



Dear Parish Family,

As much as I enjoyed my vacation, I was happy to come home. For the past 26 years, I have spent a week with the same family, now grown to five families as the children have grown up, married, and had children of their own. This year I also visited a family in Ann Arbor who have four children under six. After vacation, I always have a deeper appreciation for how much parents give and sacrifice to be good parents to their children.

Each year Little Flower has several second collections at Sunday Mass or at the doors of the church. In addition, at various times, we offer various items for sale in the gathering area to support parish ministries. While I was away, Fr. Ben Okonko asked for your support for his home diocese of Issele-Uku in Nigeria. Next weekend, Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus will be here to take up a collection for the support of their missions in Africa. In September, the Little Sisters of the Poor will also be here to take up a collection to help support St. Augustine's Home.

Although all these represent real ministries in the Church, please feel free to support or not support any of them. Please see these as opportunities for you to support various ministries beyond the parish, not obligations.

Today is Fr. Dave's last weekend with us. In past years, we have taken up a second collection to benefit his ministry in the Philippines. This year because Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus are coming next weekend, we have chosen not to have another collection.

However, Fr. Dave has written a letter to you concerning his ongoing personal ministry in the Philippines. It is enclosed in today's bulletin. If you wish to support this ministry, please make your donations to Little Flower and place them in an envelope marked "Fr. Dave Sullivan" and return them to us.

Again, Fr. Dave does not want you to feel obligated to support this ministry. However, it is a ministry that he provided for thirty years and would like to be able to complete it.

Thanks to all those involved with the choir CD project, especially Teresa Eckrich, our choir director. Proceeds in the amount of \$3136.63 were recently donated to the church renovation fund.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

is the process by which adults become initiated into the Catholic Church. The process is open to non-Catholics who wish to inquire about the Catholic religion; alienated Catholics who wish to return to full participation in the Church; and any Catholics who are searching for a deeper understanding of their personal faith journey in the Catholic Church. **The process begins on Tuesday, Sept 5th from 7 - 9pm.** Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community or someone who has been away from the Church? The RCIA Team would like to help you invite them to explore the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Center for more information at 357-8352.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Ella Mae and Lilly Marie, daughters of Curt and Amy (Voelker) Johnson baptized on

Sunday, July 23, 2006.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 31 - AUGUST 6, 2006

- 31 July Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Michael Clifford by Ruth Clifford Kunkel
- 01 Aug Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm In Thanksgiving to the Adventuresome Group by Art Meier
- 02 Aug Wednesday**
8:30 am Mary Hickman by Lucille J. Guy
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 Aug Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **Rosewalk** - In Thanksgiving to St. Therese by Joseph Sauer
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 04 Aug Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Bea Wilks by Jon Bowling
- 05 Aug Saturday**
8:30 am Dorothy Meir by Barbara Elliott
Vigil: Transfiguration of the Lord
5:00pm Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger & Family
- 06 Aug Sunday - Transfiguration of the Lord**
8:30 am Deacon Albert L. McConahay by Priscilla Smith
10:30 am Eleanore McCann by Anne O'Connor
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

July 31 - August 6, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Respect Life Committee
	John 23rd	7:00 pm	School Commission
Thursday	John 23rd	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Officers Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Picnic Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Parish Center	5 - 6 pm	Market Day Pick-up
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Athletic Association is looking for folks interested in coaching boys and girls sports over the coming year. Please consider devoting your time to this critical

need. Please call:

- Kellie Maines, Girl's Athletic Director 375-1034
- Randy Herrman, Boy's Athletic Director 862-0742
- Mark Hannah, Athletic Association Chair 450-5090

Please submit your changes for the next schedule (Sept thru Nov) to me by August 7th. Are any ministers interested in being head ministers at Masses? We need head ministers at the 10:30 Mass especially. Keep up the good work and God bless you and your family. My e-mail address is giboshihoosier@aol.com and phone is 356-3488--leave a message.



lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 357-0852.



Parish Picnic! Mark your calendars now for the annual Parish Picnic! **Sunday, August 27** after the 10:30 am Mass. This year, we will picnic at Ellenberger Park!

Volunteers needed! There will be a brief meeting to plan the Parish Picnic on Thursday, August 3rd at 7 pm in the St. Patrick Room. Come and help plan for a fun event! Please call Georgia at the Parish Center for further information.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR ANNUAL CAR RAFFLE

You can win a 2007 Chrysler 300, a 2007 Harley Davidson Road King or \$20,000 in cash in their 7th annual CAR RAFFLE to benefit the work of the Little Sisters of the Poor at St. Augustine's Home in Indianapolis. For more information, you can call Little Sisters of the Poor at 872-6420.

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

Weekly Budget Goal (for new fiscal year)	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of July 22 nd and 23 rd	\$ 10,383.78
Electronic Contribution 7/18 to 7/24	\$ 226.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 54,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 49,876.64
Year to Date (current fiscal year)	\$ - 4,723.36
COLLECTION SHORTFALL FOR PAST FISCAL YEAR	\$ - 5,664.85

Home Improvement Fund

April Contributions	\$ 1,753.00
May Contributions	\$ 1,224.14
June Contributions	\$ 1,303.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,274.50



If you have a child entering Kindergarten through Eighth grade, that does not attend Catholic School; Little Flower offers Religious Education classes beginning Sunday, September 10th from 9:30 am to 10:25 am. The cost is \$40 per child. Please call the Parish Center to register!



AROUND TOWN:

St. Thomas Festival, Fortville, IN. Saturday, August 5th from 11am – 10 pm, join us for games, music, food, bingo, auction, and entertainment by the Silver Creek Band. Monte Carlo is Friday, August 4th from 7 – 11 pm.

You and your guests are cordially invited to attend the **20th annual Elizabella Ball**, a benefit silent auction, dinner-dance for St. Elizabeth/Coleman Pregnancy and Adoption Services on Friday, August 25th. Contact Jessica Hardy at 787-3412 to purchase tickets. For more details visit www.StElizabets.org.

Modern Life can slowly erode the intimacy in marriage. The next **Marriage Encounter Weekend** in Indianapolis is August 25-27 at the Benedict Inn. For more information or to register, contact Steve or Judi Willem at 576-9785

Family Camping Weekend at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa in Nashville, IN. September 8 – 10, 2006. For more information or to register, please visit www.campranchoframasa.org. For questions, call Shelle at 888-988-2839 ext. 22.

Attention all men! Mark your calendars! The first annual Men's Conference will be held September 23rd, at the Convention Center. For more information, go to www.indianacatholicmen.com.

Altar Servers Schedule



Please submit your changes for the next schedule (Sept thru Nov) to Mrs. Gibbons by August 7th. Email Mrs. Gibbons at

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH

(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE - Sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, August 6th. Meet in church at 5pm.

YOUTH ROOM open on Sunday, August 6th from 7pm until 9pm.

COOK-OUT on Thursday, August 10th from 7pm until 10pm at the parish center. Please rsvp to tom by calling 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org

SCHOOL CLEAN-UP DAY



Our annual school clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th, beginning at 8:30 am. This is a perfect opportunity to exercise good stewardship by pitching in to help prepare school for opening day. All parishioners and school families are welcome. We will mostly be doing general housecleaning work. Additionally many of the lights need replacement tubes installed. Attendance at this annual clean-up day has been dismal the last several years. Please consider donating a few hours of your time this year.

Next weekend, August 5th and 6th, our second diocesan mission collection for the year will take place. The Handmaids of the Holy Child of Jesus will be visiting us seeking support for their missions in Africa. Please be as generous as possible.

