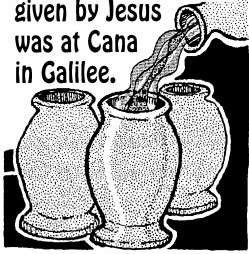


The first of the signs given by Jesus was at Cana in Galilee.



Dear Parish Family,

Today we once again begin wearing green vestments on Sunday until Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, green was the color of hope. We often speak of the theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity or love. We talk a lot about faith and love but not so much about hope. Christian hope has two dimensions: trust and confident

awaiting. We trust that God will fulfill his promises, and so we confidently await their fulfillment.

Last Sunday's Bulletin included two inserts: an executive summary of the results of the parish needs assessment and a description of some of the goals of the commissions, some of the gifts and talents needed, and the names of individuals to contact if you might have the talents and the passion needed for one of these areas of ministry. You will also be receiving a copy of them in the mail.

We believe it is important that all of our registered parishioners receive these documents. Communication is critical in the life of a parish. Therefore, it is important that everyone know what our identified need are and how we plan to address them. Also, it is important that everyone be invited to help meet these needs of our community.

Again, I want to invite and encourage everyone to consider joining one of these commissions. Old sayings often contain a lot of truth: "many hands make light work."

Have a blessed week.

fr. bob



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish Center. This class is required for parents who are requesting baptism for

their child and have not previously attended a preparation class. Please call the parish center at 357-8352 to let us know you plan to attend. Plan ahead, as the next class will not take place until the end of March.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH IN RECOGNITION OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY.**

**Solo Seniors of Indianapolis**

Monthly mini meetings the first Wednesday of each month, 6:30 pm, held at St. Mary's Marian Center, 317 N. New Jersey St, Indianapolis. The social begins at 7:00 pm. (Winter months meetings are subject to change due to weather conditions.) For more detailed information please call Rikki Greene at 885-1517.

All are invited to attend an evening of prayer and reflection on life issues at Saints Peter & Paul Cathedral downtown. Mr. Richard Doerflinger, Deputy Director of the USCCB's Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities in Washington DC, will speak at the Cathedral on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This event occurs in close proximity to the anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade* and is a part of the Cathedral's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.



**Masses of the Week**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 15 - 21, 2007**

- 15 Jan Monday**  
7:00 am Communion Service  
5:30 pm Paul Rosenburger by Art Meier
- 16 Jan Tuesday**  
8:30 am Jim O'Bryan by Madelynn Miller  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 17 Jan Wednesday**  
8:30 am Jean Foor by Mary L. Foor  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 18 Jan Thursday**  
8:30 am Communion Service  
1:30 pm Greentree - Mildred Gilliland by The Family  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 19 Jan Friday**  
8:30 am Denis Foley by Jim and Pat O'Brien  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 20 Jan Saturday**  
8:30 am David Thomas and Julianne Jane Kring by Jeffery and Robin Fites  
**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 pm Anne L Sanders by John Sheehan and Family
- 21 Jan Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:30 am Matej Triska by Arcelia Triska  
10:30 am For The People  
6:00 pm Sandra Dew by The Little Flower Ladies Club



**Dates to Remember**

**JANUARY 15 - 21, 2007**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Parish Office and School</b>		<b>Closed</b>
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Girl Scout # 403
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sewing room	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Girl Scout Trp #258
	St Jerome	6:30 pm	Daisy Girl Scouts
	Church	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Association
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl scouts #799
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #606
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout Meeting
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Boy Scouts
	St Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Social Hall	4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Market Day
	Scout room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Social Hall	7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Middle School Dance
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Social Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Church	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Youth Choir

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The North Deanery Parishes are hosting Matthew Kelly on January 25, 2007 at 7:30 PM. at St. Joan of Arc. His topic is "The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality." Matthew Kelly inspires and challenges us to lead lives full of passion and purpose. In his talk, Matthew will dispel many of the widespread myths surrounding the practice and rejection of Catholicism, while revealing the essence and genius of the Catholic Faith and its relevance in our everyday lives. Don't miss this opportunity! For more information, call 317-283-5508

**Memorial Service for the Unborn and Indy Memorial Walk:** Sunday, January 28, 2-3 p.m. at the Indiana War Memorial Auditorium on the corner of Michigan and Meridian Streets. Join Right to Life of Indianapolis for a prayer service, rose ceremony and peaceful walk to the Monument Circle. Free and open to the public. Looking for people born in 1973 – 2006 to participate in the rose ceremony. For more information, call 317-582-1526.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of January 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 13,876.46
Electronic Contribution 1/2 to 1/8	\$ 2,370.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 368,550.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 367,480.92
Year to Date deficit	\$ - 1,069.08

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,260.08
November Contributions	\$ 1,233.00
December Contributions	\$ 1,647.00
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 989.00

It is not too late to pledge if you have not done so or if you recently have joined the parish. Extra pledge cards are available at each of the doors. Also, if you made a one-time gift last year 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 you donation "Church Brick Project."

#### Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 11/30/2006

Amount Pledged	\$862,045.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$322,061.00

**DON'T FORGET TO REVIEW THE INSERTS IN LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN. THEY ARE ALSO BEING MAILED TO ALL PARISH HOUSEHOLD THIS WEEK. THE INITIATIVE TO INSTITUTE THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMISSIONS PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR STEWARDSHIP. CONSIDER YOUR GIFTS AND MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW!**

The confirmation class will meet on Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Only candidates and team members need to attend this session.



### **The Little Flower Neighborhood Association**

The Little Flower Neighborhood Association meeting is Jan.16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the basement of the Parish Center. We will have two guest speakers that night. The first will be Michael Hager who is with the Marion County Health Department and will do a presentation on pandemic flu and disaster preparedness. The second speaker is Lisa Kochert from Hetrick Communications who will be discussing the Super 70 Project that will close I-70 exits for months at a time this year. Please attend the meeting as both speakers hope for a large turnout.



### **OUR PAPER RECYCLING PROGRAM IS A HUGE SUCCESS**

**We can earn an extra \$1000.00 !**

In November, we recycled 11.71 tons of paper and the parish received a check for \$234.14! 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. All we have to do is collect 32.6 tons during this period. This is definitely a goal that we can reach. Please tell your family, friends and neighbors to recycle their newspapers here at Little Flower!

Several people have asked about the self addressed envelopes that are now included in the bi-monthly mailing of contribution envelopes. These return envelopes are included simply as a convenience to those who, for a variety of reasons, may prefer to mail-in their contribution envelopes.

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

**YOUTH ROOM** - After a long absence, youth room will be open on Sunday January 14<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. Plan to drop in for pizza!

**YOUTH CHOIR** - Our next practice will be Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup> from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are always welcome. Come join us!

### **NEWS FROM THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

SVdP would like to thank all the parishioners that donated their time, gifts and or food to help families in our community during the Holidays. During Thanksgiving, we distributed 61 bags of food, each including a \$10 Kroger certificate. At Christmas, SVdP helped 59 Nursing Homes residents and distributed gifts for 55 families (161 children) all through your participation in the Giving Tree program. In addition, 58 bags of food with a \$10 gift certificate to Kroger in each bag. None of this could be possible without the generosity of people of Little Flower Parish!



### **LITTLE FLOWER ADULT VOLLEYBALL**

Final sign-ups for Winter/Spring league will be Friday, January 19th at 8:30 pm in the gym. All adults 19 years and older are welcome. The cost is \$10 per person for a season of fun! If you have any questions please call Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124.