**Dear Parish Family,**

As you can see, work on the church has begun! Amen! I was going to say, "Amen. Alleluia!" However, there are no Alleluia's during Lent.

I am always delighted to report good news about Little Flower School to you. John Schacter, Ph.D., has been hired by the Archdiocese to do a value-added analysis of the ISTEP scores for our schools. As Kevin Gawrys reported at Mass a few weeks ago, the federal government recently denied Indiana's request to be recognized as a growth model because ISTEP does not report student growth. The only three states to be granted growth-models were states that used the value-added method of reporting for schools.

As we have reported previously, our statistics over the last ten years have shown that the longer students are at Little Flower, the better they do. Although our scores are not as high as we would like them to be or as high as many of our Catholic school counterparts, Dr. Schacter's analysis of ISTEP scores over the last couple of years reveals that Little Flower students are outgaining the average Archdiocesan schools by 6% in Language Arts and by 17% in Mathematics. Also, our students are outgaining the average in every single one of the thirteen subtests of the ISTEP test. Congratulations to our faculty, students, administration, and parents!

We have had to close the Blessed Sacrament Chapel several times in the several weeks because of the weather. What this has meant is that we have returned the Blessed Sacrament to the tabernacle. In questions and conversations, I have gotten the impression that many of our parishioners and those who adore equate perpetual adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a book titled Thirty-One Questions on Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Answering the question "What is the difference between perpetual adoration and perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament?" the bishops respond,

The Blessed Sacrament may be adored while contained in the tabernacle for an extended period of time; this is called 'perpetual adoration.' Perpetual exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is a liturgical act whereby the consecrated host is placed in a ciborium or in a monstrance outside of the tabernacle for an extended period of time so that the faithful may gather together to pray before the exposed Eucharist.

When the weather is bad, we are particularly concerned for some of the elderly adorers. Therefore, we repose the Blessed Sacrament. However, perpetual adoration is still possible.

Congratulations and thanks to Charlie Bauerle. For over thirty years, he has served as Little Flower's Scoutmaster. Last Saturday, at the Blue & Gold dinner, he formally retired. There are no adequate words to thank Charlie who has given so much of himself for the young people of Little Flower. Neither he nor we will ever know how many lives he touched. We wish Greg Holle the best as the new Scoutmaster.

Finally, thanks to Greg Holle, Shawn Keenan, and Amelia Keenan who stayed after the Blue & Gold dinner to clean up a flood in the kitchen caused by the storm. One of the things that makes Little Flower special is the numbers who have a strong sense of ownership for the parish.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



Eternal Rest grant unto him, O Lord....
Jason Bowman passed away February 22.
Please keep Jason and his mother, Patricia
Bowman, in your prayers.

Wanted--eucharistic ministers to serve as head ministers. Persons should be dependable, responsible, and respectful of the eucharist. Especially short at the 10:30 AM Mass. Please call Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or e-mail at giboshihoosier@aol.com



Please welcome into our Christian Family Ashley Nicole, daughter of Marshall and Emily (Mersich) Myers, baptized on Sunday, February 25, 2007.

**Mass Intentions****MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 5 - 11, 2007**

05 Mar	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Jean Meredith by Madelynn Miller
06 Mar	Tuesday
8:30 am	Rosemary Surface by Pattiann Sharp
5:30 pm	Communion Service
07 Mar	Wednesday
8:30 am	Mary Pesut by Mary Mulhern
5:30 pm	Communion Service
08 Mar	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Dorothy Moody by The Moody Family
09 Mar	Friday
8:30 am	Dr. John Nohl by Jim and Loretta Miller
5:30 pm	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
10 Mar	Saturday
8:30 am	John Clegg by Helen Griffin
	Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Dennis Clark by The McAfee Family
11 Mar	Sunday - Third Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	Lucille Jarboe by The Little Flower Ladies Club
10:30 am	Jim Litzelman by Jim and Loretta Miller
6:00 pm	For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of February 24 th and 25 th	\$ 10,961.98
Electronic Contribution 2/21 to 2/27	\$ 406.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 464,100.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 453,620.74
Year to Date deficit	\$ -10,479.26

Home Improvement Fund

December Contributions	\$ 1,647.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,513.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,576.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 1/30/2006

Amount Pledged	\$872,455.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$388,467.00

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

YOUTH CHOIR - We will meet at 5pm on Sunday, March 4th to sing at 6 pm Mass.

NEXT YOUTH ROOM - Sunday, March 4th

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Dates to Remember

Mar 5 - 11, 2007

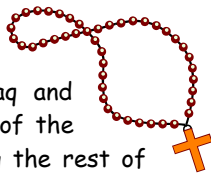
DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Monday	Scout Room	3:15 pm	Girl Scouts #1777
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Stewardship Committee
	Holy Family	6:30 pm	Daisy Scouts
	Parish Center	7:00pm	RCIA
Wednesday	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study Group
	Scout room	2:30 pm	Jr girl Scouts #799
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Respect Life
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	School Commission
Thursday	Scout room	7:00 pm	Wolf Scout
	Scout Room	3:15 pm	Girl Scout #1777
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Tiger Boy Scouts
	Duffy Hall	8:00 pm	LFAA
Friday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
	Duffy Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
Saturday	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	5:00 pm	RCIA First Scrutiny
	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

Spanish Class

Continuing Spanish Conversation classes will take place on Monday, March 19th or Thursday, March 22nd at the Parish Center. Some previous knowledge of Spanish is suggested. We will meet from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for eight weeks. The cost is \$65.00. Please call 356-2608 for more information.

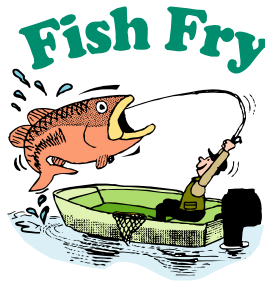
Lenten Project

The Little Flower Ladies Club will be collecting Rosaries for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. There will be a box at each of the Church doors, marked for Rosaries, during the rest of Lent. Thank you for your help in this project.



Eastside Deanery Ice Skating Extravaganza

Please join us at Ellenberger Park, on March 4th, from 12:00 pm until 2:00pm, for Family Ice Skating. The cost is \$3.00 per person, not to exceed \$12 per family. This includes skates and admission. Parent or guardian must accompany child, seating is limited, dress appropriately, vending available, but no concession.



Thanks to the Little Flower PTO for their help at the fish fry last Friday. This Friday, join our school and parish staff at the Fish Fry. Serving takes place from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. and carry out service is available. Our Ladies Club is providing desserts each week. If you can help, please bring your

dessert to the kitchen on Friday afternoon. **Word of mouth is our best advertising. Spread the word! Invite your family and friends!**

GODPARENT PROGRAM

As of February 12th, our Annual Collection for the Godparent Program stands at \$ 2,858.50. 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.

INFORMATION FOR LENT

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 12th at 7 p.m. at **Our Lady of Lourdes**. Please plan to attend.



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
Amount collected by 2/16/07

32.55 tons
13.91 tons

The snow definitely has slowed down our effort! 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!

Don't forget to pick up a baby bank and save your loose change as a way of almsgiving during Lent. Proceeds from the Baby Banks go to the Gabriel Project, the Respect Life Committee, and St. Gabriel Parish in New Orleans. Banks will be collected at the Palm Sunday Masses.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2007 planning has begun. Our festival dates for this year at June 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

For Rummage Sale donations, please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288.

The Silent Auction team needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, Debbie Burks at 353-1192, or Rosemary Armour at 357-0284 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00.