

**Dear Parish Family,**

Today begins Catholic Schools Week. Our Little Flower School Open House will be today, Sunday,

January 27, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. All are invited, but especially parents of our smaller children. Last week Principal Kevin Gawrys gave his annual update on Little Flower School. Today I invited you to "come and see."

In my homily on the feast of the Baptism of Jesus two weeks ago, I said,

Baptism, however, does not make us generic Christians. Rather, we believe that when we are baptized, we are baptized into a specific Christian community. A baby baptized in the Catholic Church is Catholic. A person baptized in the Lutheran church is Lutheran.

I was told that a few people were confused by this. Perhaps seeing it written will help clarify what I was trying to say.

However, as we all know, people often do change religions. If a person was validly baptized in another Christian denomination and wants to become Catholic, the person is not re-baptized in the Catholic Church. Rather, after the person has completed RCIA, we simply ask the person to make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church. At that point they are Catholic just as if they had been baptized.

Within RCIA, there are two categories of people: catechumens, i.e., those who are unbaptized, and candidates, i.e., those who are validly baptized in another Christian denomination.

Have a great week.

fr. bob



Please welcome into our Christian community the following children:

- Anthony Joseph Blackburn, son of Daniel and Kathleen (Lester) Diller, baptized on Sunday, December 30, 2007.
- Doyle Anthony, son of Noah and Molly (Davis) Hahn, baptized on Sunday, January 20, 2008.

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

**Eternal Rest Grant unto Them, O Lord...**

- Francis Bischoff who passed away Tuesday, January 22.
- John Koehl, John and his wife Sandra were long-time parishioners before moving to the Greenwood area; John was the father of Katie Lyons.
- Jean Harvey, mother of Jaye Graves, who attends RCIA and grandmother of Dawn Wendel.

Please pray for them and for their families.

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****MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 28 – FEB 3, 2008**

28 Jan	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Eileen Reel by The Quill Family
29 Jan	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Louis Williams by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
30 Jan	Wednesday
8:30 am	Margaret Thompson by Dottie Spalding
5:30 pm	Communion Service
31 Jan	Thursday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Pat McConahay by Bud and Theresa Myers
01 Feb	Friday
8:30 am	Alma Vollmer Thamann by Mary Lemieux
5:30 pm	Communion Service
02 Feb	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Saturday Vigil: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Intentions of Frances Brown by Barbara Elliott
03 Feb	Sunday – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	For the People
10:30 am	Frances Meyers by Family and Friends
6:00 pm	Clara Boyle by The Maginn Family

**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 - check back next week	
Electronic Contribution 1/15 to 1/21 - check back next week	
Year to Date Budget Goal as of 1/13	\$ 395,580.00
Year to Date Collections as of 1/13	\$ 391,322.88
Year to Date DEFICIT as of 1/13	\$ - 4,257.12

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,457.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,218.70
December Contributions	\$ 1,340.00
January Contributions as of 1/13	\$ 1,202.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 11/31/2007

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

Sickroom supplies available

Several sickroom and mobility items have been donated to health ministry. Please call Georgia at the parish center if you can use any of the following: Commode chair, Walker with wheels, Walker with seat, Shower/tub rail, Adult diapers and pail, Disposable underpads, and Gel mattress pads.

For those registered for Financial Peace University, classes will begin at 7pm on Monday, January 29th. Because of space constraints in the St. Patrick room, the group will meet in Duffey Hall (the school cafeteria). Child care will be provided in the St. Therese room of the parish center.



The First Communicants will celebrate the Rite of Illumination on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at 8:30am Mass. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DATES TO REMEMBER
January 28 – February 3, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Sunday	Catholic	Schools	Week	
	School	Noon	Little Flower School Open House	
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education	
	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
		Gym	7:00 pm	Spring Sport Sign-ups
	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	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA	
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir	
Wednesday	Parish Center	9:30 am	Bible Study	
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #787	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts	
Thursday	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Bible Study	
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class	
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA	
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer 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	

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.

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.



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.



Mark your calendars and invite your friends! **Little Flower Fish Fry** will return on **Fridays during Lent, beginning Friday February 8th**! Plan now to spend

Friday evenings with us. Over the past few years, profits from these events have contributed significantly to our budget. Word of mouth is our best advertising. **Spread the word! It's coming up quickly!**



Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of October thru March that could allow us to gain 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! We are running behind, but we have through March to make it up and still qualify for the prize!**

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
October	11.12 tons	8.90 tons
November	14.05 tons	7.23 tons
December	8.39 tons	12.40 tons
January (thru 1/4/08)	9.55 tons	3.21 tons
Total to date	43.11 tons	31.74 tons

Many of you may remember Andy Minton, a former parishioner and the architect who worked on our sanctuary renovation. Andy is part of the National Guard unit that is being deployed to Iraq. Please keep Andy, his wife Teresa, and their children Ashley, Hannah, Katie, and Ben in your prayers. It helps our soldiers to know that people are thinking of them. If you would like to drop Andy a note, the following address will work until the end of February:

*Major Donald Minton
HHC 76 IBCT
845 Hase Rd, Ste. 102
Fort Gordon, GA 31314*

School News

This week we are celebrating Catholic Schools' Week. During this week we plan many fun activities, but also take time to celebrate with, and give back to the larger Catholic community.

- **Monday** we will all be celebrating Spirit Day and proudly wearing our LF shirts. Our eighth graders will be dressed for Crazy Day. In the afternoon, middle school students will take time to clean the church and the cafeteria. So look out for crazy looking kids working hard!
- **Tuesday** we will celebrate the world with a special appearance by Silly Safaris, always one of the kids favorite presentations. Kids will be able to wear PJs or animal print clothes for \$1, with all proceeds being used by our Leadership Team to put on a Valentine's Day party for the kids at Holy Family Shelter.
- **Wednesday** we celebrate our students with a Celebration in the afternoon and the kick-off of our magazine sale. Kids will be in Rainbow colors. We will have students representing our school at the Cathedral for the Archdiocesan Mass.
- **Thursday** we will hold our Science fair and our sixth graders will attend an East Deanery Mass.
- **Friday** will be a half-day of school-but a busy one! We will have our all-school Mass at 8:30 followed by the return of the Little Flower Talent Show, sponsored by the Student Council.

Please feel free to drop by and Celebrate with us the gifts of a Little Flower education!

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will sing at the 6:00 pm Mass on January 27th and Sunday February 3rd (meet in church at 5:00 pm). Please be on time,
Youth room - Youth room will be open on Sunday, January 27th, and Sunday, February 3rd. Plan to join us immediately following the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm.

SNOW TUBING

Save this date! - Saturday, February 23rd! - details to follow.