



Let all the EARTH
cry out to GOD with joy.

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations to our seventeen First Communicants and their families. Special thanks to Julie Mennel and Lisa Gibbons who

prepared them for First Communion.

May is the traditional month in which we honor the Blessed Mother. We will celebrate May Crowning this Friday, May 2, at the 8:30 a.m. Liturgy. This year the 8th graders have invited the First Communicants to be part of the May Crowning ceremony.

On April 19, Sister Helen Lawrence, O.S.F., formerly Sr. Cherubine, died. Sister taught here at Little Flower from 1936-1944. Please pray for her and her family. Also, on December 17, 2007, Sister Boniface Konrad, O.S.F., died. She taught here at Little Flower in 1958-59 and later taught at Scecina Memorial High School. Sister was born in Zemun, Yugoslavia, into a loving German family. Please also pray for her and her family. Finally, Mrs. Eloise Bureker, who taught at Little Flower from 1955-1967, died July 1, 2007. She was an artist in Nashville, Indiana. Please pray for her and her family.

Some of you may remember Rosemary Cleveland, a former parishioner of Little Flower. She is the mother of Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, O.S.F. Sr. Jean Marie is one of our outstanding alumnae. Rosemary will be 98 on May 4. I am sure Rosemary would appreciate hearing from her friends here at Little Flower. Her address is: 2345 West 86th Street, Apt. 301, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Recently *The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America* published some interesting statistics about the Catholic Church in the United States. When Pope John Paul II visited the first time in 1979, there were 49.6 million Catholics. In 2007, there were 64.4 million Catholics. In 1979, Catholics were 23% of the total national population. In 1999, the year of Pope John Paul's last visit, there were 59.2 million Catholics, and Catholics were 26% of the total national population. In 2007, Catholics were 21% of national population. In 1979, there were 58,430 priests; in 2007, there were 41,450 priests. In 1979, there were 18,700 parishes; in 2007, there were 18,640 parishes.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Thanks be to God a number of hours have been filled recently! However we still have hours available to fill. Please see below.

"Blood, symbol of the love of the Good Shepherd, flows into us especially in the Eucharistic mystery: 'The Eucharist draws us into Jesus' act of self-oblation...we enter into the very dynamic of His self-giving.' (Pope Benedict XVI "Encyclical Deus caritas est. 13)

The current open hours are as follows:

- Sunday** 4am, 9:30am, 10:30am, 11:30am, 12noon, 11pm
- Monday** 11pm
- Tuesday** 12mn, 7pm, 8pm
- Wednesday** 9:30am, 7pm
- Thursday** 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 8am, 7pm, 8pm
- Friday** 3am, 1pm, 11pm
- Saturday** 4pm

If interested, please contact Bobbie Lawless @ 357-3546. Thank you and may God bless you!

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers

The June-July-August schedule will be coming out next month. We need any changes to your schedule by May 4th. Eucharistic Ministers please call or email Ron Sharp at 356-3488 (leave a message) e-mail address giboshihoosier@aol.com.

Altar Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 or ljbibbons@littleflowerparish.org. Thank you for your participation and cooperation.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 28 – MAY 4, 2008

- 28 Apr Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Ann Bingham by Dottie Spalding
- 29 Apr Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Marcia Duncan by Dr. John P. Fleming
- 30 Apr Wednesday**
8:30 am Benard Deck by Paty Haley Espich
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 01 May Thursday**
8:30 am Berta Smole by Roberta Galluzzi
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 02 May Friday**
8:30 am Elinor Johnson by Frank and Kathy Evans
5:30 am Communion Service
- 03 May Saturday – Vigil Seventh of Easter**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm Edward Juniper by Helen Juniper
- 04 May Sunday – Seventh Sunday of Easter**
8:30 am For the Intentions of Matt and Mary Helen Eckrich by The Eckrich Family
10:30 am Eileen Reel by Linda Bear
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 April 12th and 13th	please check back next week
Electronic Contribution 4/8 to 4/14	please check back next week
Collection of April 19th and 20th	please check back next week
Electronic Contribution 4/15 to 4/21	please check back next week
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

61st Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

The 61st annual Mother's Day breakfast will be Sunday, May 11, 2008 following the 8:30 am Mass. Doors open at 9:30 am and serving will begin at 10 am in Duffy Hall. All current and past adult women of the parish, 18 years and older, are invited. (No children please). All men are invited to help serve breakfast. Sponsored by The Little Flower Athletic Association.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Congratulations to Jeff Fleak on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. Jeff was a member of Pact 126 at Little Flower and is a member of Troop 8 at Our Lady of Lourdes. His Eagle Court of Honor was held last Sunday, April 20th, at Camp Belzer

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2008 planning has begun. Our summer festival dates this year are May 30th, May 31st, and June 1st. **The next planning meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 8:00 pm in the parish center**

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.

Over the next two weekends you will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for SUMMERFEST. Check the sign-up sheets in the gathering area after all Masses beginning next weekend.

RAFFLE TICKETS were mailed this week. *Please do all you can to sell your raffle tickets. The festival will not be successful without the success of the raffle. Extra tickets are available at all of the church doors. Sold tickets and money can be mailed or brought into the parish center or placed in the collection basket. Please take note of the new Early Bird Drawing. Both the purchaser and the seller of one lucky ticket will win \$250.00 on May 18th. Also, the seller of each of the winning tickets drawn at the festival will receive \$100.00*


**FAMOUS JONAH FISH FRY AT THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.
DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON!**

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, April 27th and Sunday, May 4th. Please meet at 5pm in church.

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

 **The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, May 12th 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.

GOLFERS- IT'S TIME TO REGISTER

Just two weeks till the big day and we need your help!

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be SATURDAY, May 10th. 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.

Mark your calendars now for the debut of Cinderella coming to our Little Flower stage at 7 PM on May 2nd and 3rd^h. Ticket prices are \$8 for reserved seating in the 1st three rows and \$6 general admission (kindergarten - adult). Don't miss it!

Ladies Club Meeting and Social

Celebrate May fest by attending the Ladies Club Meeting and Social, Thursday, May 1st, 6:30 PM in Duffey Hall. If possible, please provide an hors d'oeuvre to share in the celebration. At this meeting, we will be also collecting a small donation to support the Silent Auction at the Little Flower Festival.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 27 – May 4, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	10:30 am	First Communion Mass
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	1 st Communion Class
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Ladies Club Game Night
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
Tuesday	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	8 th Grade Parent Mtg
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisies
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #195
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies
	John 23 rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Church	8:30 am	May Crowning
	Gym	7:00 pm	Spring Musical
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Gym	7:00 pm	Spring Musical
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Going Forth



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