



WE ARE HIS PEOPLE: THE SHEEP OF HIS FLOCK.

Dear Parish Family,
 Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families.

Special thanks to all those who helped prepare them for First Communion, especially Mrs. Lisa Gibbons and Mrs. Julie Mennel. Likewise, thanks to all who helped make this day special for them.

Most of us remember our First Communion Day. I would hope that all of us would take this opportunity to renew our own faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I would also strongly encourage all parents, but especially the parents of our First Communicants, to make every effort to attend Sunday Eucharist weekly. It is true that *children learn what they live and live what they learn.*

Since we are talking about the Eucharist, I feel I must remind you of a point of Catholic Church etiquette, and I am almost embarrassed to do so. It is not appropriate to chew gum in church. Many of you would probably be surprised at how many people chew gum, and it is not just children and teenagers. Even more surprising to me is the number of people chewing gum as they come up to Communion. Please do not chew gum at Mass.

It is hard to believe *Summerfest 2007* is almost here. *Summerfest 2007* will be June 1-3. Raffle tickets have been mailed. Because of the vagaries of Indiana weather in June, the raffle is our only sure source of profit. Please do your best to sell your raffle tickets and get them back as soon as possible. The letter with the raffle tickets explains two new prizes this year.

Finally, I want to thank all of you for keeping up your contributions to the Sunday collection and to the *Legacy for our Mission* capital campaign. We are now seeing some of the results of that campaign in our beautiful new sanctuary. I just want to call your attention to the Stewardship box in today's bulletin. The last two months of our fiscal year are two of the most challenging months of the year in terms of parish income. Please do your best to remain faithful to your stewardship commitment.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord....
 Mary Catherine Bailey, buried Saturday April 21, 2007 and Suzanne Stenger, longtime former parishioner, buried from Little Flower April 23, 2007. Please keep these ladies and their families in your prayers.

Bob Fowler and Gerald Gandolph both passed away this past week. Please keep Bob, Gerry and their families in your prayers.

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!



Please welcome into our Christian Community Savannah June, daughter of John Sandlin, II and

Andrea Wiles, baptized on Sunday, April 22, 2007.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 30 – MAY 6, 2007

- 30 Apr Monday**
 7:00 am Communion Service
 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 May Tuesday**
 8:30 am Communion Service
 5:30 pm Dorothy Meier by Art Meier
- 02 May Wednesday**
 8:30 am Alma Vollmer Thamann by Mary Lemieux
 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 May Thursday**
 8:30 am Cecilia Farrell by Connie Gill
 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 04 May Friday**
 8:30 am Frank Houser by Pauline Buckley
 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 05 May Saturday Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 8:30 am Communion Service
 5:00 pm Catherine Dangler by Robert Dangler
- 06 May Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 8:30 am Pat McConahay by Janie O'Malia
 10:30 am The Des Roches and The Herbert Families by Rita Gibson
 6:00 pm For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of April 21st and 22nd	\$ 9,742.67
Electronic Contribution 4/18 to 4/24	\$ 395.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 573,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 566,749.19
Year to Date deficit	\$ -6,850.81

The last part of our fiscal year, which ends on June 30, is always a challenging time for the Sunday Collection. Because of many conflicting activities at this time of year that often cause people to be away or attend another parish, we typically have a difficult time maintaining the collection at this time. Because it is the end of the fiscal year and also time to prepare next year's budget, it is a bit more critical that we maintain our Sunday collection and know what to expect. Thank you in advance to your faithfulness to your regular stewardship commitment. If you have fallen behind and find yourself in a position to "make up", please consider doing so before June 30th.

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 1,513.00
Feburary Contributions	\$ 1,576.00
March Contributions	\$ 1,377.00
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,481.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 3/31/2007

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

Candidates and sponsors should plan to attend Mass and our last regular session on Sunday May 6th, beginning at 6pm in church. Please pray for our confirmation candidates. Parents are also encouraged to attend Mass at 6pm.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



(eighth grade through twelfth grade)

YOUTH CHOIR

*Youth choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday May 6th. 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 29th until 8:30 pm. Plan to stop in after Mass for pizza.



SUMMERFEST 2007 June 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

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

The Silent Auction team still 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.

On the weekend of May 5th and 6th 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.

RAFFLE TICKETS were mailed this week. 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. Please take note of the new Early Bird Drawing. Both the purchaser and the seller of one lucky ticket will win \$250.00 on May 20th. Also, the seller of each of the winning tickets drawn at the festival will receive \$100.00

The next festival meeting is on May 14th at 7pm in the parish center.

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers

The new schedules for June, July, and August will be coming out soon. Please contact the following by May 12th:

- ❖ Eucharistic Ministers should contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or e-mail at giboshihooser@aol.com
- ❖ Servers should contact Mrs. Gibbons at 357-8352 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org
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Ladies Club News

There is a Ladies Club meeting Thursday May 3rd at 6:30 pm in Duffy Hall. We will begin with a pitch-in of finger/snack food. Bedding Plant orders will be available for pick-up on Thursday, May 3rd from 11:00 am to 5:30 pm in the parking lot.

GOLFERS – ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 11th. Early registrations and sponsorships are just not coming in as we had hoped. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. **We are also looking for sponsors.** Information forms are available at the church doors.



Dates to Remember

April 30 – May 6, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	John 23d	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Patrick	6:30pm	First Communion Prep non-school
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Weblos
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl Scouts #799
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Respect Life
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	School Commission
Thursday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout
	Duffy Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Pitch In and Meeting
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 am	Adult Bible Study
Friday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Church	8:30 am	May Crowning
	Gym	7:00 pm	Middle School's Musical "Aladdin"
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Gym	7:00 pm	Middle School's Musical "Aladdin"
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	The Rite of Going Forth First Communicants
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 pm	Rite of Sending for Confirmation
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Prep

Mark your calendars now for the debut of Disney's Aladdin Jr. coming to our Little Flower stage at 7 PM on May 4th and 5th. 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 1st three rows and \$6 general admission. Don't miss it!

Little Flower Athletic Association has open positions on the Athletic Board, if interested; call Mark Hannah at 359-8151 by May 4th. Also anyone interested in coaching 3rd - 6th grade football please call Mark Hannah.