



Dear Parish Family,

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Today we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Week is the most sacred week of the year: "...the Easter triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year....The Easter triduum begins with the Evening Mass the Lord's Supper" and "reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil..."

I want to encourage all of you to attend as many of the Holy Week services as possible. Please check the schedule elsewhere in the bulletin.

At the Archdiocesan Chrism Mass (Tuesday, April 7, 7 p.m. @ the Cathedral), the Archbishop blesses the holy oils that will be used for the next year and the priests of the Archdiocese renew their commitment to the priesthood and priestly service in the Archdiocese.

Holy Thursday celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with his apostles at which he instituted the sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders and washed the feet of his disciples. Our Liturgy includes the Presentation of the Oils, the Washing of the Feet, the Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers, the transfer of the Eucharist to the altar of reposition, and the stripping of the altar and sanctuary. The Entrance Procession will include our Elect, our high School Confirmation candidates, our First Communion candidates, our Eucharistic Ministers, and our Music Ministers.

Our 7 p.m. Holy Thursday Liturgy will be preceded by a Soup Supper in Duffey Hall at 5:30 p.m. and followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:15. Adoration will conclude with Night Prayer at 9:15 p.m.

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed from before the Holy Thursday Liturgy until after the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

Good Friday commemorates Jesus' Passion and Death. Living Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Good Friday. The traditional and primary Liturgy for Good Friday will be at 7 p.m. will include the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. There is no Mass on Good Friday. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence.

On Holy Saturday, we celebrate the Easter Vigil at 7:30 p.m.. Our Liturgy will include Service of Light with the blessing of the new fire and the Paschal Candle, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Christian Initiation, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

At the Easter Vigil, nine of our Elect will be baptized, confirmed and receive First Communion; six will be received into the Church, confirmed, and receive First Communion; and a young adult parishioner will be confirmed. It would be a wonderful thing if a large number of our parishioners were here to celebrate our new parishioners.

Two questions frequently arise. When does Lent end? Lent ends before the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. However, the Paschal Fast begins after the Lord's Supper and continues until after the Easter Vigil. In other words, Lenten promises should continue to be kept until after the Easter Vigil!

The reason many people give for not attending these Liturgies is their length. Actually, neither the Holy Thursday nor the Good Friday Liturgy take much more than 1 hour and 15 minutes. The Holy Saturday Liturgy itself only takes a little more than 2 hours. Early in Lent I talked about giving God primacy in our lives. If there is ever a week to do this, this is that week. As Jesus said to Peter in Gethsemane, "*Could you not keep watch for one hour?*" [Mk. 14:37].

Have a blessed week.

fr. bob

Our envelope company experienced a problem this past week that resulted in some parishioners receiving two identical packets of envelopes. Please be assured that the parish was not charged in any way for this duplicate mailing. You may discard your extra packet (hopefully in our paper recycling bins)! We are sorry for any inconvenience.

Little Flower Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would like more information or a tour of the school, please call the school office at 353-2282 or e-mail kqawrys@littleflowerparish.org.

Caregiver Needed

Art Meier's family is interested in hiring a Caregiver for Art. Both part-time and full-time hours and various shifts are available. This would be a paid position. If you are interested please contact the Parish Center as soon as possible

PALM SUNDAY



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6 – APRIL 12, 2009

- 06 April Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Intentions of Marshall Ford by Dottie Spalding
- 07 April Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 08 April Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
11:00 am John Wurz by Bishop Chatard Assembly – 4th
Degree Knights of Columbus
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 09 April Holy Thursday**
7:00 pm Charley Murphy by Steve and Katie Wright
- 10 April Good Friday**
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
- 11 April Saturday**
7:30 pm Easter Vigil – For the People
- 12 April Sunday**
8:30 am Charles and Rita Ernestes by The Family
10:00 am Freda and Joseph Jines by Merrill and Marylyn Blackwell
11:30 am Elaine Sauer by Helen Sauer

Adventuresome Group

Sr. Mildred Wannemuehler will speak on the Triduum at the next **Adventuresome Group** meeting on **Wednesday, April 8th**. This is during Holy Week, so don't miss out on this opportunity to learn more about the Triduum and our Catholic beliefs, customs and traditions. Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Sr. Mildred is a Benedictine Sister from Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove. She was formerly the Parish Life Coordinator at St. Agnes Parish in Nashville, IN. She currently is retired, volunteers at St. Vincent DePaul and give presentations on a variety of topics for parishes throughout the Archdiocese. **Please call the Parish Office to RSVP.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join us in celebrating the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. A Mass will be celebrated at Lucas Oil Stadium on May 3, 2009 at 3pm. This Mass will also include confirmation for all archdiocesan youth and the recognition of all couples married 50 years or more. Registration for couples is required and forms are available at www.archindy.org/family/jubilee. Couples married 50 years or more may call 236-1586, ext 1586 for further information

The archdiocese is looking for assistance from 350 volunteers to assist in most aspects of the Mass such as assisting the Bishops with Confirmation, ushering, sign bearers, and Communion Guides. Volunteers will need to be able to walk up and down stairs. Jobs will be assigned when you arrive at Lucas Oil. Please register on line at www.archindy.org/175th. (look for Volunteers). You may also e-mail steve.james@archindy.org. Please call Steve James at 317-236-1451 or 800 382-9836 x1451 with questions.

Mark Your Calendars!!

It's that time of year for Spring Cleaning! There are many groups that use the parish center for meetings and it is time to do a deep clean. Please help us spruce up the Parish Center on Sat. April 18th at 9 am.



Dates to Remember

April 5 - 12, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Church	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
Monday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	First Communion Prep
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	LittleFlower Neighborhood Garden Club
	Church	7:00 pm	Choir
Wednesday	Church	11:00 am	Adventuresome Group
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies #195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Respect Life
	Holy Family	6:30 pm	PTO Business Mtg
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	LFAA. Meeting
	Duffey Hall	5:30 pm	Soup Supper
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	Good	Friday	
Friday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish	10:00 am	Easter Egg Hunt
	Duffey Hall	10:00 pm	RCIA Reception
Saturday	Happy	Easter	

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of March 28 th and 29 th	\$ 11,084.77
Electronic Contribution 3/24 to 3/30	\$ 674.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 546,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 528,649.30
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 17,350.70

Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,903.00
March Contributions	\$ 2,846.18

THANK YOU!

For your faithfulness to the Sunday Collection
as well as your generous response thus far to the
re-launch of our Home Improvement Fund.
Your continued efforts will be appreciated!

ANNUAL GODPARENT COLLECTION

Year-to-date	\$ 5,167.00
Please help this month if possible!	

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 2/27/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$750,327.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$133,842.00

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

April 9 th	Holy Thursday	Soup Supper in Duffey Hall – 5:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper and commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers – 7 pm
April 10 th	Good Friday	Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am and 1:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion (<i>main service for Good Friday</i>) at 7 pm
April 11 th	Holy Saturday	Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm
April 12 th	Easter Sunday	Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am
April 13 th	Easter Monday	Parish Office Closed

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on April 5th. Please meet at 5pm and be on time! We will also have practice on Sunday, April 19th beginning at 7pm in church. We will be finished by 8:30pm.

Youth Room will be open on Sunday, April 5th after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. Come and catch up after Spring Break!



Session 8 for team, candidates, AND SPONSORS will be Sunday April 26th. We will begin with the rite of sending at the 6pm Mass, and meet in the parish center following Mass. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

If you forgot to return your baby bank to church this weekend, please bring it to the parish center, or to church on the weekend following Easter. Please return your bank, even if it is still empty.

TAKE NOTE: The parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be out mid-May. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Wednesday, April 22nd. Please include any questions about our church or parish you might like Father Bob to answer in the newsletter!

GOLFERS- SAVE THIS DATE!

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 8th. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. Extra flyers/registration forms are at the church doors. Spread the word!

FISH FRY is over!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING SUPPORT. PLEASE WATCH NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN FOR FINAL RESULTS!

FESTIVAL NEWSMay 29th, May 30th, and May 31st.Next planning meeting, Thursday, April 16th, at 7pm

Rummage Sale donations - NEW THIS YEAR! Collect items suitable for the rummage sale during your spring cleaning. **Bring them to Mass the weekend of April 18th/19th.** We will have a convenient drop-off location at the cafeteria door or the school south stair tower so you can easily drop them off before each of the Masses! Start to gather your items now to take advantage of convenient drop off on April 18/19. **We are especially looking for used books this year, as we will have a used book sale throughout the festival.**

The Silent Auction team needs your help. **Donations are coming in very slowly.** 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.

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 or \$350.00 each, depending on the sponsorship level. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Tom and he will mail information to them.

GREEN THUMBS

The *Green Thumb Ministry* assists in the maintenance of a well-landscaped parish campus. These volunteers "adopt" specific outdoor areas and keep them planted, watered, and weeded. With spring approaching, all current volunteers and those interested in volunteering in this area are asked to meet in the school cafeteria following the 8:30 mass on Sunday, April 19th. This meeting is important as we need to coordinate our efforts. Our meeting will conclude early enough to attend 10:30 Mass if you prefer. Coffee and Donuts will be available. Please call Rae Anne Brizendine at 322-9640 with any questions.

SPECIAL NOTE

There will be some work beginning this week on the masonry on the parish center. Many of you are aware that we have had significant problems with moisture entering the St. Therese room and damaging the plaster. Hopefully, this work will eliminate the problem. Please be patient and careful with the contractors around the building. This work is being funded through some very limited funds remaining from Legacy for our Mission and your continued payments on Legacy for our mission pledges