



Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all who attended our parish Christmas party last Sunday. Turnout was excellent. Duffey Hall was filled to capacity, and out of sixty-five pounds of ham, only five slices remained. The wide variety of desserts were appreciated. Santa and Mrs. Claus were a hit with the children. Door prizes added a bit of excitement. Everyone was entertained by the Little Flower School bands.

Thanks to Georgia Impicciche and Pat Gandolph and all those who assisted with planning and putting on the Christmas party. Thanks to Tom Costello and all those who helped prepare the food. Thanks to Teresa Eckrich and the Little Flower bands for the entertainment.

Also, thank you to all those who took giving tree tags and brought back presents. This year we had more tags on the trees than in previous years. Please do not underestimate the significance of your gifts. Yes, they are signs of your concern and generosity. However, through your concern and generosity, they are also signs of God's concern and generosity demonstrated by the gift of Jesus, the greatest gift of all.

Last year at this time, we gave you a report on the progress of our *Legacy for Our Mission* capital campaign. I am happy to report that the brick project is now out for bid, and bids are due before the end of the year. Consequently, we hope to be able to give a more comprehensive report in January.

We expect that the cost of the brick project will be more than the funds we expect to receive from *Legacy for Our Mission*. Therefore, if you made a one-time gift to the campaign in lieu of a three-year pledge, perhaps you are in a position to repeat that gift this year. You may donate at any time and mark your donation "Church Brick Project."

Finally, for the benefit of those who would find it difficult to come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, I will hear confessions on Tuesday, December 18, from 6 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

fr. bob

Needed - Eucharistic Ministers If you have ever thought of being a minister at Mass, please call me at 356-3488 or e-mail me (Ron Sharp) at giboshihoosier@aol.com. Training is painless, and the rewards are well worth it. Ministers are needed for the 10:30 and 6:00 Masses. Have a Happy Advent.



ADVENT

For the Israelites, water in the wilderness is one common example of encountering God in an unexpected place.

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Jesus cleverly answers the question, "Are you the one?" by giving evidence that he is indeed the One. The Messianic age is upon us. We're living in it now. As we celebrate Christ's coming, be open, be awake to the unexpected ways that you encounter Christ this week.

Mark Your Calendars - We will decorate the church for Christmas at 7pm on Sunday, December 23rd. Volunteers will be needed! We can use everyone's help, including a few folks that can climb ladders and able to lift heavy items.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th
3:30 PM; 5:30 PM; 10:00 PM.

Full Christmas Choir at 10:00 PM Mass beginning at 9:30 pm
Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th - 9:00 AM

NO EVENING MASS ON DECEMBER 25TH

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

Over the holiday, the office will be closed on
December 24th, 25th, and 26th, and on January 1st



Masses of the Week

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 17 - DEC. 23, 2007

17 Dec	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Marian and Mary Haboush by Arvina Fuller
18 Dec	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Baumann Family by Ruth Kunkel
19 Dec	Wednesday
8:30 am	Elinor Johnson by Frank and Mary Skinner
5:30 pm	Communion Service
20 Dec	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Greentree - Carolyn Lundy
5:30 pm	Communion Service
21 Dec	Friday
8:30 am	Joe Ajamie by Jerry and Joan Bullock
5:30 pm	Communion Service
22 Dec	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
	Saturday Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm	Lucille Wallpe by Jim and Jodi Erlenbaugh
23 Dec	Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 am	Thomas Walker by Dorothy Walker
10:30 am	Barney Deck by John and Ruthannah Keevers
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 December 8th and 9th	\$ 15,739.61
Electronic Contribution 12/4 to 12/10	\$ 415.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 327,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 318,957.78
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 8,642.22

We are deeply grateful to all those who have been able to increase their weekly offering and those who are using the end of the year to catch up on their Sunday offering commitment. We are making some very positive progress on our collection deficit!

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,214.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,457.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,218.70
December Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,095.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 10/30/2007

Amount Pledged	\$898,000.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$540,358.00

ONLY 250 STEWARDSHIP CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED YOUR COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARD, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR CARDS, EXTRAS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH DOORS. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A CURRENT STEWARDSHIP CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTED TUITION RATES AT LITTLE FLOWER AND SCECINA. THANK YOU!

ATTENTION ALL EXPECTANT PARENTS - There will be a special blessing for all expectant parents at Masses on the weekend of December 22nd and 23rd.



Candidates will next meet on Sunday January 6th in the parish center beginning from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm.

RCIA CHRISTMAS/CAROLING PARTY

All are invited to our Annual RCIA Christmas/Caroling Party on Tues, Dec. 18th at 7pm. We will meet in the Parish Center for food, fellowship and Christmas Caroling around the neighborhood! Bring a dish to share. If you have any questions call Lisa at 357-8352.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 16 – December 23, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
Monday	Church	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Kindergarten & 6 th grade Christmas Party
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisy Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA Party
	Church	7:30 pm	Christmas Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:00 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts # 799
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #787
	Schoolrm102	6:00 pm	Ladies Craft
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts Pack Mtg
Thursday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	7:00 pm	Church Decorating

Gifts for the Baby Jesus

Gifts for the Baby Jesus provides valuable material resources that we use to assist women and their babies throughout the year. We currently are most in need of diapers sizes newborn-3, boy's clothes sizes 0-3 months, crib sheets, bottles, and hygiene products such as shampoo, powder, etc. **Unwrapped gifts can be brought to one of the Christmas Masses. Thank you for your generous support of the Gabriel Project.**

**Attention all 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls!
CYO Volleyball Tryouts:**

5th and 6th grade will be Tues., Dec. 18th from 6pm to 7:30pm. 7th and 8th grade will be Wed., Dec. 19th from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Tryouts are held in the Little Flower gym. Hope to see you all there. Please contact Jeff Lyons at 317-352-1129 or email him at jeffly200@gmail.com if you are not going to be able to make it to tryouts.



a **BIG THANKS**

Thanks to all of the volunteers who made the Parish Christmas Party a success! A special thanks to Judy, Arlene, Jeanine, Dan, and Pat, who transformed the social hall into a festive environment; to the Ladies' Club volunteers who served desserts; to Matt, Lizzie and Veronica, who captured Santa memories for our younger parishioners; to Tom and Mary Martha and Bill and Debbie Belles who cooked and served a great dinner; and to the Zimmermans and all the other folks who stayed late to clean up.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir -We will practice on Sunday, December 16th from 7pm until 8:30 pm. New members are always welcome. We will sing at the 6:00 pm Mass on Dec. 23rd (meet in church at 5:00 pm) and the 5:30 pm Mass on Dec. 24th (meet in church at 4:45 pm)

Youth room will be open on Sunday, December 30th immediately following the 6pm Mass until 9:00 pm.



Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of October thru March that could allow us to gain earn an additional \$1,000.00. We will need to collect 72.86 tons during this time period, and our past success indicates we can do this again! Tell your friends and neighbors! **OUR TOTALS ARE RUNNING LOW SO FAR, SO WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP TO MAKE THIS GOAL.**

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
October	11.12 tons	8.90 tons
November thru 11/30	14.05 tons	7.23 tons



Food Drive

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Little the Flower will be attempting to distribute some holiday food to the families represented on our giving tree. At this time we need cranberry sauce, canned fruit, canned (jar) gravy, jello, canned sweet potatoes, boxes of instant potatoes, and stuffing mix to help make up the baskets. If you can help, please drop off your donation at the parish center Thank you for your generosity.

Safe Sitter for Catholic Youth

The Ransburg YMCA is offering a Safe Sitter class for all local Catholic School students and parishioners Friday, December 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Ransburg Branch. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate babysitting and home alone preparation class. Students learn safe, nurturing child care responsibilities, basic first aid and rescue techniques through this nationally recognized program. The cost is \$65.00 for participants and \$45.00 for YMCA members. **Contact the Ransburg YMCA at 357-8441 to register.**

BABY JESUS HAD NO CRIB



"Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head." Jesus had no crib and there is nothing we can do to change that fact. Many Gabriel Project babies also have no cribs and we can do something about it. The Gabriel Project is looking for 50 cribs for the Indianapolis area. In the spirit of Christmas, please check your attic, basement, garage and spare bedroom. If you have an old crib still in safe, working condition, please take time to get it out, clean it up and call Anita Moody, Regional Coordinator for the Gabriel Project at 317-918-0997. Anita will tell you where you can deliver the crib. If you don't have a crib, but can help and deliver a crib, please call Anita as well. We ask that the cribs be no more than 10 years old due to safety issues.