



Dear Parish Family,

On Tuesday, May 2nd, we celebrated May Crowning at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The Church has a tradition of special devotion to Mary during May.

Mary is both a role model and an intercessor for us. If we stop and think about it, Mary was a very strong, courageous young woman. She was very young when the Angel Gabriel appeared to

her and announced that God had chosen her to be the mother of his Son. More importantly, God was asking her to live his plan rather than her own. Mary demonstrated her strength, courage, and character when she said yes to the angel: *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."* The same strength, courage, and character were evident in her decision to travel to see her pregnant elderly cousin Elizabeth to help her.

When Mary and St. John were standing at the foot the cross, Jesus said to Mary, "Woman, behold your son." In saying this, Jesus was making Mary the mother of the Church, i.e., of each of us. When we pray to Mary, we ask her—with a mother's love—to join her prayers to ours.

This past week several people commented how beautiful our grounds are. Last Saturday morning, nine of our eighth graders and a friend of one with the supervision and help of four adults and two younger children spread nearly 400 sq ft of mulch throughout the many garden plots.

The eighth graders were: Marcos Arteaga, Hannah Barker, Kyle Clark, Christina Dammann, Kalyn Gearns, Eli Hawkins and friend Dustin Smith, Justin Moran, Courtney Piller, and Valerie Schienz. The adults were Dan Greene, Bridget Finn, John Eastes, and Jamie Douthitt. The younger children were nine-year-old Andy Douthitt and five-year-old Luke Greene. They divided up into three teams each led by one adult, each taking a section of the campus. They worked from 9:30 a.m. to about 12:30 p.m. and then headed to McDonalds and Dairy Queen. John and Teena Soto helped with the front yard of the rectory.

Special thanks to all of them. However, we also want to thank all those who regularly work on the grounds: Art Meier, Dick Hutchinson, and Jack Mears.

Finally, Marty Dugan and Burke Schneider will receive the CYO Monsignor Albert Busald Award at 7 p.m. this Wednesday evening, May 10, at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral. Congratulations to Marty and Burke.

Have a blessed week.

fr. bob

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers the next schedule for the months of June, July, and August will be coming out soon. If you want any changes to your profile or days of vacation or away from Little Flower Church, please let us know. Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp via his e-mail at giboshihoosier@aol.com or telephone 356-3488. Altar Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons at Lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or 357-8352. Please have your changes to us by May 13th.

MASS SCHEDULE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 8 – MAY 14, 2006

08 May	Monday 7:00 am Communion Service 5:30 pm Jim Sorg by Doris Sorg
09 May	Tuesday 8:30 am Delia Gilday 5:30 pm Communion Service
10 May	Wednesday 7:00 am Communion Service 11:00 am Adventuresome Group – Eleanor McCann by The Respect Life Committee 5:30 pm Communion Service
11 May	Thursday 8:30 am Communion Service 5:30 pm Anna Haboush by Arvina Fuller
12 May	Friday 8:30 am Communion Service 5:30 pm Communion Service
13 May	Saturday 8:30 am Robert Elliott and Family by The Family 5:00 pm Walter and Anna Bordenkecher by Charlie and Pauline Graf
14 May	Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:30 am Joan Ehr Gott by The Family 10:30 am Freda Jines by Marylyn and Merrill Blackwell 6:00 pm For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of April 22nd and 23rd	\$ 10,433.63
Electronic Contribution 4/18 to 4/25	\$ 226.00
Collection of April 29th and 30th	\$ 9,401.51
Electronic Contribution 4/25 to 5/1	\$ 1,900.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 589,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 593,353.27
Year to Date	\$ + 3,753.27

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	\$ 1,482.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,753.00

It's Not Too Late!

The 7th annual **Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing** is on **Friday, May 12th** at the Links Golf club in New Palestine. Proceeds from this event will go to benefit the Little Flower School financial aid program. Call Chris Johnson at 357-8550 for more information.

The death penalty in our land is deeply flawed. Since 1973, there have been 117 exonerated death row inmates. The advent of DNA testing have shown that many who were found guilty were, in fact, innocent. US Council of Catholic Bishops.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PLEASE NOTE

Several weeks ago we sent out special envelopes to help defray the cost of the Criterion which is sent weekly to all parishioners. In that letter, we asked that you let us know if you did not wish to receive the Criterion. We have now become aware that the office of the Archbishop has directed that we are not able to request that Criterion subscriptions be stopped except in a few very extreme situations. These situations are limited to extreme visual impairment and sharing an address with another subscriber. In fact, several parishioners who have not been receiving the Criterion for years are now reporting that it is being sent to them again as well.

So, regardless of your request, per the office of the Archbishop, we are not able to stop your Criterion subscription. The parish will be billed for each subscription sent to our parishioners. If you are able to help by turning in your Criterion envelope, please do so. Extra envelopes are available at the church doors. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. It is truly outside of our control.

58th Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

The 58th annual Mother's Day breakfast will be Sunday, May 14, 2006 following the 8:30 am Mass. Doors open at 9:30 am and serving will begin at 10 am in Duffy Hall. All adult women of the parish, current and past members, are invited. All men are invited to help serve breakfast. (No children will be served). Sponsored by The Little Flower Athletic Association.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2006 - 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 needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473 or Debbie Burks at 353-1192 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00.

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS are available for the festival. Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships are \$200.00 each. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center

YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET? Call Jeannie at the Parish Center at 357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival. Please call the parish center even if you had a sign last year, so we know it is ok to place one in your yard again.

This weekend you will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for SUMMERFEST. Check the sign-up sheets in the gathering area after all Masses. You may also sign up to help using the Summerfest link at the parish website – www.littleflowerparish.org

Please do all you can to sell your raffle tickets. The festival will not be successful without the success of the raffle. Extra tickets are available at all of the church doors. Sold tickets and money can be mailed or brought into the parish center or placed in the collection basket.

PLANT BOOTH – Anyone having starts and small planters to donate for the booth may leave them at the parish center. Any volunteers who would specifically like to be assigned to the plant booth would be appreciated. You may call anyone listed below. Anyone needing plant items to be picked up please call:

Barbara Elliott - 359-9741
Madelynn Miller - 353-8630
Katie White - 356-1990



Dates to Remember

May 8 – 14, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Scout Troop #403
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:30 pm	Scout Troop # 1323
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Church Parish Center	11:00 am 11:30 am	Adventuresome Group
	Duffy Hall	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Summer Band Sign-ups & instrument testing
	St. Therese & Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. .Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday	Holy Family	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Talent Show Try-outs
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	Duffy Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Meeting Elections
	Duffy Hall	7:30 pm	Athletic Association
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	St. Therese	6:30 pm	Nicotine Anonymous
	The Links	1:00 pm	GOLF OUTING
	Social Hall	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Market Day
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	Mothers' Day Breakfast

Craft Bazaar

The group working on the Bazaar crafts will meet **Wed, May 17th from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm**. You can bring your own crafts or work the ones there. Just a reminder this is a group of ladies making craft items for our Little Flower booth at a Christmas Bazaar. We always need new people and ideas. If you can not make it on May 17th please call or come to the next meeting. We are not sure how often we will meet once summer is here. Watch the bulletin for meeting information. Please contact Eileen Walters at 353-9243 for more information. **HELP** - for one of our craft items we need clorox bleach bottles (white). Please drop them off at the parish center or the back of church (mark them craft booth). We need 25 bottles so you see why we need your help!

The Adventuresome Group will meet this Wednesday, May 10th for our annual "Ask Fr. Bob" luncheon. We'll begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch and quality time with our pastor. Please RSVP to the parish center so that we know how much food to prepare.