

## **Be merciful, O Lord for we have sinned.**

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today's first reading tells the story of the original sin. One of the consequences of original sin is that it is often easier for us to do bad than good, easier to be selfish than loving. One of the ways we overcome this tendency toward sin is by developing virtues or good habits. During Lent, we strive to develop virtues, i.e., good habits, that will make it easier for us to do good rather than bad, and to be loving rather than selfish.

Each year during Lent we have our baby bank Lenten sacrificial project. 75% of the monies collected support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. 25% are directed toward a parish project. This year it has been decided to direct the parish portion of our Lenten sacrifices to *Food for the Poor*.

Among other services, *Food for the Poor* builds homes for the poor. If we can raise \$2,600 during Lent, we can provide a family in Haiti with a new safe, secure home. To supplement the parish portion of the money raised from the baby banks, there will be an opportunity to donate change at all the fish fries. It would be a wonderful thing to say that we were able to provide a new home for a family.

The week before last, I celebrate the funeral of Carmen O'Brien, who was 99 years old. Carmen was a "saver." At the funeral, Larry, her son, gave me some items for our archives.

One was the Little Flower Parent-Teacher Association booklet for 1956-57. The President of the PTA that year was Sadie Shikany, who is still an active parishioner. Also, there were four issues of the *Blue and Gold*, the school newspaper or magazine, from the school year 1953-54. The editor that year was 8<sup>th</sup> grader Tim McGinley, one of our outstanding alumni.

Finally, there were parish financial statements from the years 1950-1953 and 1956. "During 1950, the Church a parish of 968 families, totaling 2850 souls... Holy communions distributed were over 104,000. The school had an enrollment of 533 children..." The new rectory was completed in September of 1950. Building, painting, and furnishing the new rectory cost \$84,359.04. If I did read the conversion chart correctly, in 2006 dollars, the cost of the new rectory would have been approximately \$703,000.

As we gear up for the church brick replacement project, numbers such as these give us perspective on the costs of construction.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

### **INFORMATION FOR LENT**

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Thursday evening, **March 13<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. **here at Little Flower**. This will also be First Reconciliation for our second graders. Please mark your calendars.

Candidates will next meet on **Sundays February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup>** 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



**Confirmation**

board by the choir loft door.

### **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.

### **Little Flower Spring Sports Sign Ups**

Open to all School and Parish Kids 5th to 8th Grade  
Dates: Feb. 11th, 13th, and 18th  
At Little Flower Gym  
Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Fee \$50.00 to be collected at Sign ups  
Kickball 4th to 8th -Baseball 6th to 8th -Soccer and Track  
5th to 8th grades.



### **Mass Intentions**

#### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB 11 – FEB 17, 2008**

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| <b>11 Feb</b> | <b>Monday</b>   |
| 7:00 am       | Communion Service   |
| 5:30 pm       | Amelia Fodora by Dr. and Mrs. Lindeman and Mrs. Berlier             |
| <b>12 Feb</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  |
| 8:30 am       | Communion Service   |
| 5:30 pm       | Pam Connel  |
| <b>13 Feb</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>  |
| 8:30 am       | Communion Service   |
| 11:00 am      | Adventuresome Group Mass – Elinor Johnson by Bob and Sue Tanasovich |
| 5:30 pm       | Communion Service   |
| <b>14 Feb</b> | <b>Thursday</b>   |
| 8:30 am       | Dorothy Meier by Dottie Spalding                                    |
| 5:30 pm       | Communion Service   |
| <b>15 Feb</b> | <b>Friday</b>   |
| 8:30 am       | Mary Frances Griffin by Pat Worrell                                 |
| 5:30 pm       | Way of the Cross and Communion Service                              |
| <b>16 Feb</b> | <b>Saturday</b>   |
| 8:30 am       | Communion Service   |
| 5:00 pm       | <b>Saturday Vigil: The Second Sunday of Lent</b><br>For the People  |
| <b>17 Feb</b> | <b>Sunday – The Second Sunday of Lent</b>                           |
| 8:30 am       | The Ladies Club Deceased Family Members by The Ladies Club          |
| 10:30 am      | Mary Frances Dugan by Family and Friends                            |
| 6:00 pm       | Joe Ajamie by The Jackson Family                                    |

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of February 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$ 14,868.47
Electronic Contribution 1/29 to 2/4	\$ 3,581.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 436,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 434,032.00
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 2,768.72

### **Home Improvement Fund**

January Contributions	\$ 1,458.00
February Contributions to date	\$ 763.00

### **Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign**

As of 11/31/2007

Amount Pledged	\$898,000.00
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Amount Received on Pledges \$549,194.00**

**ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT**

- Friday, February 15th in Social Hall
- Registration at 7:30 pm (immediately following fish fry)
- Game starts at 8:00 pm
- \$50.00 buy in with \$25 re-buy
- Must be 21 to enter
- Questions - call Steve Clegg 538-6636
- Proceeds to benefit LF Athletics

**DATES TO REMEMBER  
February 11 – February 17, 2008**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	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
<b>Monday</b>	SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 pm	Rite of Election
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #403
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer group
	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
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	Church & Parish Center	11:00 am	Adventurousome Group Mass and Program
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scout #787
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Duffey Hall	8:00 pm	Athletic Association
<b>Thursday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Duffey Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
	Parish Center	4:45 pm	Market Day Pick-up
	Duffey Hall	7:30 pm	Texas Hold'em
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
<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
	Parish Center	9:30 am	Religious Ed Teen Group
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:30 pm	Youth Choir

Don't forget to pick up a baby bank and save your loose change as a way of almsgiving during Lent. Proceeds from the Baby Banks go to the Gabriel Project, the Respect Life Committee, and

Food for the Poor. Please check Father Bob's letter for more details.

**Please Note**

Marian College is hosting a preview day for incoming freshmen on Monday, February 18th. Call 800-772-7264 or email jfarrimond@marian.edu for more information.



We can earn an additional \$1000 if we collect 72.86 tons of paper between October and the end of March! Our progress is noted below.....and we have quite a bit of catching up to do if we are going to make it. All of our totals are based on what we collected at the same time last year. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
October to December	33.56 tons	28.50 tons
January (thru 1/25/08)	9.55 tons	10.93 tons
February	8.44 tons	
March	21.31 tons	
<b>Total to date</b>	<b>72.86 tons</b>	<b>39.43 tons</b>

**Youth News**

(grades 8 thru 12)

**Youth choir** - We will have practice on Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are welcome.

**Youth room** - Due to a busy schedule with confirmation, youth room will not be open again until March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> (weather permitting!). We will leave LF around 5:00pm and return around 11:30 pm. **Reservations by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$20.00) must be in by this date!** If you did not get a permission slip, 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.**



**Please join us for the second fish fry on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.** Serving takes place from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. and carry out service is available. **Word of mouth is our best advertising. Spread the word! Invite your family and friends!**

**Ladies Club News.**

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.

**Religious Ed News**

We are offering a Lenten Reflection Series for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who do not attend Little Flower School. Please join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> session on Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 10:25 am in the Parish Center. If you have any questions please call Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33.

**FESTIVAL NEWS**

**SUMMERFEST 2008 planning will begin soon.** Our summer festival dates this year are May 30<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 1<sup>st</sup>. A kick off meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00

pm in the parish center for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.