



Dear Parish Family,

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday*. It takes its name from the first word of the Introit (Entrance Hymn) for this Sunday in the pre-

Vatican II Liturgy. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means *rejoice*. Today we rejoice because we are at the midpoint of Lent or halfway to Easter. As a symbol of rejoicing, today we wear rose vestments rather than violet vestments.

The Lenten Penance Service last Monday was beautiful. Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Monday evening. When I met with the second graders on Monday afternoon, I asked them how many were nervous or afraid. Almost every hand went up! I asked them why. Their answers fell into roughly three categories. The very first child who responded said he was nervous because it is always difficult to admit doing wrong. The second group consisted of those who were unsure whether they wanted to come to confession to Fr. Paul Shikany or me. My guess is that the struggle was between the comfort of confessing to someone familiar versus the comfort of confessing to someone who did not know them. The third group was concerned about making a mistake in confession. As with most of us, there was the fear of the unknown, the unfamiliar.

It is no secret that only a small number of Catholics celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. My guess is that many adults have the same feelings the second graders had. It is difficult to admit wrongdoing. Many would probably be concerned that if the priest knew them, he would think badly of them. Finally, those who have not celebrated the sacrament for years probably would worry that they would no longer know what to do in confession.

We need to remember that Jesus did not give us the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be a burden but a gift. He wanted to give us the human experience of his forgiveness, enabling us to let go of our sins and to hear his words of forgiveness.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Attention: Indianapolis Academy Alunmae

Saint Agnes Academy, Saint Mary Academy, Saint John Academy, Our Lady of Grace, Ladywood School and Ladywood-St. Agnes School:

“Celebrate Your Legacy: Academy Memorabilia Dedication”

A special event for all past graduates and teachers from the six Indianapolis Academies is planned for Thursday, April 20th at 2pm at Cathedral High School. This gathering of students and teachers will honor the Academies with an afternoon of campus tours, refreshments, and a ribbon cutting celebrating our new memorabilia cases at Cathedral. Please plan to attend and bring your friends. Call Molly Davis Hahn at 968-7370 or Janet Schnorr Tosick at 462-7137.



Masses of the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 27 – APR 2, 2006

- 27 Mar Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Eva Poetz by The Little Flower Ladies Club
- 28 Mar Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Tom Watts by Jerry Watts
- 29 Mar Wednesday**
8:30 am Anne C. Littlejohn by Vivian Baugh
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 30 Mar Thursday**
8:30 am Anne Sheehan by Noreen Murphy
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 31 Mar Friday**
8:30 am John Foor by Mary L. Foor
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 01 Apr Saturday**
8:30 am David Thomas and Julianne Jane Kring by Jeffery and Robin Fites
5:00 pm **Vigil – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Edward Juniper by Helen Juniper
- 02 Apr Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am Gene Gandolph by Pat Gandolph
10:30 am Dorothy Moody by Pauline and Mary Cosentino
6:00 pm For the People

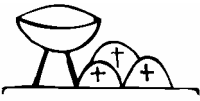


Dates to Remember

Mar 27 – Apr 2, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Scout Troop #403
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Scout Troop #1323
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Therese	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Ladies Club Craft Booth Meeting
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Holy Family	8:00 pm	AA
Friday		SPRING	BREAK
	Duffy Hall	11:00 am	Ladies Club Card Party
	Duffy Hall	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Fish Fry
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men’s Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	6:00 pm	Third Scrutiny - RCIA
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children’s Liturgy
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Eucharistic Ministers

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Annual Ladies Tea

Ladies mark your calendars for Saturday, April 22nd for the annual Ladies Tea from 1:00-3:00pm. Tickets are \$10 per seat. This year you will have the opportunity to reserve a seat at a pre-decorated

table or reserve a table to decorate yourself. Invite your friends! Contact Karen Lyons, 898-0494, or Katie Lyons, mklyons74@yahoo.com, 352-1129 to set your reservation. Keep watching the bulletin for further information.

LADIES CLUB CRAFT BOOTH

Last year the Christmas craft booth was a great success. That was due to all the people who donated items, financial support and time. Thank you all. To make this year even better we will need LOTS of help. There will be a short meeting to plan this year on Wed, March 29th, from 6 pm. to 7 pm, in the parish center. Please come help plan or to see what this is all about. Any questions call Eileen Walters @ 353-9243.

Ladies Club News

Don't forget to turn in your bedding plant order by March 31st. Order forms available in the back of church, or at the parish center. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 6th at 7:00 pm.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH (Eighth grade through twelfth grade)

YOUTH CHOIR sings at 6pm Mass on Sunday March 26th and Sunday April 2nd. Meet at 5pm in church.

Youth room will be open on Sunday March 26th and Sunday April 2nd beginning after the 6pm Mass, until 8:30 pm. Plan to stop in.

LENTEN FISH FRYS

Mark your calendars and invite your friends! There are only three weeks left so don't miss your chance. Thanks to the members of the pastoral council for helping at our St. Patrick's day fish fry and to volunteers from our PTO for their help at number four! Thank you also to the ladies of the parish who are providing us with desserts. Please keep them coming each week! Word of mouth is our best advertising. **We are counting on your support. Spread the word!**



Congratulations to our Little Flower students, at Scecina, that made either high honors or honors during the first semester. They are: Jacob Armour, Katie Brown, Melissa Bullock, Meagan Byers, Cassie Byrd, Joseph Cartwright, Jacqueline Crofts, Stacy Culp, Andrea Fleak, Hanna

Foor, Jordyn Gray, Alex Grohovsky, Maria Hawkins, Jessica Howard, Lucretia Keenan, David Leszcynski, Blair McCall, Kathleen Miller, Katie Moore, Joshua Myers, Eric Nixon, Alli Padrick, Jesse Purvis, Brittney Reed, Sara Robinson, Robert Sparrow, Amy Tamer, Jessica Tooley, Richard Tucher, Amanda Tutrow, Jessica Wright, and Matthew Zimmerman.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of March 17 th and 18 th	\$ 9,780.52
Electronic Contribution 3/14 to 3/20	\$ 2,446.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 509,200.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 511,357.54
Year to Date	\$ +2,157.54

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 1,963.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,270.50
February Contributions	\$ 1,529.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,325.00

FESTIVAL NEWS

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

The next festival meeting will be Thursday, March 30th (NOTE NEW DATE) at 7:30 pm in the parish center.

HELP! The KIDS' GAMES at the 2006 Summerfest need a new leader. Interested persons should call Tom at 357-8352 and plan to attend the next Summerfest meeting on Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Responsibilities and information for coordinating this position will be available. Please help make this area of the festival a fun place for all kids.



Our paper recycling effort is going great! Since last July, we have raised over \$1000.00 as a result of your efforts. Please drop off your newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and other recyclable paper. **Please, no telephone books!** Encourage neighbors and family members to participate as well!

St. Vincent de Paul needs volunteers to answer the phone (in your home) for a 4 hour period once a month. Hours are from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, weekdays only and no holidays. Please assist us in HELPING those in need. If interested, please call John O'hara at 879-1705.