



**LORD,
I love your
commands.**

Dear Parish Family,

As good as it is to go on vacation, it is equally good to come home.

Several people asked what I did on vacation. I spent most of the two weeks at a lake with a family that includes a mother, four grown children, their husbands, and their children. The first weekend there were twenty-seven people (adults and children) in two houses and one couple in a camper. Guests that weekend included the third and fourth daughters' in-laws, the third daughter's brother-in-law, his wife, their baby, and me.

That weekend gave me an insight into parish life. As you can imagine, each person, each family, had his or her or their own way of thinking and of doing things. Getting everyone to agree and to get anything done was a challenge, not because of lack of cooperation, but just because of differences among people and families. The same is true in a parish. As of today, our parish family is composed on 976 families and 2,261 individuals, of whom 1684 are adults. Even under ideal circumstances, establishing, maintaining, and developing the unity of a parish is challenge! Because it is such a challenge, a united parish family gives powerful witness to Jesus.

At the 6:00 pm Mass next Sunday, August 3, we will welcome in a special way all of our students who will be attending high school and college this fall. We will pray for them and offer a special blessing on their upcoming academic year. After Mass, we will welcome them and their families to a simple dinner in Duffy Hall. If there are young adults in your household who will be high school or college students this Fall, I hope you and they will join us for this celebration. To assist us in planning for the dinner, please RSVP to the parish center by phone at 357-8352 or by e-mail to tom@littleflowerparish.org.

Fr. Dave's last weekend will be Sunday, August 10th. However, that weekend Sr. Barbara Leonhard, O.S.F., an Oldenburg Franciscan, will be here to speak about the missions of the Oldenburg Franciscans and to take up a collection to support these missions. Therefore, Fr. Dave will give the homily at all the Masses on Sunday, August 3rd. There will be a second collection on the weekend of August 23rd and 24th to assist Fr. Dave in supporting students in the Philippines.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Mark your calendars! The annual Little Flower picnic will be Sunday, August 24 right here on the grounds.

Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

Grow Closer To God

Know and Live Our Faith More Deeply

If these ideas are important to you, and if you want to help provide these opportunities for others in our parish, just contact Sheila Gilbert (353-6223) the new chair of our Adult Faith Formation Committee. The only qualifications are your life experience and your desire to help.



The annual School Clean-Up Day will be on Saturday, August 2 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. We will have many jobs, large and small. Please join us for any part of the morning (or the whole morning if you are so inclined). We will have donuts, coffee, and juice available.



The new schedule for Sept.-Oct.-Nov. will be out soon. Please send me your schedule **changes by August 8th**. Thanks

for all your help in this ministry. If you have any questions please call Ron Sharpe at 356-3488 or e-mail giboshihoosier@aol.com.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 28 – AUGUST 3, 2008

- 28 July Monday**
8:30 am Tom Belvy
5:30 pm For the Intentions of Art Meier for his birthday by Denis and Ita Moriarty
- 29 July Tuesday**
8:30 am Lex Mattingly by John Laker
5:30 pm Denis Foley by Whister Family
- 30 July Wednesday**
8:30 am Alma Thamann by Jennifer and Luke Lengerich
5:30 pm Betty Gavaghan by Bob Dangler
- 31 July Thursday**
8:30 am Special Intention by the Steinmetz Family
5:30 pm Frances Gillian by Therese Cangany
- 01 August Friday**
8:30 am Marcia Duncan by Maureen Duncan
5:30 pm Eileen Reel by Tim and Mary Beth Parker
- 02 August Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil**- Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amelia Fodora by Vivan Hess and Kathy White
- 03 August Sunday** – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am Ralph and Mary Rafferty by The Fleak Family
10:30 am DJ Hushek, Jr. by Debby Liddy
6:00 pm For the People



Dates to Remember

July 27 – August 3, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Children's Choir
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
	School	11:00 am	Band
Wednesday	Parking Lot	8:00 am	Youth Group-Kings Island
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	School	8:00 am	Clean-up Day
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 pm	High School & College Students Mass
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Dinner for High School and College Students and Families



Altar Servers

THE NEW SCHEDULE WILL BE OUT SOON FOR SEPT, OCT, AND NOV. IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR SCHEDULE OR WOULD LIKE TO BE TAKEN OFF THE SERVER LIST PLEASE CONTACT LISA GIBBONS AT 357-8352 EXT. 33 OR EMAIL LGIBBONS@LITTLEFLOWERPARISH.ORG. **CHANGES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 8, 2008.**

The Adventuresome Group will meet Wednesday, August 6 for Mass, lunch and a special speaker (postponed from last month, which was cancelled due to a funeral). Kathy White, a long-time

resident of Hong Kong and daughter of the parish, will talk with us about the Church in Hong Kong and China. Fr. Dave Sullivan will also be attending. Join us! Please call the parish center to RSVP.

The Little Flower Athletic Association News

We are currently in need of someone to fill our Girls Athletic Director, Gym Manager, and Concession Manager (Boys Basketball) positions. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information about these positions please contact Tim Smith at trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 16th at 6pm for the Little Flower Athletic Association Pig Roast and Cornhole Tournament. More details will follow. All are encouraged to attend the dinner. The cornhole tournament will take place later that evening.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of July 19 th and 20 th	\$ 8,240.91
Electronic Contribution 7/15 to 7/21	\$ 3,679.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 42,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 41,622.88
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 377.12

Home Improvement Fund

May Contributions	\$ 1,258.00
June Contributions	\$ 1,327.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,212.81

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 6/30/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,585.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$675,036.00

EXCITING TIMES!

Our contractors continue to make outstanding progress on the masonry repairs for our church. Thank you for your faithfulness to your Legacy for our Mission pledges. As long as pledges are fulfilled, we will be able to complete this project WITHOUT the need to borrow funds from the Archdiocese.

Also, work is progressing on the renovation of the Bosart Street entrance of the school. This project, funded primarily through alumni contributions, will include cleaning and maintenance of the stone entryway façade, restoration of the doorway to a look more consistent with the original, and construction of a sidewalk with personalized pavers. Thanks to our alumni and all who have contributed to this much-needed facelift.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, July 28th 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.



Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her O Lord.....

Please pray for the family of Jacqueline Johnson who was buried from Little Flower on July 15, 2008. Jacqueline was the mother of Julie Young and grandmother of Chris Young and Vincent Johnson-Horan.



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	13.73 tons
June	12.98 tons	9.58 tons (THRU 6/25)
July, August	33.35 tons	

Total to date 59.59 tons 23.31

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.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing on Sunday, July 27 and August 3rd at the 6pm Sunday Mass. Please meet in church at 5pm.

Mark Your Calendars! - Annual bus trip to King's Island will be Wednesday, July 30th There MAY still be a few seats available. Call tom on Monday at 357-8352.

Youth Room will be open on Sunday July 27th after the 6pm Mass until 9pm. Please plan to stop in.

COMING UP!

COOKOUT for all youth, incoming grade 8 through high school. Tuesday, August 5th from 7pm until 9pm. Please let us know you are coming. Call 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org.



HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

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

RSVP to the parish center at 357-8352

Mark Wilson's Basketball Camp

Scecina's head coach Mark Wilson's second basketball camp for boys in grades 3 - 8 will take place July 28th to August 1st. Call 356-6377 ext. 1113 for more information.