

**Dear Parish Family,**

Next Sunday, April 27, seventeen children will receive their First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please say special prayers for them this week, and, if possible, please come to the 10:30 a.m. to celebrate their First Communion with them. Because of the small number of children, the Mass will only be a few minutes longer than a normal Sunday Mass.

Some parishioners have told me that they avoid the First Communion Mass because in the past parishioners were discouraged from coming unless they had someone receiving First Communion. However, they were told this when First Communion classes were large and all the places in Church were needed for the First Communicants, their families, and their friends. Your presence at their First Communion will help them recognize the importance of their First Communion and their importance to our parish.

*Summerfest 2008* is fast approaching. Special thanks to all those who are already working hard to prepare for our annual festival. Profits from *Summerfest* are very important to the parish. The first \$20,000 in profit helps us meet ordinary expenses. The remainder of this year's profits will go to our brick replacement project. It is our fervent hope that we will be able to complete this project without needing to borrow money from the Archdiocese. If there are festival profits that are in excess of what is needed for the church project, they will be used to address major resurfacing needs on our church/school parking lot.

The success of *Summerfest* hinges on all of us working together to make our festival a success. One of the most important things we all can do is to talk up the festival to everyone we know, especially our extended families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. We need to come ourselves and encourage them to come.

You will soon receive your raffle tickets in the mail. Please make an extra effort to sell them and, if possible, to sell additional tickets. The raffle has always been the primary fund-raising portion of the festival. Also, the raffle is the only part of the festival that is not primarily dependent on good weather. Please do your best!

Last Sunday, after my announcement about the vandalism done to the Church, many of you stopped to express concern and to offer potential leads on the vandals. I very much appreciated both your expressions of concern and your tips. As I tried to say, Little Flower Church is **our** church home. Vandalism done to our church is the same as vandalism done to our homes. Please keep your eyes open for suspicious activity around the church, especially with the construction going on, and report any suspicious activity to the police.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers**

The June-July-August schedule will be coming out next month. Please get your schedule changes to me by May 4th.

Eucharistic Ministers please call or email Ron Sharp at 356-3488 (leave a message) e-mail address [giboshihoosier@aol.com](mailto:giboshihoosier@aol.com).

Altar Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 or [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org). Thank you for your participation and cooperation.

**Mass Intentions****MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 21 – APR. 27, 2008**

<b>21 Apr</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Helen Perrey by Jerry and Mary Erlenbaugh
<b>22 Apr</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Elaine Sauer by JoEllen and Mike Eaton
<b>23 Apr</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:30 am	Patrick and Marguerite Walsh by Peggy Walsh
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
1:30 pm	Crestwood – Edith Miles
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 am	Robert Guedel by Kathleen J. White
5:30 am	Communion Service
<b>26 Apr</b>	<b>Saturday – Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Marian Kebe by The Downs Family
<b>27 Apr</b>	<b>Sunday – Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>
8:30 am	Lawrence Wisthoff by Ruth Wisthoff
10:30 am	Dorothy Moody by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
6:00 pm	For The People

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**April 21 - 25, 2008**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church/Duffey Hall	11:30 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion walk through & lunch
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer group
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Financial Peace
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
<b>Tuesday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Finance Council
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scout Trp # 799
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scout Trp# 787
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Cub Scout Pack Meeting
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	10:30 am	First Communion Mass

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Tom will be out of the office from Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of April 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	please check back in two weeks
Electronic Contribution 4/8 to 4/14	please check back in two weeks
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 4/5/08	\$ 559,650.00
Year to Date Collections as of 4/5/08	\$ 561,418.36
Year to Date as of 4/5/08	\$ + 1,768.36

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 1,458.00
February Contributions	\$ 1,593.00
March Contributions	\$ 1,234.00
April Contributions (to date as of 4/5)	\$ 873.75

Godparent Program for Tuition Assistance

2008 Contributions to date	\$ 6,601.00
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THANK YOU!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 2/28/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,165.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$622,040.00
Pledges available for use for brick project	\$359,540.00

**Youth News**

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will not practice on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at 5pm in church.

Youth room - Youth room will be open on Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. All are welcome

**LITTLE FLOWER'S HOUSE IN HAITI**

Thanks to your generosity, Little Flower Parish will be building a house in Haiti. The respect life committee donated their proceeds from the coin banks to the Haiti project. That added to the fish fry collections and the parish portion of the coin banks brought us within about \$480.00. Three parishioner donors who had asked to be informed of how close we were have donated the balance. This is a wonderful accomplishment for our parish, and a great recognition of our desire to help the poor in other areas of the world. As we receive more information regarding the house, will definitely pass it along.

**GOLFERS- IT'S TIME TO REGISTER**

**We need your help! - Don't put it off any longer!**

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be SATURDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Our hope is that this move to Saturday will enable more people to attend! Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. Business sponsorships are at several levels are also available. Information/registration forms are available at each of the church doors. Call the parish center if you need a form mailed to you, or call Kevin Egan at 351-1074 for more information.

prizes this time, we did earn nearly \$400.00 in March for the paper we recycled in just one month! The company is restructuring their incentive program. In the meantime, please keep recycling and encourage your friends, neighbors, and family to recycle here!

**Tea Outing For The Ladies Of The Parish**

Does dining on Chicken Velvet Soup, Hawaiian Chicken Salad or a Monte Cristo sandwich dust off some memories? A social tea accompanied with an Indiana State Museum outing is being planned. Yes, the renowned L. S. Ayres Tearoom will be visited on Saturday, May 10th at Noon. Reservations accompanied by a \$10.00 deposit which includes admission to the Museum are due no later than April 26th. Checks are payable to Eileen Walters and submitted to her home address of 6137 East Southern Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203. If you have any questions, please contact Eileen at 353-9243 or Rita Chapman at 356-7116.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, May 12<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 July.

**FESTIVAL NEWS**

**SUMMERFEST 2008 planning has begun.** Our summer festival dates this year are May 30<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>. The next planning meeting will be Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish center

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

**For the Silent Auction** call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473 or Rosemary Armour at 357-0284 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00. The silent auction is a large part of festival profits and your help is much needed.

**BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS are available for the festival.** Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships are \$200.00 or \$350.00 each, depending on the sponsorship level. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Tom and he will mail information to them.

**YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET?** Call Jeannie at the Parish Center at 357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival. Please call the parish center even if you had a sign last year, so we know it is OK to place one in your yard again.

**Cards anyone?**

Dust off your Euchre skills! We're hosting another night out, this time we will focus on card games. We'll provide snacks, cola and several decks of playing cards, you bring the fun! If you'd like to play a game that requires a special deck (like UNO) bring it along and if you can get a babysitter, bring your husband, too. Mark your calendar, the fun begins on Monday, April 28th at 7pm in Duffey Hall. If you have any questions, call Casady Williamson at 353-9841.

Next weekend is the annual collection for the *Catholic Home Missions*. This appeal is an expression of communion among U.S. parishes because it allows more prosperous congregations to offer the poorer ones practical support. Please use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet and be as generous as possible.

**Little Flower Athletic Association News**

We have elected our new officers and we have two vacant positions. See below for details. If you are interested in helping out or need more details please contact Chris Johnson at 357-8550.



The results of the latest paper recycling contest are in. Although we did not win one of the incentive

President -- Tim Smith  
Vice President -- Vacant  
Treasurer -- Chris Johnson  
Secretary -- Vacant  
Male At Large -- Adam Mueller  
Female At Large -- Susan Spilly-Lee