

**I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.**

**Dear Parish Family,**

Thank you to everyone who participated in Vacation Bible School. Fifty students from Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade participated in the Bible School. Also, special thanks to the thirty volunteers. Workers included adults, teens, and students in grades 5 through high school.

In last Sunday's homily, I mentioned the first class of permanent deacons. In the early church, men were ordained to the order of deacon as a permanent ministry. In more recent centuries, until the Second Vatican Council, the diaconate was a stepping stone to ordination to the priesthood. These were called transitional deacons.

According to the draft *Deacon Formation Handbook* of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, "The key distinguishing feature of a deacon is his commitment to service... The distinctive ministry of the deacon is the ministry of charity....By ordination, a deacon is sacramentally configured to Christ the servant." However, deacons are also called to the ministry of the Word and the ministry of Liturgy. Besides their ministry of charity, they can preach at Sunday Eucharist, celebrate the sacraments of baptism, witness marriages, and celebrate funerals where there is no Mass.

For those who may not have read about the permanent diaconate in *The Criterion*, most deacons will initially be assigned to their home parish, but typically they will not be paid staff members. They will typically continue to work their normal jobs and give ten hours of service of diaconal service to their parish or other assignment. Their title will be "Deacon," and they will not wear clerical dress.

As I mentioned last Sunday, although deacons have a unique identity and ministry in the church, in effect, they will shift at least some burden off of the priests in the Archdiocese. One of the reasons the Archdiocese did not institute the permanent diaconate here in Indianapolis until now was because there was a concern that deacons would replace men and women who were already doing valuable ministry here in the Archdiocese. That is no longer a concern. In the reality of today's church, there are more opportunities than ever before for men and women to serve in the church.

One of the newly ordained deacons is Wayne Davis, a former Little Flower parishioner and the father of current parishioner Teresa Heffernan. Congratulations to Wayne and his family.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**SAVE THIS DATE!**

We will be welcoming our high school and college students in a special way at 6pm Mass on Sunday, August 3rd. There will be a blessing for them and their upcoming school year during Mass. Following Mass, we will offer a dinner for them and their families in the social hall. Please plan to join us!

**Adventuresome Group**

The Adventuresome Group will meet this Wednesday, July 9. Cathy White, a longtime resident of Hong Kong, will talk with us about the Chinese Church. Join us for Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch and our special program! Please RSVP to the parish center.

**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 7 – JULY 13, 2008**

- 07 July**  
7:00 am  
5:30 pm  
**Monday**  
Communion Service  
S.K. Charles P. McMahon by Bishop Chatard  
Assembly 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus
- 08 July**  
8:30 am  
5:30 pm  
**Tuesday**  
Betty Gavaghan by Bob Dangler  
Communion Service
- 09 July**  
7:00 am  
11:00 am  
5:30 pm  
**Wednesday**  
Communion Service  
Denis Foley by The Whister Family  
Communion Service
- 10 July**  
8:30 am  
5:30 pm  
**Thursday**  
Communion Service  
Bernadette Guneratne by Frank and Mary Wilson
- 11 July**  
8:30 am  
5:30 am  
**Friday**  
Robert Guedel by Lou and Sue Hurrle  
Communion Service
- 12 July**  
8:30 am  
  
5:00 pm  
**Saturday –**  
Communion Service  
**Vigil- Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Frances Sodeman by Charlie and Pauline Graf
- 13 July**  
8:30 am  
  
10:30 am  
6:00 pm  
**Sunday – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
In Thanksgiving of the 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Butch and Donna Brown  
Violet Popp by The Little Flower Ladies Club  
For the People

**THIS Week...**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
**July 6 – July 13, 2008**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room Open
<b>Monday</b>	School and St. Therese	9:00 am	Spanish Class for Children
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Garden Club
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	School and St. Therese	9:00 am	Spanish Class for Children
<b>Wednesday</b>	School and St. Therese	9:00 am	Spanish Class for Children
	Church and St. Patrick	11:00 am	Adventuresome Group
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council
	School and St. Therese	9:00 am	Spanish Class for Children
<b>Friday</b>	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Athletic Association
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Youth Group Cookout
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
<b>Saturday</b>	School and St. Therese	9:00 am	Spanish Class for Children
	Parish Center	3:45 pm	Market Day Pick-Up
<b>Sunday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 am	Children's Choir
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Franciscan Associates



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 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 September.

**Our parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden" is about to be published again!** We look forward to learning about all the great things that have been happening here at Little Flower Parish and School. Anyone with news or suggestions for articles can submit them to the editor at [lfp parishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lfp parishnews@yahoo.com). Our deadline for news is Monday, July 14.



**Eucharistic Ministers**

Needed individuals to serve as Eucharistic Ministers at weekend Masses. Persons need to be respectful of the Holy Eucharist, responsible, and reliable. Especially needed for the 5:00 PM, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM Masses. Several ministers have dropped out due to illness. Please call Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or e-mail at [giboshihoosier@aol.com](mailto:giboshihoosier@aol.com) If you are a minister, there is also a need for head ministers at the same Masses.



St Vincent de Paul is experiencing critical shortages of food at their Client Choice Food Center. **We are having a food drive to help restock their shelves.** Needed items are pasta, spaghetti sauce, canned meats, rice and canned fruits. Please place your donations in the St Vincent de Paul cart in back of the church at any Mass on July 12-13.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of June 28 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup>	not available-check back next week
Electronic Contribution 6/25 to 6/30	\$ 417.00
Year to Date Budget Goal thru 6/22	\$ 709,800.00
Year to Date Collections thru 6/22	\$ 709,809.80
Year to Date	\$ + 9.80

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$ 1,258.00
June Contributions (thru 6/22)	\$ 1,186.00

Godparent Program for Tuition Assistance

2008 Contributions to date	\$ 7,587.00
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THANK YOU!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 4/30/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,385.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$647,481.00
Pledges available for use for brick project	\$374,541.00

**Little Flower Athletic Association News**

Fall sign up for Football and Kickball will be from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm on July 10<sup>th</sup>, and July 14<sup>th</sup>.

The fees for Football will be \$90.00

The fees for Kickball will be \$50.00

We are also looking for coaches for the upcoming Fall Football and Kickball season. If you have any questions or if you are interested in coaching please contact Tim Smith at [shad1@netzero.net](mailto:shad1@netzero.net).

**2 weeks to Signup for Retrouvaille** – Some couples come to Retrouvaille because their relation has become cold and distant. Others attend because the relationship has experienced a crisis such a financial hardship, addictions, infidelity, or abuse. Most don't know to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped numerous couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the July program beginning with a weekend on July 18-20 call 317-489-6811 or email; [register@Retrouvaille.com](mailto:register@Retrouvaille.com) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).



(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please meet in church at 5pm. New members are welcome.

Mark Your Calendars! - Annual bus trip to King's Island will be Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> Reservation forms are available by calling Tom at 357-8352, or e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org). All students currently in grades 7 through 12 will be welcome to attend.

Youth Room will be open on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass until 9pm. Please plan to stop in.

COMING UP THIS WEEK!

COOKOUT for all youth, incoming grade 8 through high school. Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 9pm. Please let us know you are coming. Call 357-8352 or e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org).

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

If you are interest in getting group tickets for an Indians game on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, please call Tom at 357-8352 or e-mail [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org)

BY JULY 10TH

Our recycling company is running an additional promotion for the period of May thru August that could allow us to earn an additional \$1,000.00, and our past success indicates we can do this again!



Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
May	13.26 tons	13.72 tons
June	12.98 tons	5.29 tons (THRU 6/11)
July, August	33.35 tons	
Total to date	59.59 tons	19.01

Please continue to tell your family, friends and neighbors to recycle their newspapers here at Little Flower! No phone books, but catalogs and magazines are acceptable.

**MARIAN'S  
ADULT PROGRAMS**

Accelerated Education at Marian College

Marian College's Adult Program (MAP) is hosting an Information Night Wednesday, July 9, 2008 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Keystone Center. MAP is an undergraduate accelerated degree program offering Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration with majors in Management, Marketing, or Human Resources Management. MAP is fully accredited and offers students' the opportunity to engage in the Marian College Experience: a Catholic values-centered education in the liberal arts tradition for over 150 years. Our program focuses on the individual, while cultivating intellectual, spiritual, moral, and social development. Please call Kathryn McKeivitt at 252-5690 to RSVP and for more information.