

Dear Parish Family,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. **On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age

and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal. **Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 19, at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes.**

Our ability to celebrate Easter well, i.e., not just celebrate Jesus' resurrection but our own resurrection to new life with him, depends on how we celebrate Lent.

Lent, however, is not all penance. **One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. I want to encourage everyone to attend and to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend.** The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize. We have not too many of these opportunities recently. Each year I am amazed at the number of people who suggest that we have the Fish Fry all year long.

There has also been some question concerning the proposed altar furnishings. First, it has been suggested that we move one of the original altars. Actually, this was my first thought. Previously the parish had advised that there would have to be major reinforcements to hold it. It was my thought to move either the St. Therese altar or the Blessed Mother altar, which are a more appropriate size for the size of the our proposed sanctuary. The estimate to move either of them was \$20,000+-. Therefore, we asked Bill Weberding from Weberding's Carving Shop in Batesville to look at the church and the plans for the renovation and make some proposals, one of which would be based on the design of the original altars. Mr. Weberding came back with two proposals.

After reviewing both proposals, the Committee decided that the proposal based on the original altar was too expensive, but the other proposal did not fit the traditional architecture and design of the church. Consequently, we asked Mr. Weberding to simplify all the furnishings except the altar, which he did. He came back with a total price far below what Tom Costello or I expected.

However, these furnishings are expensive, we decided that we would not move forward unless donors could be found for them. To this point, all the pieces except the ambo have been donated.

Although we are always called to be good stewards of our resources, we are equally challenged to make our Liturgy as beautiful as it can be. This includes the furnishings of the sanctuary. We must remember the words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council: "the liturgy is the summit toward which all the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fountain from which all her power flows" (SC 10).

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord... Millie Greene Chesterson passed away Sunday, February 11. Please keep Millie and her family in prayer.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 19 – FEB 25, 2007

- 19 Feb Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Dorothy Moody by Rita Foley
- 20 Feb Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Dorothy Meier by Art Meier
- 21 Feb Ash Wednesday**
8:30 am Lawrence Wisthoff by Ruth Wisthoff
6:00 pm Bob Guedel by Anne and Gary Thompson Family
- 22 Feb Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Crestwood – Mary Kot by Carl Madden
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 Feb Friday**
8:30 am William Galluzzi by Roberta Galluzzi and Family
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross and Communion Service
- 24 Feb Saturday**
8:30 am Ruth Skillman by Dennis and Noreen Murphy
5:00 pm **Vigil – First Sunday of Lent**
Dennis Foley by Wallace O'Brien and Fenton Family
- 25 Feb Sunday – First Sunday of Lent**
8:30 am Adele Lawless by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
10:30 am For the People
6:00 pm Leda Hodge by Lynn Bogle

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of February 3rd and 4th	\$ 12,792.76
Electronic Contribution 1/30 to 2/5	\$ 2,490.25
Collection of February 10th and 11th	\$ 12,182.70
Electronic Contribution 2/6 to 2/13	\$ 396.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 436,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 430,008.97
Year to Date deficit	\$ - 6,791.03

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 1,647.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,513.00
Feburary Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,233.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 12/31/2006

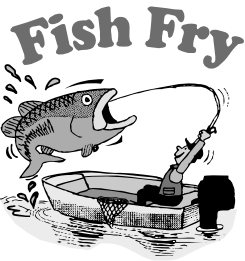
Amount Pledged	\$870,345.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$335,361.00

The confirmation class will meet on Sunday, February 25th from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Only candidates and team members need to attend this session.



Please welcome into our Christian Community Salvador, Arturo Hyde, Isabella Maria, and Edwardo children of Salvador and Clara (Hyde) Rosales who were baptized on Sunday, February 11, 2007.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mark your calendars and invite your friends! **Little Flower Fish Frys** will return on Fridays during Lent, **beginning this Friday, February 23rd**. See the insert in this week's bulletin for detail. Plan now to spend Friday evenings with us. Word of mouth is our best advertising. **Spread the word! Invite your family and friends!** The Ladies Club will be providing the desserts for the card party. If you can help,

please bring your dessert to the kitchen on Friday afternoon.

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of February 12th, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 1,493.50. If you have misplaced the envelope you received in the mail, or if you did not receive one, extras are available at the church doors. The Godparent program assists children of Little Flower Parish families who are unable to bear the entire cost of tuition. Our goal for contributions for this special collection is \$12,000.00 so we have a long way to go. We are hoping that many people can at least make a contribution equal to their regular weekly offering. Some will be able to do more. **Please** be as generous as possible. Envelopes may be placed in the collection basket anytime throughout the months of February or March.



We can earn an extra \$1000.00 for recycling paper! Our recycling company is running a promotion that could allow us to earn an additional \$1,000.00 for the period of January through March.

Our Goal 32.55 tons
Collected as of 2/2/07 10.41 tons

Please tell your family, friends and neighbors to recycle their newspapers here at Little Flower! We will need to pick up the pace slightly to make our goal. No phone books, but catalogs and magazines are acceptable!

Lent is just around the corner and that means it is almost time for Baby Banks. Proceeds from the Baby Banks go to the Gabriel Project, the Respect Life Committee, and to St. Gabriel Church in New Orleans. St. Gabriel just one of the many parishes still trying to recover from Hurricane Katrina and appreciated the help we provided them last year with part of the baby bank proceeds. Banks will be sent home with Little Flower students, and will also be available at the doors to Church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Banks will be collected at the Palm Sunday Masses. Remember even empty banks are worth \$1.25 so please return them. Thank you for your support!

Congratulations to the follow winners who participated in the Chili Olympics on February 10th:
1st Place: Veronica Belles
2nd Place: Tim Rathz
3rd Place: Jim Burks and Tim and Carrie Dowling
Thanks to Bill and Debbie Belles for organizing this event and to all who attended!

Save the Date!

Help Little Flower Neighborhood grow by planting a tree! The Little Flower Neighborhood Association is looking for volunteers to help plant trees on Saturday, June 9th and Saturday, October 20th. More details will be provided later.



THE SCECINA BOOSTER CLUB IS SELLING MULCH

Orders will be taken at the East Deanery Churches after all Masses on March 4, and March 11, or you may mail your order form to Seccina Memorial High School through March 16, 2007. The Booster Club will deliver the mulch to your home on Saturday April 7, 2007. Please make checks payable to Seccina Booster Club. For questions you may call the Seccina Athletic Department at 322-4286.

**ATTENTION PARISH YOUTH
(eighth grade through twelfth grade)**

YOUTH CHOIR - Next Practice - Sunday, February 18th - Please meet in church from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm, We will also meet at 5pm on Sunday February 25th to sing at 6pm Mass.

NEXT YOUTH ROOM - Sunday, March 4th



Dates to Remember

Feb 18 – Feb 25, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	John 23rd	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SvDp
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Tuesday	Holy Family	6:30 pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday		ASH	WEDNESDAY
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl Scouts #799
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Finance Council
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Duffy Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffy Hall	6:00 pm	Scouts Blue and Gold
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Nursery
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	1 st Communion Banner material pick-up
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Prep

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2007 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are June 1, 2, and 3. A kick off meeting will be held on Monday, February 26th at 7:30 pm in the parish center for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.