

**Dear Parish Family and Visitors,**

The entire parish staff and I want to wish all of you a most blessed and happy Easter. We especially welcome our visitors and those who have returned home to Little Flower to celebrate Easter.

For Christians, Easter is the most important feast in the Church Year, even more important than Christmas. On Easter, Jesus rose glorious and triumphant, never to die again. Rising from the dead, He triumphed over sin, suffering, sickness, and death. According to St. Paul, rising from the dead, Jesus became a life-giving Spirit.

Jesus' resurrection is the reason why we come together as a community to celebrate Eucharist on Sunday rather than on the traditional Sabbath. The Gospels tell us that Jesus rose "early on the first day of the week" [Mk. 16:9]. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council taught:

By a tradition handed down from the apostles which took its origin from the very day of Christ's resurrection, the Church celebrates the paschal mystery every eighth day; with good reason this, then, bears the name of the Lord's day or SundayHence the Lord's day is the original feast day... [SC 106].

The point the Fathers of the Council were making was that we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection not only on Easter Sunday but every Sunday.

One of the highlights of the Easter Vigil is the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation. Today we welcome the new members of our parish, who are now called Neophytes.

The following received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist: **Michelle Brinkmann, Cara Harris, Kathryn Toler, Barbara Ferrill, Joshua Payne, Amy Torzewski, Bridget Gonterman, Eric Strohacker, and Ryan Vokes.**

The following were received into the Church and received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist: **Jennifer Arnold, Zachary Glawatz, Pamela Quirin, Trina Burnel, Steve McCormick, and Mary Wibbenmeyer.**

Finally, **Michael Herrera** already a member of our parish received the sacrament of Confirmation.

Congratulations and welcome to all of them!!!

Finally, as you will see elsewhere in the bulletin, our fish fries were a tremendous success. We netted \$10,810.42, our best yet. Thanks to all who worked, contributed, came, or encouraged others to come. We could not have done this without the help of everyone. Special thanks to Mary Martha Costello and her crew of dedicated workers. Special thanks to the ladies of the parish who provided the desserts. Finally, special thanks to Tom Costello who does so much behind-the-scenes work to make the fish fries a success.

Have a blessed week.

fr. bob

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 kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org.

If you have forgotten to return your baby bank, please bring it to the parish center, or to church next weekend. Please return your bank, even if it is still empty.

We have a parishioner who has a piano available for sale. If you are interested, please contact Tom at the parish center and he will put you in touch with them.

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13 – APRIL 19, 2009**

13 April	7:00 am 5:30 pm	Monday Communion Service Betty Gavaghan by Hank and Ida Wolf
14 April	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Tuesday Communion Service Intentions of Sharon Stites by Dottie Spalding
15 April	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Wednesday Alice, Emil, and Joe Olinger Communion Service
16 April	8:30 am 1:30 pm 5:30 pm	Thursday Communion Service Greentree – Matt DiSalle Communion Service
17 April	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Friday Intentions of Jan O'Brien by Denis and Ita Moriarty Communion Service
18 April	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Saturday Communion Service Vigil - Jerry Forestal by The Joe Kelly Family
19 April	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Sunday Margaret Merl by The Little Ladies Club Charley Murphy by Bud Moody For the People

**Dates to Remember****April 12 - 19, 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Happy	Easter	
Monday	Parish	And	School Closed
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	RCIA
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 pm	Bible Study
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Brownie Troop#2443
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Scout Regatta
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
Thursday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Scout Room	3:30 pm	Girl Scout #787
	Duffey Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day Pickup
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Parish Center	9:00 am	Parish Center Spring Cleaning
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance
Sunday	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Green Thumb Ministry
	Church/Duffey Hall	11:30 am	1 st Communion Practice and Luncheon
	Church	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 13TH.

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.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Do you like movies? Are you over the age of 55? Do you like free things? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you might want to consider going with us to Kerasote Theater **on April 16th for a free movie, popcorn and coke!** This event is sponsored by

Rosewalk Village, which is located on Ritter Avenue across from Community Hospital. We will meet at the Parish Center at 10:15. The movie begins at 11:00am. This month's feature is **Duplicity**. For more information please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352. **Please call the Parish Center to RSVP.**

The next babysitting co-op date will be Saturday, April 18 in the St. Therese room. In this group, the parents will rotate turns as the sitters while the rest of the group gets a night out. For more information on participation, call Molly Hahn at 513-9970 or email davismollyt@yahoo.com

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of April 4 th and 5 th	\$ 13,376.41
Electronic Contribution 4/1 to 4/6	\$ 4,499.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 560,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 546,524.96
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ -13,475.04

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 2,846.18
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,226.00

ANNUAL GODPARENT COLLECTION

Year-to-date \$ 7,302.00

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

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday, April 19th beginning at 7pm in church. We will be finished by 8:30pm.



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.

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!

CHEERLEADING TRY-OUTS FOR 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

There will be cheerleading try-out for grades pre-4 through 8th grade on Friday, April 17th from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the gym (outside if weather permits). If you have any questions please call Antoinette Burford at 351-1190.

SPECIAL NOTE

Some work has begun on the outside masonry of 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 LFOM pledges.

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

FISX FRY RESULTS

Your overwhelming support has resulted in a record-setting year beyond our expectations. Our total profit was \$10,810.42 compared to \$9,306.00 last year. A big thank you goes to our core team of volunteers, the parish and school staff, all of the parish organizations who sponsored one of the nights, our confirmation students, all who provided desserts for each week, and all of our other volunteers. Not to be forgotten are all who attended, and all who encouraged others to attend. You all helped create a real success story!

FESTIVAL NEWS

May 29th, May 30th, and May 31st.

Next planning meeting, Thursday, April 16th, at 7pm

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE MAILED THIS WEEK. Please do whatever you can to help make our raffle a big success!

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.

FUN NIGHT!

Okay, ladies, it's that time again! Come out for the next game night on Wed., April 22nd. We will meet in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m. for snacks and laughs. If you have a favorite game, bring it along. If you have any questions or suggestions, please call Casady Williamson at 353-9841.