

LORD, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you for all the birthday greetings.

Today we welcome Sister Barbara Leonhard who is here for a mission appeal on behalf of the Oldenburg Franciscans. Sister Barbara presently teaches in the Spiritual Direction Internship at the Benedict Inn. She teaches occasional courses for the Lay Pastoral Ministry program in the Archdiocese and at St. Meinrad. Sister Barbara also offers retreats and spiritual direction and frequently leads parish workshops. She has herself been a missionary in Papua New Guinea and is therefore eager to help support their mission there.

This Friday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday is the opening day of school. We welcome all of our students, especially our new students, and their family. We also welcome back our administration, faculty, and staff. We will open the school year with the traditional Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit on Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m.

As school opens, most of the work on the exterior of the church and the original entrance on the school is complete. The church looks almost new. The restoration of the original main entrance makes the school look more open and alive.

Once again this summer there have been rumors here on the Eastside that Little Flower Parish or Little Flower School is in trouble and in danger of closing. I hope the re-bricking of the church and the restoration of the main entrance of the school makes a strong statement to you, to the neighborhood, and to Eastside Catholics that Little Flower Parish *and* School are not only alive and well but thriving.

Finally, as a son of Little Flower and now pastor, I believe we have the most beautiful church in Indianapolis. First-time visitors are frequently in awe at the beauty of the church. The church is a work of art: the architectural design, the beautiful furnishings, especially the altars, the Stations of the Cross, the mosaics, and the stained glass windows.

Since I came in 2003, I have done my best to try to find out what happened to the original windows in the former sanctuary and where they are, if they still exist, with little success. More recently, I have tried to get as many pictures of them as possible in order to have them replicated. We are now ready to order them. The projected cost is approximately \$5,500, which is an excellent price. Many parishioners, especially those who were here when the church was dedicated, have strong feelings about the windows. If anyone would like to contribute to replicating the windows, we would welcome any donations, small or large. If you are interested in helping with this project, be assured that your gift will be restricted specifically to this use.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Do you know someone who is searching for a faith community or someone who has been away from the Church? The RCIA Team would like to help you invite them to explore the Catholic Church. The sessions begin on Tuesday, Sept 2nd from 7 – 9pm. If you have any questions or if you know of anyone that we can send an invitation to please call Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33.



Please welcome into our Church Community Marek Donald and Nolan Andrew children of Drew and Amy (Burnell) Torzewski who were baptized on

Sunday, August 3, 2008.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 17, 2008

- 11 August**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
Monday
Ann Bingham by Chris and Jean Knox
For the Health of Madelynn Miller by A Friend
- 12 August**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
Tuesday
Robert Shute by James O'Hara
Mary Carrico by The Carrico Family
- 13 August**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
Wednesday
Joan McSweeney by Denis and Ita Moriarty
Communion Service
- 14 August**
8:30 am
5:30 pm
Thursday
Theron Kilander
Communion Service
- 15 August**
8:30 am
6:00 pm
Friday – Solemnity of the Assumption
For the People
Amelia Fodora by Alice Morton
- 16 August**
8:30 am

5:00 pm
Saturday
Communion Service
Vigil- Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
France Sodeman by Theresa and Steve Long
- 17 August**
8:30 am
10:30 am
6:00 pm
Sunday – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ralph and Mary Rafferty and Laurretta Jones
Elaine Sauer by Joseph Sauer
For the People



Dates to Remember

August 10 - 17, 2008

| DAY | ROOM | TIME | GROUP |
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| Sunday | Church | 8:30 am | Children's Choir |
| | Parish Center | 8:30 am | Children's Liturgy |
| | Duffey Hall | 9:30 am | Coffee & Donuts |
| | St. Therese | 1:00 pm | Franciscan Associates |
| Monday | Church | 7:00 pm | School Parent Meeting |
| Tuesday | Duffey Hall | 9:00 am | School Parent Meeting |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 pm | RCIA Team Meeting |
| Wednesday | St. Patrick | 9:30 am | Bible Study |
| | St. Therese | 6:30 pm | PTO Board |
| | St. Patrick | 7:00 pm | Parish Council |
| Thursday | Duffey Hall | 7:00 pm | Athletic Assoc. Business Meeting |
| | St. Therese | 8:00 pm | A.A. |
| Friday | Holy Day | of Obligation | Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. |
| Saturday | St. Therese | 7:00 am | Men's Prayer Group |
| | Duffey Hall and Parking lot | 6:00 pm | LFAA Sports Cook-off & Corn Hole Tournament |
| Sunday | Duffey Hall | 9:30 am | Coffee and Donuts |

RESERVE THIS IMPORTANT DATE!
Saturday October 4th
5:00 pm Mass with dinner following!
Come celebrate our parish feast AND
the SUCCESSFUL completion of
our church masonry repairs
DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!

Religious Education Notes

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

Bible Timeline an Adult Bible Study will begin on Thursday, Sept. 4th – Oct. 16th, from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Parish Center. The cost is \$15. To register please call the Parish Center at 357-8352 or Anita Moody at 918-0997 by August 19th. **(Please note date correction from the bulletin insert on Aug. 3rd).**

PICNIC Mark your calendars! The annual Little Flower picnic will be Sunday, August 24 right here on the grounds. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

ATTENTION FUNERAL LUNCHEON LADIES!!

We've been cleaning and organizing the kitchen in the parish center and have notice several serving dishes that have been left from funeral luncheons. If you are missing a dish please pick up by August 15th; anything left after August 15th will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

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

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| Weekly Budget Goal | \$ 14,000.00 |
| Collection of August 2 nd and 3 rd | \$ 13,801.03 |
| Electronic Contribution 7/29 to 8/4 | \$ 3,526.25 |
| Year to Date Budget Goal | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Year to Date Collections | \$ 69,668.93 |
| Year to Date DEFICIT | \$ - 331.07 |

Home Improvement Fund

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| May Contributions | \$ 1,258.00 |
| June Contributions | \$ 1,327.00 |
| July Contributions | \$ 1,242.81 |
| August Contributions (to date) | \$ 879.00 |

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 6/30/2008

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| Amount Pledged | \$903,585.00 |
| Amount Received on Pledges | \$675,036.00 |



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!

| Month | Amt. Needed | Collected to date |
|----------------|-------------|-------------------|
| May | 13.26 tons | 13.73 tons |
| June | 12.98 tons | 9.58 tons |
| July thru 7/23 | 10.95 tons | 9.27 tons |
| August | 22.40 tons | |

Total to date 59.59 tons 32.58 tons

We've got a really long way to go! Spread the word!

Youth News

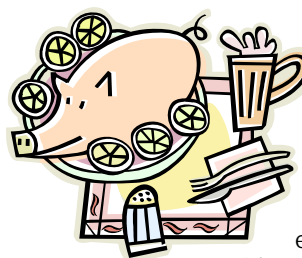
(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will NOT practice on Sunday, August 17th. We will sing at 6pm Mass on August 24th and September 7th, meeting in church at 5pm.

Youth room will be open on Sunday, August 24th after the 6pm Mass and until 8:30 pm.

Thanks to Joe McDonald, Katie Lyons, and Mary Martha Costello for their help with last week's dinner for high school and college students. A special thanks to those students and their families who took the time out to attend Mass and the dinner. It was great to have you here!

On the weekend of August 23rd and 24th, there will be a second collection to help support Fr. Dave Sullivan and his scholarship program in the Philippines. Please be as generous as possible in thanking Fr. Dave for his time with us this summer.



THE LITTLE FLOWER ATHLETIC COMMISSION IS SPONSORING A PIG ROAST AND CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT Saturday, August 16th

Dinner at 6pm

(following 5pm mass)

Come just for dinner or stay the evening for the cornhole tournament.

Discounted Advance Sale Tickets available after all Masses this weekend.

2008 Benton House Historic Home Tour

The Benton House Home Tour will be held Sunday, Sept. 7th from Noon to 5pm. This year marks the 35th Anniversary of the Tour. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 the day of the tour. For more information please call 357-0318 or visit www.thebentonhouse.org or www.irvingtontour.org.

Catholic Identity & Doctrine "refresher sessions" will start at Benedict Inn on Tuesday, August 26th in the first of four monthly sessions for the program "Are You Catholic & Don't Know What You Believe?" This program was requested by many Catholic parents who want to pass on their faith to their children and is also for those who wish to engage in more knowledgeable discussions about their church, for those returning to the church after an absence or those who simply want to know more about the Catholic faith. Each monthly session will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and includes a box dinner. Cost is \$25 per session and pre-registration is requested. Call 788.7581 for a brochure, or to register. Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center is a ministry of the Sisters of St. Benedict, Our Lady of Grace Monastery, 1402 Southern Avenue, Beech Grove.

Birthline Volunteers

Birthline, an outreach service of the Office for Pro-Life Ministry, needs energetic women willing to commit to 3 hours a month helping needy families who have infants and toddlers. Volunteers help expectant mothers select maternity clothes and distribute baby clothes and other necessities at the Catholic Center every Monday and

Wednesday. Training is provided. For more information on becoming a Birthline volunteer, call Sister Diane at 317-236-1521.