



Dear Parish Family,

Happy Fathers' Day! Fathers' Day is not just a day to celebrate birth fathers but all fathers. After all, St. Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. In the Old Testament, we are reminded that to live well with others, we have to make our own the attitudes and values of God in dealing with us. In other words, one of the most important gifts fathers give their children is the gift of good example. As is often written, children learn what they live and live what they learn.

Once again, congratulations to the Scecina Memorial High School Girls' Softball Team who are Division 2 State Champions. Head coach Tom Moorman is a parishioner, and several Little Flower girls play on the team. As I commented at Mass, many parishioners, especially some of our older parishioners, have been very invested in the team's success. Again, this is a sign of the close bond between Little Flower and Scecina Memorial High School.

Recently I received an anonymous note listing the cost of the new ambo, credence table, chair, and table, adding them together, and then commenting "DON'T THROW OUR MONEY AWAY."

Several things about this note disturb me. First, it was anonymous. It is very difficult to take anonymous notes and letters seriously, and it is impossible to respond directly to the person who wrote it.

Second, when we started this project and several times during the project, we stated that no parish money would be used to purchase the new altar furnishings, and none has been or will be used. Each of these pieces has been donated by parishioners.

Third, these new furnishings are being purchased to enhance our Liturgy, our worship of God. I have to be concerned if parishioners believe that spending money to enhance the worship of God is throwing money away. How we, any of us, choose to spend our money is a reflection of our values.

Also, when the furnishings were being designed, the Committee decided that we wanted an altar that would replicate the original altars in the Church. Mr. Weberding then designed the remaining furniture to complement the altar. Because the cost appeared too much, we asked him to re-design them more simply, which he did. These were the furnishings ordered.

Sometimes a historical perspective is helpful. From the best records I can find, the original high altar in this church cost \$10,000 in 1962 and was donated by the Ladies' Altar Society. If we convert \$10,000 in 1962 dollars into 2006 dollars, and if I used the calculator correctly, the original high altar would cost \$67,700 in 2006 dollars!

Finally, if you have small children, please do not forget to register them for Bible School.

Have a great week.

fr. bob

Help Needed



The Little Flower SvdP Food Pantry is in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, boxed macaroni and cheese, canned meats, canned fruits. Please drop off items in the SvdP cart in the gathering area.



Mass Schedule

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 – JUNE 24, 2007

- 18 June**
 - 7:00 am **Monday** Communion Service
 - 5:30 pm Anthony Mauer by Mildred Mauer
- 19 June**
 - 8:30 am **Tuesday** Communion Service
 - 5:30 pm Dorothy Moody by The Moody Family
- 20 June**
 - 7:00 am **Wednesday** Communion Service
 - 11:00 am Adventurousome Group Mass – Catherine Dangler by Mary Helen and Norb Arvin
 - 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 21 June**
 - 8:30 am **Thursday** Communion Service
 - 1:30 pm Greentree - John McCracken
 - 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 22 June**
 - 8:30 am **Friday** Mary Edith Williams by Dottie Spalding
 - 5:30 pm Communion Service
- 23 June**
 - 8:30 am **Saturday Vigil: The Nativity of John the Baptist** Special Intentions of Ed and Joann Milligan by The Tuesday Night Bridge Club
 - 5:00 pm Clifford Fuller by Arvina Fuller
- 24 June**
 - 8:30 am **Sunday – The Nativity of John the Baptist** Alma Thamann by The Ladies Club
 - 10:30 am For the People
 - 6:00 pm Mary Hickman by The Sampson Family

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

JUNE 18 – JUNE 24, 2007

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	John 23 rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffy Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

Adventurousome Group News

The Adventurousome Group will meet Wednesday, June 20. We will begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by a High Tea. Ladies, bring out those hats (and gloves, if you have them!) Men are certainly also welcome. Please call the Parish Center to RSVP.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Adoration Chapel Hours Available

Current open hours in the Adoration Chapel are as follows:

SUN	TUES	THURS	FRI	SAT
1PM	9PM	6AM	1PM	9AM
2PM	11PM	12N	10PM	1PM
4PM		5PM		3PM
5PM				4PM

If interested, please contact Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546.



Register Now!

There is still time to register your children for our new and exciting Catholic Vacation Bible School! Sign up sheets are in the gathering area. Please sign up after Mass. VBS will be held on June 25 - 29, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

The registration fee of \$10.00 per child will be collected the first night. VBS is open to children in grades Pre K to 4th in the fall. There will be cool crafts, fun games, upbeat music, hands on activities and Irish snacks! Come join the fun!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of June 9 th and 10 th	\$ 12,164.73
Electronic Contribution 6/5 to 6/11	\$ 395.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 668,850.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 662,688.80
Year to Date deficit	\$ -6,161.20

Because June 30 is the end of the fiscal year it is a bit more critical that we maintain our Sunday collection. Thank you in advance to your faithfulness to your regular stewardship commitment. If you have fallen behind in your stewardship commitment and find yourself in a position to "make up", please consider doing so before June 30th

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 1,377.00
April Contributions	\$ 1,512.00
May Contributions	\$ 1,422.00
June Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,312.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 4/30/2007

Amount Pledged	\$874,665.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$439,958.00

RETROUVAILLE (*REH-trō-vī*) is an alternative to ongoing conflict in a marriage or divorce. Interested couples are invited to attend the upcoming **Retrouvaille Weekend**, scheduled for July 13-15, 07 at Fatima Retreat House, 5353 East 56th Street in Indianapolis. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry program for couples suffering pain and disillusionment in their marriage, even for those who are already separated or divorced, and it is open to couples of all faiths.

If there are questions, please contact The Office of Family Ministries at (317) 236-1586 or 1-800-382-9836 or contact the Retrouvaille Hotline at (317) 738-1448 or mhess@archindy.org

Duvall Center Job Fair

The Duvall Center is holding a job fair on Wednesday, June 27, from 2:00PM - 6:00PM and on Thursday, June 28, from 9:00AM - 1:00PM. The job fair will include representatives from Securalex (security staff); Marion County Community Correction (case managers, maintenance and administrative staff); and Canteen (food service). These representatives will be available to talk to potential hires. Job resumes will be accepted. Applications will be taken by Securalex and Canteen. Referrals will be made to Marion County human resources Department. All applicants and/or interested parties will enter through the Visitor's Entrance, located at the corner of 18th Street and Ludlow Avenue. If there are any questions or concerns, contact Christy Smeehuizen at 327-2524.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

*Youth choir will meet for practice on Sunday, June 17th at 7pm in church. New members are always welcome!

Youth room will be open on Sunday, June 24th, beginning after the 6pm Mass, until 9pm. Please stop in for pizza!

Mark your calendars for the annual bus trip to King's Island on Wednesday, July 25th. Incoming eighth graders will be welcome to attend this trip, as well as all high school students. Call Tom at the parish center or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org for permission slip and more info.



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

Amount collected by 6/01/07

45.64 tons

10.62 tons

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!

Summerfest 2007

All of the festival bills are in and we are happy to report a net profit from the festival of \$46,500.00! Leading the way and contributing over 1/2 of our total profit were our raffle and our silent auction. Although our profit was a quite a bit higher last year, we were faced with some less than ideal weather on Saturday night. Even though people in the immediate area thought the ill-timed rain was not so significant, it was much heavier in places less than a mile away! We have to assume that kept many people home, as Saturday was the day we showed significant decreases. As planned, \$20,000 of these profits will to our parish operating budget and over \$26,000 will be placed in the restricted fund to assist with our church masonry repairs.

A final thank you goes out to all of our volunteers and to all those who supported the festival in any way. It's not all about the financial outcome – our volunteers did an outstanding job and everyone who attended had a great time!