

# The Word of God became man and lived among us.



Dear Parish Family,

The entire staff and I hope all of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas. Also, we want to wish you a blessed and happy New Year.

Thank you to all who sent Christmas card and gifts. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me. There is no parish I would rather be than here at Little Flower.

Our Christmas Liturgies were beautiful as they always are. Special thanks to Teresa Eckrich and all the music ministers for the beautiful music at all our Christmas Liturgies. Although Little Flower is often perceived to be an older, smaller parish, our Christmas choir is probably one of the larger in the Archdiocese and represents all ages in the parish, a sign of the continuing life and vitality of Little Flower. As is true every year, our church was beautifully decorated for our first Christmas after the completion of our interior renovations. Special thanks to Mary Martha Costello and the Art and Environment Committee and all the volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas.

Tuesday, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Mary's most ancient title, rooted in Galatians 4:4, is Θεοτοκος (Theotokos) or God-bearer. Masses will be Monday evening at 6 p.m. and Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. January 1<sup>st</sup> is also the World Day of Peace. Our Masses will provide us with an opportunity to honor our Blessed Mother, to pray for world peace, to give thanks for all the blessings of this past year, and to ask God's continued blessings on the New Year.

The parish office will be closed on New Year's Day.

Have a blessed and happy New Year.

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](mailto: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.

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6pm (anticipation Mass)

Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am

## PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

The office will be closed on January 1<sup>st</sup>

# Mass Intentions



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 31- JAN 6, 2007

<b>31 Dec</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
6:00 pm	<b>Vigil – Solemnity of Mary</b> For the People
<b>01 Jan</b>	<b>Tuesday - Solemnity of Mary</b>
9:00 am	Mike Hawkins by The Family
<b>02 Jan</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Margaret Johnson by Arvina Fuller
<b>03 Jan</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 am	Intentions of Greg Ballard by Randall Elliott
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>04 Jan</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Dorothy Meier by Jon Bowling
<b>05 Jan</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
	<b>Saturday Vigil: Epiphany</b>
5:00 pm	Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger & Family
<b>06 Jan</b>	<b>Sunday – Epiphany of the Lord</b>
8:30 am	For the People
10:30 am	Frances Meyers
6:00 pm	Don Steinmetz by The Steinmetz Family

## DATES TO REMEMBER

December 30, 2007 – January 6, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 am	Youth Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Happy</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Year's</b>
	<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Of</b>	<b>Mary – Holy Day</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parish Center	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #787
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Wrestling Sign-ups
<b>Thursday</b>	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Stewardship Commission
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Scout Board Meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting

## 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](mailto:ccrci@inholyspirit.org)

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Christmas Choir will perform the majority of the Christmas Eve program along with special instruments at the 10:30 Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:15. If you couldn't hear the beautiful music on Christmas Eve, come and feast your ears next Sunday on the Epiphany. Regular Adult Choir practice will resume Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>



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 as of 12/7	8.39 tons	6.77 tons

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of December 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> early deadline-not available	
Electronic Contribution 12/11 to 12/17 early deadline-not available	
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 12/16	\$ 341,250.00
Year to Date Collections as of 12/16	\$ 331,472.76
Year to Date DEFICIT as of 12/16	\$ - 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 (as of 12/16)	\$ 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!

**COMING SOON! FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

The pressures of today's economy weigh heavily on many people. With this in mind, Little Flower Church will be sponsoring Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a program that focuses on good money management for people of all income brackets!

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace

Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will **change the way you think about personal finance**. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

In FPU, you will meet with your class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will **change how you think about money**. Dave explains how money really works in a **simple, easy-to-understand style**. You'll actually have fun as you learn!

The preview meeting will be offered twice at Little Flower Parish Center on January 9<sup>th</sup> and again on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings will begin at 7pm and you may attend either one to learn more about the program. Child care will be provided for the preview meetings. The classes will be held on Monday evenings, beginning on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://www.daveramsey.com) and follow the links to Financial Peace University, or call Steve Clegg, Little Flower's Financial Peace University Coordinator at 353-1142.

**East Deanery Girls' Basketball CYO Day**

Scecina invites you and your team to join us for a day of basketball as the Lady Crusaders take on Oldenburg Academy on Sat. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at SMHS. The JV game will begin at noon. CYO girl basketball players are invited to a lunch in the cafeteria between the Lady Crusader JV and Varsity games. CYO teams will be recognized at half-time of the Varsity game. Immediately following the varsity game the Lady Crusaders basketball program welcomes all girls' CYO players and their coaches to the first annual post-game skills and coaching clinic. If you have any questions please contact Coach Steve Burke at [sburke1@indyrr.com](mailto:sburke1@indyrr.com).

**East Deanery Boys' Basketball CYO Night**

Scecina invites you and your team to join us for an evening of basketball as the Crusaders take on Roncalli High School on Saturday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at SMHS. The JV game will begin at 6:00 pm. CYO boys basketball players are invited to dinner including hot dogs, chips and drinks in the cafeteria between the Crusader JV and Varsity games. CYO Teams will be recognized at Half-time of the Varsity game. If you plan to attend please notify your CYO coach.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**Youth choir** - We will sing at the 6:00 pm Mass on January 6<sup>th</sup> (meet in church at 5:00 pm).

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

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

