



Dear Parish Family,

Happy Mothers' Day to all mothers, stepmothers, foster mothers, mothers-in-law, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and great-great-grandmothers. As we honor our mothers, living and deceased, it is important to realize that the word mother is a relational word. Our relationship with our mothers is one of the foundational relationships in our lives. Our relationship with our mothers shaped our identity.

I have to begin this week's letter with five important thank you's.

1. On Thursday, May 4, the Ladies' Club and Altar Society presented the parish with \$6000 from their fund raising efforts this year. \$5,600 was budgeted to help with operating expenses. It is a testament to their commitment and hard work that they were able to raise \$6,000 over and above their expenses for flowers, etc. for the sanctuary. Ladies, thank you for your commitment, hard work, and generosity to the parish!!!
2. Congratulations to Teresa Eckrich and our middle school students who presented *Oz* as their spring musical on last Friday and Saturday evening. We are indeed blessed to have Ms. Theresa Eckrich both as our Parish Music Director and as our School Music Teacher. One of the signs of an outstanding teacher is her ability to bring out the best in her students. Ms. Eckrich consistently brings out the best in her music students. She likewise calls forth the best in our music ministers.
3. Special thanks to all those who helped prepare and implement our New Parishioner Welcoming Event last Sunday morning. Many people invested a lot of time and talent to make new parishioners feel welcome in our parish. They included: Dick Kramer, Terri Downs, Susan Spilly-Lee, Katie Lyons, Mary Sitzman and her caller team, Mike Cavosie, Noah Hahn, Dottie Spalding, and Georgia Impicicche. Thanks also to pastoral council members and staff for attending.
4. Finally, thanks to all those who helped with the Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing on Friday afternoon to raise money to help students in need to attend Little Flower School. Special thanks go to Chris Johnson, a member of the School Commission, who served as chairman for the second consecutive year. We also thank the corporate, hole, and beverage cart sponsors and all the golfers.
5. Thanks to all those who returned their parish surveys. If you have not returned yours yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Summerfest 2006 is June 2-4. If you have not sold your festival raffle tickets, please do so as soon as possible. Festivals generate income in many different ways. However, the sale of raffle tickets is the only element of the festival that is not dependant on the weather. A successful raffle is important to the overall success of the festival. If you have already sold your tickets, additional tickets are available at the doors of church.

As I mentioned last Sunday, Summerfest's success depends on countless volunteers. If you have not signed up yet, please do so as soon as possible. Because Tom will still be recovering from surgery, it will be important that we all pitch in to help him make the festival the success it has been these past few years.

Have a great week.

Fr. bob



MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 15 – MAY 21, 2006

15 May	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Elizabeth Mauer by Mildred Mauer
16 May	Tuesday
8:30 am	Intentions of Rae Ann Brizendine and Family by Barbara Elliott
	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
17 May	Wednesday
8:30 am	Anne McAllen by John and Alice David
5:30 pm	Communion Service
18 May	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Greentree – Mary C. O'Brien by Al and Maureen Merkle and Family
	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
19 May	Friday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Mary A. and Mary C. Haboush by Arvina Fuller
20 May	Saturday
8:30 am	Eva Poetz by Roseann Hamel
5:00 pm	Edward Juniper by Helen Juniper
21 May	Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:30 am	Roma Ross and Family by Barbara Elliott
10:30 am	Rosemary Surface by Jim Dangler
6:00 pm	For the People



As Americans, we traditionally remember our war dead on Memorial Day. Since it's founding, Little Flower has sent our sons and daughters into battle for America during World War II, Korea, Viet Nam and other conflicts. Because we are currently involved in the war in Iraq, Afghanistan and the war on terror, this year we also want to remember our loved ones who are serving our country. As a parish, we will remember those currently serving and commemorate each of our own war dead, by name, during the Mass on Memorial Day, May 29th at 8:30 a.m. The liturgy committee is now gathering the names of those parish members and loved ones who have made the ultimate sacrifice of giving their lives for our country and those who are currently serving. Please record their names in the book located outside the adoration chapel.



Baptisms

Congratulations to Abigail Myra, daughter of Jeff and Amy (McMullen) Lincks and Zachary Edward, son of Dale and Jacqueline (Nolte) Thomas baptized on Sunday, April 30, 2006. Congratulations to William Ross, son of Joshua and Megan (Carson) Stayton baptized on Sunday, May 7, 2006.

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, June 5th 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. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the end of July.

ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH

(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

Mark your calendars for the annual bus trip to King's Island on Wednesday July 26th. Incoming eighth graders will be welcome to attend this trip. Call Tom at the parish center or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org for permission slip and more info.

Youth choir - Next date - Meet at 5 pm in church on Sunday, May 28th to practice for 6 pm Mass.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Little Flower School now offers full day preschool for three and four year olds. Our flex program allows parents to choose the number of days, both full and half days, that your child attends. Contact the school office at 353-2282 or the principal, Kevin Gawrys, at kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org for more information



Dates to Remember

May 15 – 21, 2006

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout Room	7:30 pm	Scout Troop # 1323
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Therese	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Ladies Club Crafts
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Little Rock Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	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
	Church	2:30 pm	Seccina Baccalaureate Mass

Craft Bazaar

The group working on the Bazaar crafts will meet **Wed, May 17th from 5:30 pm - 7:00pm**. 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!

SCECINA NEWS

Please join us for SCECINA PAC Meeting on May 22nd from 7 pm to 8:30 pm (PAC Guarantee - out on time). All Junior High Parents Welcome. Our guest speaker will be Jo Ann Bates who will speak about Stress and Depression in Teens. Also hear about the great things going on at SCECINA and how you can become a more involved parent.

Catholic Business Exchange

Bob Bedell, President & CEO of the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association will speak at the next Catholic Business Exchange. Bob will discuss the economic impact religious meetings have in our community as well as the expansion of the Convention Center. The program is Friday, May 19 at the Northside Knights of Columbus, 2100 East 71st Street in Indianapolis. Mass starts at 6:30am and the program is over by 8:30am. Cost is \$10 and includes a great breakfast. Registration is required. For more information or to register, visit www.catholicbusinessexchange.com

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,400.00
Collection of May 6 th and 7 th	\$ 14,677.03
Electronic Contribution 5/02 to 5/08	\$ 226.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 603,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 608,256.30
Year to Date	\$ + 5,256.30

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,529.00
March Contributions	\$ 1,482.00
April Contributions	\$ 1,753.00
May Contributions (to date)	\$ 842.00

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. **Rummage sale donations must be in by Friday, May 26th to allow time for pricing, etc. Please be aware of this deadline.**

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

Now in its second year! We will be hosting a **Texas Hold 'Em** tournament on Friday and Saturday nights in the Monte Carlo room.

Volunteers may 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.

On the weekends of 5/20-5/21 and 5/27-5/28 presale tickets for dinners and rides will be available in the gathering area after all masses.

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

Thank you for your participation!

Next Festival Meeting will be Thursday, May 18th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Center.