

*I will praise you  
LORD  
for you have rescued me.*

Dear Parish Family,

Belated thank you to all those who gave me Easter gifts. I appreciated all the gifts of dark chocolate. The gifts of dark chocolate demonstrated that you do indeed listen to the homilies at Mass.

This week please pray for our thirty-one First Communicants who will receive their First Communion next Sunday, April 29, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to celebrate this special Mass and special day with our First Communicants and their families.

Recently some of our more home-bound parishioners have told us that they would be able to attend Mass if they were able to park closer to the church.

Therefore, during weekend Liturgies, we would like to reserve all the parking places behind and beside the rectory and behind the parish offices for our parishioners with physical limitations that make it difficult for them to walk long distances.

Signs will soon be posted to that effect. Please note that these parking restrictions are only in effect during weekend Liturgies.

We hope that everyone will respect this request. It is a matter of Christian caring and hospitality.

Spring is the time when parents must make decisions concerning their children's education. I would like to think that every parent would consider a Catholic school education for their children. Parents who send their children to Catholic Schools do so for one or more of three reasons. Some parents send their children to a Catholic School in search of quality education. The recent value-added study of Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese demonstrates that the annual academic progress of individual students of Little Flower School is greater than in the average Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Second, some parents send their children to Catholic schools for good discipline. This takes two forms. They want their children to be safe, and they want their children to receive character development.

However, the most important reason parents send children to Catholic Schools is for faith formation, which is more than formal religious education. Although parents are the first teachers in the ways of faith, parents who send their children to Catholic School for this reason also recognize the importance of the community in educating and forming their children's faith and value system.

It has been written that all of us go through four stages in our faith development. The faith of small children is familial faith, the faith of their families. Through most of grade school, the faith of children is affiliative faith, the faith of the communities to which they belong and in which they are active. Beginning in junior high or high school, young people start questioning their faith. Finally, we hope that as adults their faith will become a personal or owned faith.

Why do not more people today send their children to Catholic schools? One of the major reasons is finances. Catholic schools are expensive. Each of us needs to individually consider what is most important to us as a family. I would suggest that handing on our Catholic faith to our children through a faith and values-based education should be a high priority on that list.

**Thank you to the entire parish for your support of Little Flower School.** We can be very proud of our school—faculty, staff, students, and parents. I encourage all of you who have children from Pre-3's through 8<sup>th</sup> grade to seriously consider a Little Flower education for their children. Please remember that if finances are a serious obstacle, parish families may apply for tuition assistance. If you want information, please call Kevin Gawrys, our principal, at 353-2282.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

### Little Flower School News

Little Flower School will be accepting applications for enrollment in the school office on Sunday, April 22 from 9:30-12:00. Registration fees are \$50 for pre-school students and \$100 for students in K-8.

### Ride Needed

A visually impaired young man needs a ride to Church. He lives in the Nowland and Gladstone area and prefers to attend Saturday Mass at 5 pm. Please call Georgia at the Parish Center if you can help out. Thanks!



### Newly Baptized



Please welcome into our Christian Community Matthew Joseph, son of Joseph and Kristina (Nord) McDonald, baptized on Saturday, April 14, 2007 and Noah Lewis, Aiden Alijah, and Ajeya Rhiannon, children of Lewis and Stephanie (Chappell) Warren, baptized on Sunday, April 15, 2007.



### Mass Intentions

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23 – APRIL 29, 2007

<b>23 Apr</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	John T. Boyle Sr. by The Boyle Family
<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Urban Sauer by Sandra FyffeArder
<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:30 am	Alma Thamann by Jennifer and Luke Lengerich
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>26 Apr</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Crestwood - Carole M. French by Kristine Rudick and Jane Pollock
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 am	For the Intentions of Sharon Stites by Dottie Spalding
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>28 Apr</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Charles and Maria Jonas by Rita Foley and Family
<b>29 Apr</b>	<b>Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30 am	Ruth Skillman by John and Deloris Miller
10:30 am	<b>First Communion Mass-</b> Lou Williams by Charley and Pat Withem
6:00 pm	For the People

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 13,650.00</b>
<b>Collection of April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 9,979.23</b>
<b>Electronic Contribution 4/11 to 4/17</b>	<b>\$ 3,236.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 559,950.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Collections</b>	<b>\$ 556,611.52</b>
<b>Year to Date deficit</b>	<b>\$ -3,338.48</b>

### Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,576.00
March Contributions	\$ 1,377.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,353.00

### Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 3/31/2007

Amount Pledged	\$874,740.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$421,742.00

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dates to Remember

April 23 – 29, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	John 23d	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl Scouts #799
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	Duffy Hall	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Scout Pack Mtg - Rain Gutter Regatta
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 am	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	1st Communion Pictures
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts



All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys interested in playing cadet football for Little Flower should contact Coach Steve Burford at 408-2602 or 351-1190. You do not have to attend Little Flower School to play, but must be registered in the Parish. A meeting for all interested in participating will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2007, at 9:00 am at the Little Flower School yard.

Mark your calendars now for the debut of **Disney's Aladdin Jr.** coming to our Little Flower stage at 7 PM on May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. This is an authentic Broadway style production by some of the best singers and actors Little Flower has ever seen. Ticket prices are \$8 for reserved seating in the 1<sup>st</sup> three rows and \$6 general admission. Don't miss it!

**GOLFERS- WE NEED YOU TO COME OUT AND PLAY!**

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. We are also looking for sponsors. Information forms are available at the church doors.

The confirmation class will meet on **Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** for an all day retreat. Candidates should be in the school cafeteria at 9:30 am. Retreat will conclude with the 6pm Mass. Candidates and sponsors should also plan to attend Mass and our last regular session on **Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>**, beginning at 6pm in church. Please pray for our confirmation candidates.



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Next weekend is the annual collection for the *Catholic Home Missions*. This appeal is an expression of communion among U.S. parishes because it allows more prosperous congregations to offer the poorer ones practical support. Last year, Home Missions gave more than \$3 million to the dioceses along the Gulf Coast devastated by hurricanes. Please use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet and be as generous as possible.

**SUMMERFEST 2007 June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>**

For Rummage Sale donations, please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288.

The Silent Auction team needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, Debbie Burks at 353-1192, or Rosemary Armour at 357-0284 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 or \$350.00 each, depending on the sponsorship level. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Tom and he will mail information to them.

**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 and again on the weekend of May 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> you will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for SUMMERFEST. Check the sign-up sheets in the gathering area after all Masses on these weekends.

The next festival meeting is on Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7pm in the parish center.



(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

\*Youth choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at 5pm in church.

**YOUTH ROOM**

Youth room will be open in the basement of the parish center after the 6pm Mass on Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> until 8:30 pm Plan to stop in after Mass for pizza.

**Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers**

The new schedules for June, July, and August will be coming out soon. Do you have any changes to be made? Vacation time? Changes are due by May 12<sup>th</sup>.

- ❖ Eucharistic Ministers should contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or e-mail at [giboshihooser@aol.com](mailto:giboshihooser@aol.com)
- ❖ Servers should contact Mrs. Gibbons at 357-8352 or [gibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:gibbons@littleflowerparish.org)

Would anyone consider being a Head Eucharistic Minister? Does anyone want to serve as a Eucharistic Minister for Little Flower Church? Please contact Ron Sharp.

**THANK YOU!**

The Little Flower Ladies club would like to thank all who donated Rosaries for our troops in Iraq. We collected at total of 176.



Please join Stephanie Culp & Family on May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm – 8 pm, at Harold's Steer Inn. to celebrate her graduation from Indiana University. RSVP to 322-0146 or 402-3640.