

Let the Lord enter: HE IS KING OF GLORY

Dear Parish Family,

The entire parish staff and I want to wish all of you a most blessed and happy Christmas.

Our Christmas Masses will be at 3:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 9:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

I would like to make just two suggestions.

This Christmas please cherish the time you spend with your family and friends whether they live near or far. For most of us, family and friends are among God's greatest gifts to us. Please take time to look at family and friends with a sense of wonder and awe.

Also, most of us have been celebrating Christmas at least since the beginning of Advent. I do not think this is a bad thing at all. However, I would just ask that we continue to celebrate Christmas in our homes at least until the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Sunday, January 6.

To enable our staff to celebrate Christmas with their families and friends, the parish offices will be closed until Thursday, December 27.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

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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.

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
December 29th and 30th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
January 1st
Holy Day of Obligation
Monday, December 31st at 6pm (anticipation Mass)
Tuesday, January 1st at 9am

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

Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 24 – DEC. 30, 2007

24 Dec	Monday – Vigil of Christmas
3:30 pm	Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
5:30 pm	For the People
10:00 pm	Ida Girolami by The Girolami Family
25 Dec	Tuesday - Nativity of the Lord
9:00 am	Freda & Joseph Jines by Marylyn and Merrill Blackwell
26 Dec	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Communion Service
27 Dec	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Crestwood - Elinor Johnson by Tony Schmoll Family
5:30 pm	Communion Service
28 Dec	Friday
8:30 am	Mary Carrico by Bill Commons
5:30 pm	Communion Service
29 Dec	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
	Saturday Vigil: Holy Family
5:00 pm	Intentions of Arvina Fullner
30 Dec	Sunday – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:30 am	For the People
10:30 am	Mary Frances Dugan by John and Helen Smith
6:00 pm	Joe Ajamie by The Fleak Family

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

December 23 – December 30, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	7:00 pm	Church Decorating
Monday	Parish	Office	Closed
Tuesday	Parish	Office	Closed
		Merry	Christmas!
Wednesday	Parish	Office	Closed
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room

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.**



Please welcome into our Christian Community Molly Kate, daughter of Patrick and Jennifer (Smith) McAndrews and Avery Pamela, daughter of Dwayne and Elizabeth (Connel) McCoy, who were baptized on Sunday, December 16, 2007.

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.



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

God is with us! When Mary conceived through the Holy Spirit, God once and for all stated how important we are to Him. Yet, we freely choose to turn away from God, others, and ourselves. Today's Gospel story reminds us that even in moments of complete uncertainty, God is with us. The advent wreath is now fully lit and reminds us that no darkness overcomes the light of Christ.

ADVENT

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.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - 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.

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



**New Year's Eve Mass of Renewal
SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral**

Celebrate New Year's Eve with the Renewal communities of Central Indiana in a Mass of Thanksgiving for the past year and with prayers for blessings and renewal of faith in the coming year. Songs of worship begin at 11 pm, followed by the Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass led by Fr. Glenn O'Connor. Reception with refreshments provided in the rectory following Mass. For more information please call 317-592-1992 or email ccrci@inholyspirit.org.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of December 15 th and 16 th	\$ 9,183.98
Electronic Contribution 12/4 to 12/10	\$ 3,331.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 341,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 331,472.76
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 9,777.24

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. Although we were hampered by the weather last weekend, up until then we were 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)	\$ 1,225.00

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!



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	14.05 tons	7.23 tons
December	8.39 tons	Not yet available

First Communion Families

Mark your calendar for the Rite of Enrollment for all First Communion candidates on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the 8:30 am Mass. Children who do not attend Little Flower School who have enrolled in the program will begin preparation on Monday, January 14th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. If you have any questions or wish to have your child prepared for First Communion and have not yet enrolled, please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext.33.