



**A "Note from Fr. Bob,"**

Since RCIA will be starting soon, I invited Rodney Taylor, who went through RCIA this past year, to write my bulletin letter this week.

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I recently had the honor of attending Little Flower's RCIA program. Coming from a non-religious background, I needed help forming my faith. Fr. Gilday, Lisa Gibbons, Tom Costello and all the RCIA team helped in this endeavor.

I always wanted to believe in God and Jesus, but not having something to "hold" onto with my senses made it difficult. I even entertained the idea that religion was formed only for the purpose of keeping people in line. One day while talking to a friend about religion, I asked him how he could believe something that wasn't proven beyond a reasonable doubt. He simply replied, "What's the downside?" Not being able to argue with that made me wonder if pride had been clouding my faith. After all, no one has been able to discount Jesus in 2000 years.

I married into a large Catholic family. Thankfully, my wife and her family helped give me answers to questions that confused me. I've enjoyed being there for my kids' baptisms and Sunday school, and I even went through First Communion at the same time as my daughter. I can't wait to be there for them when they have the same questions I had when I struggled for faith.

Catholicism attracted me because of the tradition and structure of the church. The fact that Catholicism is the only faith that has a leader that addresses the entire world says a lot!!

While attending RCIA, every week we covered history, beliefs, practices and questions regarding the faith. It was a stress-free environment where all the RCIA team members were there to patiently help everyone. I learned a lot during RCIA, and I am still learning every day.

Thanks for your time,

Rodney Taylor



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which adults become initiated into the Catholic Church. The process is open to non-Catholics who wish to inquire about the Catholic religion; alienated Catholics who wish to return to full participation in the Church; and any Catholics who are searching for a deeper understanding of their personal faith journey in the Catholic Church. **The process begins on Tuesday, Sept 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 9pm.** Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community or someone who has been away from the Church? The RCIA Team would like to help you invite them to explore the Catholic Church. Please call the Parish Center for more information at 357-8352.

**ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!**

Any child entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above this fall are invited to become an Altar Server. Please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext 33 to sign up. Training will begin the end of August.

**Religious Education**

Religious Education for children entering kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, who do not attend Little Flower School, will begin in September. Please call Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext. 33 to register. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:25 am. Parents this is a wonderful opportunity to build community with your child as well as hand down our faith teachings.



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUG 6 – AUGUST 12, 2007**

- 06 Aug** **Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Gerry Gandolph by Kathleen J. White
- 07 Aug** **Tuesday**  
8:30 am Bernice VanNoy by Jim and Zellita Cuniffe  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 Aug** **Wednesday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
11:00 am Adventurosome Group Mass – Margaret Farrell by Mary Mulhern  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 09 Aug** **Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Rosemary Surface by John Dangler
- 10 Aug** **Friday**  
8:30 am Kathleen Pfarr by Mrs. R. Schlachter  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 11 Aug** **Saturday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
**Saturday Vigil:** The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the People
- 12 Aug** **Sunday** – The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 am Robert Guedel by Fred and Colleen Allgood  
10:30 am Joseph Jines by Marylyn and Merrill Blackwell  
6:00 pm Ruth Skillman by John and Deloris Miller

**MEETINGS**

**DATES TO REMEMBER  
August 6 – 12, 2007**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council
Thursday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Group Cook out
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Church		East Deanery Mass
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

The Adventurosome Group will meet on Wednesday, August 8. We will begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by our annual "Ask Fr. Bob" lunch. Here's your opportunity to clarify all those ecclesiastical quandaries! Please RSVP to the Parish Center so we know how much food to prepare.

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please welcome into our Christian Community James Nolan, son of James "Cory" and Carissa (Schneider) McNulty,

and Katherine Anne, daughter of Christopher and Jennifer (Consorti), baptized on Sunday, July 29, 2007.



Plan to attend the annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass.

This year's picnic will be conveniently located on the grounds of Little Flower Parish. In the event that it rains, we will be in Duffy Hall. Watch for more details next week on our First Annual Little Flower Kickball Extravaganza.

**Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers**

Please let us know of any changes for the next schedule (September-November) by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

- Eucharistic Ministers please e-mail Ron Sharp [giboshihoosier@aol.com](mailto:giboshihoosier@aol.com) or call at 356-3488.
- Altar Servers please e-mail Lisa Gibbons at [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org) or call 357-8352 ext. 33.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488. We need ministers at the 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Masses. What a great way to serve our Lord!

**Help Needed**

The Gabriel Project has been very busy this year and is in need of size 1 and 2 diapers. Diapers or any baby items you wish to donate can be placed in the bassinets outside of the usher's room. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to Chris Young who received his Eagle Scout Award here at Little Flower this past Sunday. Chris did a great job in sprucing up the Scout Room in the parish center. He will become a freshman at Butler University in just a couple of weeks.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**OUT NEXT SUMMER COOK OUT** will be at Little Flower on Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 9pm. Please call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org) so we know how much to cook!



Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of May thru August that could allow us to earn an additional \$1,000.00, and our past success indicates we can do this again!

**Our Goal** **45.64 tons**  
**Amount collected by 7/20/07** **28.32 tons**  
**Only THREE weeks to go. OUR LAST PICKUP FOR THIS CONTEST PERIOD WILL BE AUGUST 27<sup>TH</sup>.** Please continue to tell your family, friends and neighbors to recycle their newspapers here at Little Flower! No phone books, but catalogs and magazines are acceptable!

**USE OF THE PARISH CENTER**

Please be sure any meeting that you intend to hold at the parish center is on the parish calendar. You may phone Jeannie Zimmerman at 357-8352 or reach her by e-mail at [jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org). We want to be sure we have the most up to date information so that you don't find the doors locked when you arrive. It is also very important that you notify Jeannie whenever a scheduled meeting is cancelled or rescheduled.

Next weekend, August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be a second collection to help support Fr. Dave Sullivan and his scholarship program in the Philippines. Please be as generous as possible in thanking Fr. Dave for his time with us this summer.



A belated thanks to Decker Cavosie, Thomas Bullock, and David Short who were recently recognized by the Metropolitan Police Department's Victim's Assistance Unit. Decker, Thomas, and David accompanied Tom Costello to assist a recent victim of violent crime and a house fire in removing the items from her home for storage. THANKS!

**Second Annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference**

Men, mark your calendars now and join Archbishop Daniel M. Buechlein, Archbishop Charles Chaput, of Denver, as well as three national catholic speakers for the Second Annual Indiana Catholic Men's Conference, "Lion's Bearthing Fire," on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Indiana Convention Center. For more information or to register, go to [www.indianacatholicmen.com](http://www.indianacatholicmen.com) or call 317-888-0813.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,650.00
Collection of July 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$	11,181.90
Electronic Contribution 7/24 to 7/30	\$	395.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	68,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	61,233.95
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$	-7,016.05
Deficit for Fiscal Year 2006-2007	\$	-10,513.38

**Home Improvement Fund**

May Contributions	\$	1,422.00
June Contributions	\$	1,571.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$	1,314.00

The Home Improvement Fund will be used to fund the repairs necessary in the parish center due to the recent break-in. This includes several new doors and significant services from a locksmith. Our damages are not enough to meet our \$3,000 deductible, so we will need to pay for the repairs ourselves. We will also be investigating some additional alarm services that would be funded from the Home Improvement Fund.

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign**

As of 5/31/2007

Amount Pledged	\$875,665.40
Amount Received on Pledges	\$450,583.00