

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The word *epiphany* means *manifestation*. Today's we celebrate Jesus' manifestation to the magi, who represent all the peoples of the earth, reminding us that Jesus came into the world for the salvation of all people.

If you were at Mass last Sunday, you heard a presentation from Steve or Amy Clegg about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. If you struggle to manage your finances, I would encourage you to attend one of the introductory meetings. Financial problems often wreak havoc on relationships. The meetings are Wednesday, January 9, and Monday, January 14, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Have a wonderful week!

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First Communion Families

Mark your calendar for the Rite of Enrollment for all First Communion candidates on Sunday, January 13, 2008 at the 8:30 am Mass. Children who do not attend Little Flower School who have enrolled in the program will begin preparation on Monday, January 14th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. If you have any questions or wish to have your child prepared for First Communion and have not yet enrolled, please contact Lisa at 357-8352 ext.33 **no later than Jan. 7, 2008.**



The next Baptism Preparation Class is **Thursday, January 31st 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 March

Candidates will next meet on **Sunday January 6th AND Sunday January 13th** in the parish center from 7:15 pm until 9:00 pm.



NEWLY
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Jacob Daniel and Peterson James, children of Troy

and Kate (Costello) Lebeck, baptized on December 26, 2007.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 7 - 13, 2008

07 Jan	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Living and Deceased Members of the Mauer Family by Mildred Mauer
08 Jan	Tuesday
8:30 am	Patrick A. McKenna by Margaret Wittman
5:30 pm	Communion Service
09 Jan	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Patricia Lathrop by Wednesday Afternoon Bowling League
10 Jan	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Edwin Werner by Lois Irwin
11 Jan	Friday
8:30 am	Gerald Hussey by Denis and Ita Moriarty
5:30 pm	Communion Service
12 Jan	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
	Saturday Vigil: Baptism of the Lord
5:00 pm	Michael Donohue by Clara Donohue
13 Jan	Sunday - Baptism of the Lord
8:30 am	Special Intentions of Beverly Jean Kemmerer
10:30 am	Special Intentions of Ed and JoAnn Milligan by The Tuesday Night Bridge Club
6:00 pm	For the People

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 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!

The preview meeting will be offered twice at Little Flower Parish Center on January 9th and again on January 14th. Both meetings will begin at 7pm and you may attend either one to learn more about the program. Child care will be provided for the preview meetings. The classes will be held on Monday evenings, beginning on January 28th.

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

DATES TO REMEMBER
January 6 – 13, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	LFNA Garden Club
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisies
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Liturgy Lenten sub – committee meeting
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
Wednesday	Parish Center	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
	St. Jerome	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Preview Meeting
	John 23rd	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
	Duffey Hall	8:00 pm	Athletic Association Meeting
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Enrollment for First Communion
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation

The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 21st in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.



Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of October thru March that could allow us to gain earn an additional \$1,000.00. We will need to collect 72.86 tons during this time period, and our past success indicates we can do this again! Tell your

friends and neighbors! OUR TOTALS ARE RUNNING LOW SO FAR, SO WE WILL NEED LOTS OF HELP TO MAKE THIS GOAL.

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
October	11.12 tons	8.90 tons
November	14.05 tons	7.23 tons
December as of 12/14	8.39 tons	6.87 tons

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of December 22 nd and 23 rd	\$ 13,357.98
Electronic Contribution 12/18 to 12/24	\$ 565.00
Collection of December 29 th and 30 th	\$ 15,123.84
Electronic Contribution 12/25 to 12/31	\$ 415.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 368,550.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 360,934.58
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 7,615.42

We are deeply grateful to all those who have been able to increase their weekly offering and those who at the end of the year were able to catch up on their Sunday offering commitment. We were making some very positive progress on our collection deficit! Let's hope to continue this progress in the new year!

Home Improvement Fund

September Contributions	\$ 1,214.00
October Contributions	\$ 1,457.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,218.70
December Contributions	\$ 1,340.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 10/30/2007

Amount Pledged	\$898,000.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$540,358.00

ONLY 263 STEWARDSHIP CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RETURNED YOUR COMPLETED STEWARDSHIP CARD, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU HAVE MISPLACED YOUR CARDS, EXTRAS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH DOORS. 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!

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will sing at the 6:00 pm Mass on January 6th (meet in church at 5:00 pm).

Youth room - due to a busy confirmation schedule, youth room will not be open again until Sunday, January 27th. Plan to join us immediately following the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm.



Intramural Basketball League Sign - Up

Signups for girls and boys in kindergarten to 3rd grade who wish to play Intramural Basketball will be held on Saturday, January 12th, from 2 pm to 3 pm, in the Little Flower School Gym.

The cost is \$15.00. If you have any questions or want more information please contact Tim at 356-8020.