



Dear Parish Family,

The parish staff and I want to wish all mothers a happy Mothers' Day. We hope you will enjoy your day. Thanks to the Little Flower Athletic Association for hosting our annual Mothers' Day breakfast.

Special thanks to the Ladies' Altar Society and Social Club for their donation of \$6,500 to the parish. When I say "special

thanks," I mean special thanks. The number of active members of the Ladies' Club is small, and some are older women. Every year I am amazed at how much money they are able to raise. Part of the money goes to maintaining and beautifying our Liturgy, and the other part they give as a donation to the Church. The entire parish owes them a debt of gratitude.

Today is also Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church. Although Jesus charged the apostles to be his witnesses and to make disciples of all nations at his Ascension, it was on Pentecost that they were empowered to go forth and courageously proclaim the Gospel to the whole world.

In the pre-Vatican II Liturgy, the Easter candle was extinguished after the Gospel on Ascension Thursday. In the post-Vatican II Liturgy, the Easter candle remains lit at every Mass through Pentecost Sunday. This reminds us that the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' dying and rising is only complete with the sending of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

As you can see, the workers are making great progress replacing the bricks on the church. Even a cursory inspection of their work shows the quality of their work and also the good match the new bricks are to the old bricks. Also, on the east side of the church, I hope you noticed how much better the limestone looks since it has been cleaned.

Our ability to do this work continues to depend on your generosity fulfilling your *Legacy for our Mission* pledges and working to make this year's festival a success. As we explained when we began the *Legacy for our Mission* campaign, the bricks absolutely needed to be replaced. First, falling pieces of brick are dangerous. If you have looked at the front of the church recently, you probably have noticed all the fallen shards of brick and the accelerated deterioration of the bricks. Second, if we did not replace the bricks, we risked major inside damages. As the bricks have been removed, we have seen places where the damage could be very substantial.

Thank you for your continuing generosity of time, talent, and treasure to Little Flower parish.

Finally, congratulations to Randy Herrman. Randy was awarded the CYO Monsignor Busald Award for his work with the Little Flower Athletic Association and his service to the parish as an athletic director and coach.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Adventuresome Group

The Adventuresome Group will meet on Wednesday, May 14 for a special presentation. Annie Kerns, Co-ordinator of Crime Watch programs for IMPD, will give a presentation about improving safety in our neighborhoods. We'll begin with Mass at 11 am, followed by lunch and our program. Please call the Parish Center to RSVP.



Mass Intentions

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 12 – MAY 18, 2008

- 12 May** **Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Dorothy Meier by Art Meier
- 13 May** **Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Intention of Sharon Stites by Dottie Spalding
- 14 May** **Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
11:00 am Adventuresome Group Mass - Elinor Johnson by Charlie and Kay Deck
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 15 May** **Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm **Greentree** - Bertha Wilson
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 16 May** **Friday**
8:30 am Ella Therese McMahon by The Students of Little Flower First Grade Class
5:30 am Communion Service
- 17 May** **Saturday – Most Holy Trinity**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm Mary Hickman by The Sampson Family
- 18 May** **Sunday – Most Holy Trinity**
8:30 am Rose Priller by Bill and Judy Rathz
10:30 am For The People
6:00 pm Mary C. O'Brien by Maureen Merkley

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 11 – May 18, 2008

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Happy	Mother's	Day
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Mother's Day Breakfast
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Franciscan Assoc.
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Wolf Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts #403
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	Spanish Class
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelo Scouts
	John 23 rd	8:00 pm	Festival Meeting
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Daisies Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	RCIA Team Meeting
	Church	7:30 pm	Choir
Wednesday	Church/Parish Center	11:00 am	Adventuresome Group
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #195
	Holy Family	5:00 pm	Brownies
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Bear Scouts
Thursday	Gym	7:00 pm	Spring Band Concert
	Parish Center	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day Pick-up
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Please welcome the following children who were baptized into our Christian Community:

- ❖ Ella Kathryn, daughter of Dwayne Smith and Kathryn Lawless baptized on April 6, 2008.
- ❖ Jacob Minton, son of Adam and Cynthia (Raisor) Minton baptized on April 13, 2008.
- ❖ Lola Josephine, daughter of James and Stacy (Wubbolding) Carey, baptized on April 26, 2008.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,650.00
Collection of May 3 rd and 4 th	\$ 13,439.53
Electronic Contribution 4/29 to 5/5	\$ 3,581.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 614,250.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 615,279.94
Year to Date	\$ + 1,029.94

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,593.00
March Contributions	\$ 1,234.00
April Contributions	\$ 1,228.75
May Contributions (to date)	\$ 893.00

Godparent Program for Tuition Assistance

2008 Contributions to date	\$ 6,863.00
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THANK YOU!

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 2/28/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,165.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$622,040.00
Pledges available for use for brick project	\$359,540.00

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth room - Youth room will be open on Sunday May 25th, from after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. All are welcome

Mark Your Calendars! - Annual bus trip to King's Island will be Wednesday, July 30th More information available soon. Students currently in grades 7 through 12 will be welcome to attend.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, May 12th 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 July.

Mark Wilson's Basketball Camps

Seccina's head coach Mark Wilson will conduct his annual summer basketball camps at Seccina for Boys entering grades 3 through 8 on June 9 - 13 and July 28 - August 1, from 9am to 4pm. For more information please call 356-6377 ext. 1117.



FESTIVAL NEWS

May 30th, May 31st, and June 1st.

The next planning meeting will be Monday, May 12 at 8:00 pm in the parish center

Rummage Sale donations: please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288. **Donations must be in by MAY 16th to allow time for sorting and pricing.**

Silent Auction Donations are coming in SLOWLY! Please 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. The silent auction is a large part of festival profits and your help is much needed.

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS are available for the festival. Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships are \$200.00. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center.

RAFFLE TICKETS- Please do all you can to sell your raffle tickets. The festival will not be successful without the success of the raffle. Extra tickets are available at all of the church doors. Sold tickets and money can be mailed or brought into the parish center or placed in the collection basket. Please take note of the Early Bird Drawing. Both the purchaser and the seller of one lucky ticket will win \$250.00 on May 18th. Also, the seller of each of the winning tickets drawn at the festival will receive \$100.00

ICE CREAM BUCKETS NEEDED - Please drop off at the Parish Center any clean plastic gallon ice cream buckets you are willing to donate.

ATTENTION ALL STRAWBERRY HULLERS! We need help hulling fresh strawberries for the festival. Please come to the school cafeteria on Friday morning, May 30th at 9:30 am. We have lots of strawberries and need your help. Bring a paring knife!

SET UP - We need help with booth assembly and set up. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 24th at 9am and Thursday, March 31st at 6pm. If you have one, please bring a drill and/or an 8 ft step ladder.

PLANT BOOTH - Anyone having starts and small planters to donate for the booth may leave them at the parish center. Any volunteers who would specifically like to be assigned to the plant booth would be appreciated. Call the Parish Center!

Presale tickets for dinners and rides will be available in church on the weekends of May 17th/18th and May 24th/25th and in the Parish Office beginning May 14th.

Buy early and save!

**FAMOUS JONAH FISH FRY AT THIS YEAR'S
FESTIVAL ON FRIDAY NIGHT.
DETAILS AVAILABLE SOON!**