 PM

TAKE NOTE:

Many mothers faced with crisis pregnancies feel abandoned by their families, the fathers of their babies and their communities.

These mothers represent all races, all cultures, all economic classes and a wide range of ages. Most feel very alone and afraid. For far too many of these women, abortion seems the only answer. The Gabriel Project is our parish community's way to offer these women an alternative to abortion – *Angels and friends* who will help them **CHOOSE LIFE!** The Gabriel Project is a way to combine the special power of prayer with a commitment to service! We will be signing up *Angels and friends* soon – see next week's bulletin for more information.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of January 14 th and 15 th	\$ 10,199.42
Electronic Contribution 1/10 to 1/17	\$ 2,410.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 388,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 392,503.41
Year to Date	\$ +3,903.41

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)	\$ 1,095.50

YEAR END TAX STATEMENTS

Year-end contribution statements were mailed at the end of this past week. Should you notice any discrepancy or have questions or concerns, please call Tom at the parish office. Please be aware that pledges to Legacy for our Mission that were paid in 2005 will not be included on your parish statement, but will be documented on a statement to be sent from the Archdiocese.

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.

It's not too late to sign-up for LF Adult Volleyball! Cost is \$10.00 for the season. You must be 19 years or older to play. If interested, please call Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124 by **Tuesday, Jan. 24th**. Teams are forming for the first night of games which will begin this Friday Jan. 27th, 2006.

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.

Although short staffing has precluded us from addressing follow-up as aggressively as we would have liked, it is becoming obvious this is something we will need to address. YOU CAN HELP US BY RETURNING A PLEDGE CARD NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO DO SO.

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 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 error in the amount pledged and correct it, it may help our totals!



Dates to Remember

Jan 23 – Jan 29, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Sewing Room	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	St. Therese	10:00 am	Mom's Group
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	John 23rd	7:00 pm	Sacred Space Meeting
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffy Hall	7 - 11 am	Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
	School	8 - 11 am	Stewardship Saturday
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Church	10:30 am	1 st Communion Rite of Enrollment
	School	12 – 2 pm	School Open House