



*The Child's
Father And Mother
Were Amazed At
What Was Said
About Him.*

Dear Parish Family,

I hope all of you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas with family and friends. Please remember that the Church's liturgical celebration of Christmas extends until the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord on January 11. Although most of us will have taken down our Christmas decorations before then, I hope we will continue to focus on the wonder of Jesus' Incarnation and birth.

Thanks to all who served as Liturgical ministers on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Special thanks to those who decorated the Church. I have never seen a Church decorated more beautifully for Christmas than ours. Also, special thanks to all the music ministers, especially the Christmas Choir. They spend so much time preparing for Christmas Masses.

Also, thanks to all who helped with the Advent Penance Service on Monday, December 15. We had a good turnout, and we were blessed to have eight priests to help me with Confessions. Special thanks to Mary Wilson who prepared dinner for the priests. Also, special thanks to those who helped prepare the second graders for their First Reconciliation. They seemed to be well prepared.

This Thursday, January 1, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a holyday of obligation. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Peace. Masses will be Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. and Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please join us in thanking God for all the blessings we have received as individuals, as families, and as a parish this past year and in asking God for his continued blessings upon us and for peace throughout the world.

The parish offices will be closed from 3pm on Wednesday, December 31, until 9:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5.

Finally, the stained glass windows for the back of the former sanctuary should be completed during the month of January. Two families who suffered deaths this year asked that memorial contributions be made for the windows. Likewise, several families have made individual contributions. We have raised \$4,735. We estimate that we will need between \$1,600 and \$2,600 to pay for the windows, the marble to rebuild the center window (where the tabernacle was), and any incidental costs. If anyone would like to contribute to the window, we would welcome your any amount you might want to contribute. Thanks to all who have already contributed to the window.

Have a blessed New Year.

fr. bob

**Mass
Schedule**

FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 29, 2008 – JAN. 4, 2009

- 29 December Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Tom and Eileen Costello by The Costello Family
- 30 December Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Frances Griffin by A Friend
- 31 December Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
6:00 pm For the People
- 01 January Thursday**
9:00 am Mike Hawkins by Family
- 02 January Friday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 03 January Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil- Epiphany of the Lord**
Jerry Forestal by Steve and Katie Wright
- 04 January Sunday – Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 am Bonnie Richmond by Mrs. Cathy Dillon Gootee and Family
10:30 am Erich and Marie Bredl by The Bredl Families
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

December 28, 2008 – January 4, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	Holy Day	The	Solemnity of Mary
	Happy	New	Years
	Parish	Office	Closed
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Parish	Office	Closed
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation

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HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Anyone interested in right to life issues are urged to attend the **Respect Life Committee** meeting on **January 7th at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. Some issues that this committee might work with include pro-life, the death penalty, and euthanasia. The goal of this committee is to educate parishioners on the Church's stand that all human life must be respected from the moment of conception to natural death. Please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center for more details.



Intramural Basketball Sign-ups

The sign-ups for this year will be Sunday, Jan. 11th in the Little Flower Gym from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Intramural Basketball is open to all children in grades kindergarten through third grade. The cost this year will be \$20.00 to include a medal for the children to keep. Please contact Tim Smith or Erik Allstatt with questions at 847-9857. Parents if you are interested in coaching please let us know!!

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, December 21st from 7pm until 8:30pm in church. New members are always welcome. We will sing on Sunday, December 28th and Sunday, January 4th at 6:00 pm Mass (meet at 5pm)

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, December 28th after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. It's been a long time so plan to drop in.

COMING SOON! FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

The pressures of today's economy weigh heavily on many people. With this in mind, Little Flower Church will be sponsoring a repeat session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a program that focuses on good money management for people of all income brackets!

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace

Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will **change the way you think about personal finance**. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

In FPU, you will meet with your class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will **change how you think about money**. Dave explains how money really works in a **simple, easy-to-understand style**. You'll actually have fun as you learn!

Watch the bulletin for details on the preview meetings to be held in mid-January. The classes will be held on Monday evenings, most likely beginning on February 2nd.

For more information, please visit www.daveramsey.com and follow the links to Financial Peace University, or call Steve Clegg, Little Flower's Financial Peace University Coordinator at 353-1142.

Young Adults...You're Invited

Please join Archbishop Daniel Buechlein, Fr. Rick Nagel and Mary Schaffner on the Archdiocesan Pilgrimage for Life, January 21- 22, 2009 in Washington D.C. as we prayerfully and peacefully march in support of the dignity of all human life. Airfare is being generously donated by Bryan Bedford, Chairman, Presidents and CEO of Republic Airways. Please go to www.archindy.org/youngadult or call Mary Schaffner at 317-236-1436 for more information and or to register for this trip of a LIFEtime!!



Session 3 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday January 4th** following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 19th 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 March or April.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of December 20 th and 21 st check back next week	
Electronic Contribution 12/16 to 12/22 check back next week	
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of 12/14)	\$ 336,000.00
Year to Date Collections (as of 12/14)	\$ 325,961.10
Year to Date DEFICIT (as of 12/14)	\$ - 10,038.90

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,354.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25
December Contributions (as of 12/14)	\$ 927.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 10/31/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,685.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$710,710.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$167,788.00

It will help us immensely if you would return your stewardship card as soon as possible. **ONLY 280 CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED.** We want to follow up with those who have volunteered, but really need to get the cards all together before beginning this effort. In addition, we need to know your intentions so we can adequately plan financially. **PLEASE HELP US!** Extra cards are available at each of the church doors you have misplaced yours. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A CURRENT STEWARDSHIP CARD MUST BE ON FILE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE DISCOUNTED TUITION RATES AT LITTLE FLOWER AND SCECINA. THANK YOU!**

MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
January 1st - Holy Day of Obligation
Wednesday, December 31st at 6pm (anticipation Mass)
Thursday, January 1st at 9am

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
January 3rd and 4th
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

The office will be closed on January 1st and January 2nd