

Dear Parish Family,

Thanks to all who made a special effort to welcome me back from vacation. Vacation was good. I spent the first week at Lake Gage in Steuben County. From there, I drove to Cleveland where I baptized a first cousin, twice removed, on my mother's side of the family. While I was there, I also had dinner with a first cousin, twice removed, on my father's side of the family and her mother. I then drove back to the lake for two more days before returning home.

Whenever I am gone on vacation and return, I am especially grateful to our parish staff for their commitment to the parish. While I am away, I know that I do not have to worry about anything here in the parish.

Next Sunday will be Fr. Dave's last weekend with us. Therefore, he will preach at all the Masses. Father Dave continues to support the education of students in the Philippines. However, because of the second collection this weekend for the Notre Dame Sisters, we will take up a special collection for Fr. Dave on the weekend of August 11-12 to thank him for his month with us and to help him support his students.

Pope John Paul II frequently emphasized that young people are not only the future of the Church but its present as well. Unfortunately, sometimes our high school and college students and some of their parents lose their connection to the parish after grade school. As a parish, we want very much to continue to reach out to our young people and their families. They and their futures are very important to us, and we need to find ways to be sure they know that.

Therefore, I would like strongly to encourage high school and college students and their parents to attend the 6 p.m. Mass next Sunday, August 4. During Mass, there will be a special blessing for the students. After Mass, there will be a simple dinner in Duffy Hall for high school and college students and their families. Please RSVP to the parish center this week.

By now most of you have heard that the parish center was burglarized between 10:45 p.m. Friday night, July 20, and 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, July 21. Paradoxically, the Little Flower Neighborhood Association was scheduled to host a Crime Busters' Cookout on the grounds of Little Flower that Saturday afternoon. All the various speakers encouraged organizing Crime Watch on every block. They emphasized our need to watch out for each other and to report suspicious people and activities to the police. Let us all try to be good neighbors to each other.

Mass of Anointing

On Saturday, August 4th at the 5 pm Mass, we will celebrate a community Mass of Anointing of the Sick. Once called "Last Rites," anointing is no longer reserved for the dying, but is seen as a sacrament of inner healing. The Rite of Anointing suggests the following guidelines for those who wish to be anointed: "Great care should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament...A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present." (Rite 8, 10, & 11) If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Bob or Georgia.

Religious Education

Religious Education for children entering kindergarten through 8th grade, who do not attend Little Flower School, will begin in September. Please call Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext. 33 to register. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30am to 10:25 am. Parents this is a wonderful opportunity to build community with your child as well as hand down our faith teachings.

Special thanks to Julie Young for her article on the missing church windows. Her article entitled "Where are the Windows?" appeared in the *Indianapolis Star East* on Thursday, July 12th. Although we have received no leads on where the windows might be, we have received some offers of copies of pictures of the windows. Also, thanks to Sharon Rocchio who also wrote an article entitled "Can You Solve the Mystery of the Missing Windows?" This will appear in our alumni newsletter.

Congratulations to Chris Young, Julie's son, who will become an Eagle Scout at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor this Sunday, July 29th, at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Church. His Eagle Scout project was to clean and renovate the Scout Room in the parish center. The parish, and especially the Scouts, thank him for all his hard work. The room looks at least 1000 times better than it did.

Finally, several Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg with connections to Little Flower are celebrating jubilees in 2007. Special congratulations to Sister Catherine Raters, a daughter of the parish and a current parishioner of the parish, who is celebrating her 60th anniversary.

Likewise, congratulations to Sr. Therese de Lourdes Galm, who is celebrating her 75th anniversary. Sister Therese de Lourdes taught at Little Flower from 1939-1942. Congratulations to Sr. Jacinta Stein, who is celebrating her 60th anniversary. She taught here from the school year 1959-60. Last, but not least, congratulations to Sr. Irene Hoff, who is celebrating her 60th anniversary. She is the sister and sister-in-law of Dorothy and Art Meier. If you know any of these sisters or if you were taught by any of them, I would encourage you to send them an anniversary greeting.

Have a wonderful week.

Fr. Bob

Mass Intentions**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30 – AUGUST 5, 2007**

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| 30 July | Monday |
| 8:30 am | For the Intentions of Fr. Dave Sullivan by Dottie Spalding |
| 5:30 pm | Frank Capozza |
| 31 July | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Jerry Whitaker by The Bernauer Family |
| 5:30 pm | Joseph C. Binder by Harry Fox |
| 01 Aug | Wednesday |
| 8:30 am | Patricia McConahay by Kathleen White |
| 5:30 pm | Mary "Edie" Williams by John and Vickie Williams |
| 02 Aug | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | Frank Houser by Pauline Buckley |
| 5:30 pm | Pam Connel |
| 03 Aug | Friday |
| 8:30 am | Mary Kot by Jim and Pat Dunn |
| 5:30 pm | Emil Streicher by David and Mary Abel |
| 04 Aug | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Saturday Vigil: The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Anointing of the Sick) – Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger |
| 05 Aug | Sunday – The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:30 am | For the Intentions of Fr. Bob Gilday by Mary Anne Lundy |
| 10:30 am | For the Intentions of Pat Reese by Pat Gandolph |
| 6:00 pm | For the Parish |

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

USE OF THE PARISH CENTER

Please be sure any meeting that you intend to hold at the parish center is on the parish calendar. You may phone Jeannie Zimmerman at 357-8352 or reach her by e-mail at jjzimmerman@littleflowerparish.org. We want to be sure we have the most up to date information so that you don't find the doors locked when you arrive. It is also very important that you notify Jeannie whenever a scheduled meeting is cancelled or rescheduled.

**DATES TO REMEMBER
JULY 30 – AUGUST 5, 2007**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
Tuesday	Church	10:00 am - 10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
Thursday	Church	10:00 am - 10:45 am	Childrens Choir Practice
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Festival Wrap-up Meeting
Saturday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffy Hall	8:00 am	School Clean-up Day
	Church	8:30 am	Children's Choir Sings
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

Congratulations

Please welcome into our Christian Community Shannon Marina, daughter of John and Keeley (Carson) Cooke, baptized on Sunday, July 22, 2007.



Plan to attend the annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 19th after the 10:30 am Mass.

This year's picnic will be conveniently located on the grounds of Little Flower Parish. In the event that it rains, we will be in Duffy Hall. Watch for more details next week on this FUN event!

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

Please let us know of any changes for the next schedule (September-November) by August 12th.

- Eucharistic Ministers please e-mail Ron Sharp at giboshihoosier@aol.com or call at 356-3488.
- Altar Servers please e-mail Lisa Gibbons at lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org or call 357-8352 ext. 33.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister, please contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488. We need ministers at the 10:30 am and 6:00 pm Masses. What a great way to serve our Lord!

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

Any child entering the 6th grade and above this fall are invited to become an Altar Server. Please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext 33 to sign up. Training will begin the end of August.



School Clean-up Day

Our annual school clean-up day is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 4th from 8am – 12pm. This is a perfect opportunity to exercise good stewardship by pitching in to help prepare school for opening day. All parishioners and school families are welcome. Attendance at this annual clean-up day has been dismal the last several years. Please consider donating a few hours of your time this year. Please bring extra ladders and cleaning supplies.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of July 21 st and 22 nd	\$ 9,066.69
Electronic Contribution 7/17 to 7/23	\$ 395.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 54,600.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 49,657.05
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ -4,942.95
Deficit for Fiscal Year 2006-2007	\$ -10,513.38

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$ 1,422.00
June Contributions	\$ 1,571.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,266.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 5/31/2007

Amount Pledged	\$875,665.40
Amount Received on Pledges	\$450,583.00



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR is scheduled to sing at 6pm Mass on August 5th. Meet in church at 5pm.

OUT NEXT SUMMER COOK OUT will be at Little Flower on Thursday, August 9th from 7pm until 9pm. Please call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org so we know how much to cook!

Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of May thru August that could allow us to earn an additional \$1,000.00, and our past success indicates we can do this again!

Our Goal 45.64 tons
Amount collected by 7/13/07 25.88 tons
Only four weeks to go. Please continue to tell your family, friends and neighbors to recycle their newspapers here at Little Flower! No phone books, but catalogs and magazines are acceptable!

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE STUDENTS & FAMILIES



We will be welcoming our high school and college students in a special way to 6pm Mass on Sunday August 5th. There will be a blessing for them and their upcoming year during mass.

Following Mass, we will offer a dinner for them and their families in the social hall. Please plan to join us! **RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352**



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, July 30th 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 September.

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