



Dear Parish Family,

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week of the Church Year. Today we celebrate Jesus' solemn entrance into Jerusalem. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. On Good Friday we

commemorate the Lord's Passion and Death. On Holy Saturday and Easter, we celebrate his resurrection from the dead.

I call your special attention to the following:

1. The Liturgies on Holy Thursday and Good Friday are at 7 p.m.
2. This year we are re-establishing our tradition of a simple soup supper before the Holy Thursday celebration of the Lord's Supper. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in Duffey Hall.
3. Please note the changes in the Easter Sunday Mass schedule. The Easter Vigil will be Saturday evening at **7:30 p.m.** Easter Sunday Masses will be at **8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.** There will be **no** 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday or 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday.
4. There will be **no** confessions on Holy Saturday.
5. On Good Friday, our 8th graders will present the Living Way of the Cross at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.
6. Although Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday are not Holydays of Obligation, they are the holiest days of our Church Year. If possible, please attend these Liturgies.

The Easter Vigil is the most solemn celebration of the Liturgical Year. During the Easter Vigil, not only do we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, but also the Elect—our former Catechumens, Candidates, and *Confirmandi*—are baptized, received into the Church, receive First Communion, and are confirmed. Your presence at the Easter Vigil helps to welcome them as full members of our community.

Special thanks to all those who helped with the Gospel readings the last three weeks. The community especially appreciated the participation of the younger readers.

Elsewhere in the bulletin, there is a short thank you from Mary Lou Hudson for all your prayers during her recent illness. She is now well on her way to recovery. Sister Sue Bradshaw's recovery is proceeding much more slowly. Please continue to pray for Archbishop Daniel, Sr. Sue, Mary Lou, and all our sick family members and parishioners.

Have a *holy* week.

fr. bob

If you did not return your baby bank and saved change to church this weekend, please bring it to the parish center anytime or bring it to church on the Sunday after Easter.

The confirmation retreat will be on **Sunday March 16th**. 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 regular meeting will include sponsors and will take place following the 6pm Mass on Sunday April 9th.



CHURCH DECORATING FOR EASTER

We will meet in church at 9am on Saturday, March 22nd to decorate the church for Easter. If you can help, please come and meet in church!



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 17 – MAR 23, 2008

17 Mar	Monday
8:30 am	Lex Mattingly by John Laker
5:30 pm	Communion Service
18 Mar	Tuesday
8:30 am	Jerry Whitaker by The Boyle Family
5:30 pm	Communion Service
19 Mar	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Pam Connel
20 Mar	Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 pm	Catherine Dangler by Diane and Ron Sharp
21 Mar	Friday
7:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
22 Mar	Saturday – Easter Vigil
7:30 pm	For the People
23 Mar	Sunday - Easter
8:30 am	Gerry Gandolph by Jim and Loretta Miller
10:00 am	Eileen Reel by Gene M. Payne
11:30 am	Bernadette Gueratne by Frank and Mary Wilson

School News

REGISTRATION FORMS for the 08-09 school year have already been sent home with current students. If you need a form contact the school office, 353-2282. Registration is through Tuesday, March 25. Any registrations after that date will pay the late registration fee. Current registration fees are \$50 for preschool and \$100 for K-8. Registration is not complete until all fees have been paid.

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THANKS

This Fish Fry has come and gone for another Lent, and there are far too many people to thank individually.

Thanks to all who worked, especially those who were here multiple weeks. Our confirmation candidates were a great help. Thanks to all those who sent desserts, and all who attended, for your enthusiastic support. **We used approximately 1 ton of fish and at least 100 parish volunteers!** Financial results will be available next week.



EASTER EGG HUNT

The Little Flower Athletic Association invites all youth, Preschool thru age 7 to participate in the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 22nd. We will be searching the parish grounds, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Bring Your Own Basket!

THE LITTLE FLOWER GARDEN

Our parish newsletter has not been published lately and is in need of some tender loving care. The Stewardship Commission is looking for a volunteer who would be willing to coordinate gathering content for the newsletter, as well as a volunteer to coordinate doing the layout of the newsletter for the printer. This may be one volunteer, or could be split into two jobs. Obviously, knowledge of a desktop publishing program is required at least for the layout piece. The newsletter is published just four times per year. Please consider whether this is something you would be willing to undertake. Call Tom at 357-8352 to ask questions or just to say "YES."

PALM SUNDAY

DATES TO REMEMBER
March 17 – March 23, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP	
Monday	Happy	Saint	Patrick's Day	
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts	
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	SVDP	
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer group	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Financial Peace	
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Child Care for Financial Peace	
	Tuesday	Parish Center	9:30 am	Mission Sewing
		Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisies
		Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Meeting
	Holy Family	7:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.	
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir	
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study	
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #195	
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799	
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies	
	John 23rd	6:00 pm	Finance Council	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts	
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Cub Scout Pak Meeting	
	St. Patrick	7:30 pm	Festival Meeting	
Thursday	Holy	Thursday		
	Duffey Hall	5:30 pm	Soup Supper	
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA	
Friday	Good	Friday		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	
	Parish Grounds	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hut Ages 3 to 7	
Sunday	Happy	Easter		

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

March 20th	Holy Thursday	Soup Supper in Duffey Hall – 5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers - 7pm
March 21st	Good Friday	Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 and 1:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00pm
March 22nd	Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm
March 23rd	Easter Sunday	Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am

Thank You



The Family of Frances Sodeman wishes to thank you for the kind thoughts and prayers, as well as, lovely cards, flowers, and memorial tributes sent on behalf of the passing of their mother. A special thanks to Fr. Bob, Tom, Georgia, the girls who served Mass and the ladies who helped provide a wonderful lunch.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of March 8 th and 9 th	\$ 10,460.77
Electronic Contribution 3/5 to 3/11	\$ 427.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 505,050.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 500,702.25
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 4,347.75

Home Improvement Fund

January Contributions	\$ 1,458.00
February Contributions	\$ 1,593.00
March Contributions	\$ 914.00

Godparent Program for Tuition Assistance

2008 Contributions to date	\$ 4,532.00
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THANK YOU!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 12/30/2007

Amount Pledged	\$898,165.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$583,575.00
Pledges available for use for brick project	\$311,849.00

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth choir - We will practice on Sunday, March 16th from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are welcome

Youth room - Due to a busy confirmation schedule and Easter, youth room will not be open again until Sunday, March 30th



We can earn an additional \$1000 if we collect 72.86 tons of paper between October and the end of March. **TIME IS RUNNING SHORT!** Our last pickup for the contest period will be during the night on Wednesday, March 26th. Tell your friends and neighbors!

Month	Amt. Needed	Collected to date
October thru January	43.11 tons	39.43 tons
February (thru 2/27/08)	8.44 tons	13.36 tons
March	21.31 tons	
Total to date	72.86 tons	52.79 tons

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2008 planning has begun. Our summer festival dates this year are May 30th, May 31st, and June 1st. The next planning meeting will be Wednesday March 19th at 7:30 pm

For Rummage Sale donations, please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288.

The Silent Auction team needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473 or Rosemary Armour at 357-0284 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00.



I wish to thank the members of Little Flower parish for their prayers during my recent illness. Prayer is powerful. A special thanks to Fr. Bob and Georgia for their loving care and concern. God Bless. Mary Lou Hudson

Ladies Club News

The Ladies Club will be collecting items to send packages to the Service men and women who are overseas who are from Little Flower parish or have a close association to Little Flower. Watch the bulletin for more information.