



Dear Parish Family,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Thursday evening, March 13, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. This will also be First Reconciliation for our second graders and our RCIA candidates.

Our ability to celebrate Easter well, i.e., not just celebrate Jesus' resurrection but our own resurrection to new life with him, depends on how we celebrate Lent.

Lent, however, is not all penance. *One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. I want to encourage everyone to attend and to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend.* The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize. Each year I am amazed at the number of people who suggest that we have the Fish Fry all year long.

Also, each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$9,000. This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. I am profoundly grateful to Mary Martha Costello and all her dedicated workers who work every week to make the Fish Fry possible. I am also grateful to those organizations and individuals who volunteer to help on one or more Fridays.

Finally, thanks to all who attended Little Flower School's Open House last Sunday afternoon. Special thanks to Kevin Gawrys, the faculty, and staff of the school, the School Commission, the PTO, parents, and students who helped make the Open House a good experience for our visitors, especially those who are considering enrolling their children here at Little Flower.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Ladies Club News.

The second business meeting is Thursday, Feb 7th at 7p.m. We will review what we have accomplished so far and confirm the rest of the year activities. EVERYONE plan on attending. See you there.

Ladies it is that time of year again. The Lent Fish Fry starts on Feb 8th for the next 6 Fridays. Our baked goods are in great demand. So lets not disappoint everyone. See you at the Fish Fry.

In Memoriam

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord...

- Mary Quinn, buried from Little Flower on Monday, Jan. 28th.
- Carmen O'Brien, 99, a very long-time parishioner.
- Charles (Butch) Pfau, brother of Theresa Slaton and Peggy Pfau.

Please pray for them and for their family and friends.

Bring a friend!

The next Adventuresome Group meeting will be Wednesday, February 13. We will have a special presentation by the Senior Sentinel program of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office. The focus will be Preventing Identity Theft. Adventuresome Group "regulars" are each asked to bring a friend to this important talk.



Mass Intentions

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 04 – FEB 10, 2008

04 Feb	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Elinor Johnson by David and Jeanne Moran
05 Feb	Tuesday
8:30 am	Thomas Spellacy by Denis and Ita Moriarty
5:30 pm	Communion Service
06 Feb	Wednesday – Ash Wednesday
8:30 am	Gerry Gandolph by Charles and Pauline Graf
6:00 pm	Edwin Werner by Tom Griggin
07 Feb	Thursday
8:30 am	Maggie McClain
5:30 pm	Communion Service
08 Feb	Friday
8:30 am	Marion Husler by Thomas Hunter
5:30 pm	Way of the Cross and Communion Service
09 Feb	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
	Saturday Vigil: The First Sunday of Lent
5:00 pm	Fr. William Cleary by The Family
10 Feb	Sunday – The First Sunday of Lent
8:30 am	Lucille Carroll by Sr. Lavonne Long
10:30 am	Joe Ajamie by Jim, Loretta and Kathleen Miller
6:00 pm	For the People

Next weekend will be the annual collection to benefit the Black and Indian Missions. 134 dioceses received assistance from this collection last year to help some of the neediest people across the United States, including those in the inner cities of the rural South, the deserts of the Southwest, and the cold wilderness of Alaska. Please place the envelope provided in our regular envelope packet into the regular collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Candidates will next meet on Sunday February 10th in the parish center from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.



NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

The schedule for March, April, and May will be upon us soon. Please send any changes to your schedule by February 6th. Eucharistic Minister please contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488; e-mail address is

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

giboshihoosier@aol.com. Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext. 33; lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER
February 3 – February 10, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Illumination – 1 st Communion Candidates	
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room	
	Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
John 23 rd		6:30 pm	1 st Communion Prep-Monday Evening Class	
St. Jerome		7:00 pm	Prayer group	
Holy Family		7:00 pm	SVDP	
Scout Room		7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts	
Duffey Hall		7:00 pm	Financial Peace	
St. Therese & St. Patrick		7:00 pm	Child Care for Financial Peace	
Tuesday		Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisies
		Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
		Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday		ASH	WEDNESDAY	
	Parish Center	9:30 am	Bible Study	
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts	
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799	
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies	
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	School Commission	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts	
Thursday	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Bible Study	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Ladies Club Meeting	
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting	
Friday	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA	
	Duffey Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry	
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance	
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Sending - RCIA	
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	
	SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 pm	Rite of Election	
Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation		

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT**

Little Flower Athletic Association will host a Texas Hold'em Tournament on Friday, Feb. 15th, in Duffey Hall (School Cafeteria), at 7:30pm (immediately following Fish Fry). Game starts at 8pm. There is a \$50 buy in, with a \$25 re-buy in. Must be 21 to enter. All proceeds benefit Little Flower Athletics. For more information contact Steve Clegg at 538-6636.

Rachel's vineyard retreats address the spiritual wounds of abortion in both women and men. The next retreat scheduled in

Indianapolis is March 28-30. For more information, contact Sister Diane at 236-1521.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of January 19 th and 20 th	\$ 9,050.21
Electronic Contribution 1/15 to 1/21	\$ 3,584.00
Collection of January 26 th and 27 th	\$ 11,198.19
Electronic Contribution 1/22 to 1/28	\$ 427.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 423,150.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 415,582.28
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 7,567.72

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions \$ 1,458.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 11/31/2007

Amount Pledged	\$898,000.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$549,194.00

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will sing at the 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday February 3rd (meet in church at 5:00 pm).

Youth room - Youth room will be open on Sunday, February 3rd. **Plan to join us immediately following the 6pm Mass for the Super Bowl.** Parents may pick you up at anytime, but we may stay until the end of the game if you like. **Please bring a snack to share!**

SNOW TUBING

SNOW TUBING! We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday, February 23rd (weather permitting!). We will leave LF around 5:00pm and return around 11:30 pm. **Reservations by Friday, February 15th are a must so we can arrange transportation.** Permission slips and fees (\$20.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips will be sent home with Little Flower 8th graders on Monday, 2/3 and were mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office. Call Tom at 357-8352 for more information! **I need parents to volunteer to drive. Please call Tom if you can help.**



Join the school and parish staff who will host our first Fish fry on Friday, February 8th. 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. Fish Frys will continue every Friday during Lent. **Word of mouth is our best advertising. Spread the word! Invite your family and friends!**

Fourth annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner

The fourth annual Catholic Pro-Life Dinner on Saturday, March 8, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 31 W. Ohio St. , in Indianapolis . Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, vicar general of the archdiocese and pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Indianapolis, will be the featured speaker. Put your Catholic dollars to good use while supporting pro-life education, evangelization and practical outreach provided by the archdiocesan Office for Pro-Life Ministry and

the Gabriel Project of Indiana. **The Little Flower Gabriel Project is sponsoring a table. If interested in attending, contact Carla Carter-946-1111 or Anita Moody-918-0997.**