



Dear Parish Family,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and/or friends.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family. The alternate opening prayer for today's Mass is one of my favorite prayers in the Sacramentary:

Father in heaven, creator of all, you ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. In history's moment when all was ready, you sent your Son to dwell in time, obedient to the laws of life in our world. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people that we may share in your life for ever. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

I would suggest that in the busyness of our lives, we all have as a New Year's resolution to spend more quality time with family and friends.

Friday, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses will be at **6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 31, and at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 1.**

As we begin a New Year, it is appropriate that we thank God for the blessings of the past year and ask his continued blessings on the New Year. Also, Pope Paul VI designated January 1st as the World Day of Peace. Although the world has changed greatly since Pope Paul established the World Day of Peace, we actually probably are at greater risk today than we were then with the threat of terrorism and the possible proliferation of nuclear weapons. Please join your parish family in prayer either on Thursday evening or Friday morning.

Please note that the parish office will close at noon on New Year's Eve. If anyone is planning to make a year-end donation for tax purposes, please be sure to do that before noon on Thursday.

Finally, throughout Advent I have been citing Matthew Kelly's *Rediscovering Catholicism*. The parish has a limited number of copies to give away to interested parishioners. If you are interested in receiving one of these copies, please let me know by telephone or e-mail. They will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Have a blessed New Year!

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We remember our parishioner, Vivian Hess, who passed away on December 13th and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated on December 19th. Vivian was 89 years young and loved Little Flower Parish. She was a member of LF for most of her life and regularly attended the 5pm Mass until about 10 years ago when her health declined and she had to be put in a nursing home. May God grant Vivian eternal life!



Please welcome into our Christian Community Malachi Hamilton, son of Andrew Gordon and Melinda Dant, baptized on Sunday, November 29, 2009.



FOR THE WEEK OF December 28, 2009 – January 3, 2010

- 28 Dec. Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 29 Dec. Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Intentions of Sr. Margaret, Little Sister of the Poor by Jon Bowling
- 30 Dec. Wednesday**
8:30 am Susan Ravellette by Bernie and Rosie Shepard
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 31 Dec. Thursday -**
8:30 am Communion Service
6:00 pm **Vigil** - Bud and Dorothy Moody by Marguerite Shoemaker and Bette Smith
- 01 Jan. Friday – The Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God/World Day of Prayer for Peace**
9:00 am For the People
5:30 pm No Mass or Communion Service
- 02 Jan. Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil** – The Epiphany of the Lord
Josefina Riedeman by Michael Riedeman & Family
- 03 Jan. Sunday – The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:30 am Charles and Rita Ernstes by The Ernstes Family
10:30 am For the People
6:00 pm Joe Ajamie by The Jackson Family



THE WEEK AHEAD

December 27, 2009 - January 3, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph		
Monday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
Tuesday			
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Webelos II
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	AA
Friday	Happy New Years/The Solemnity of Mary		
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Prep

Please remember our parishioners who are homebound in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

Ruth Hill

Springhurst Health Campus
628 N Meridian Road, Greenfield, IN 46140



Session 4 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday January 3rd** following the 6pm Mass. Please meet in the parish center.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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

Weekly Budget Goal \$ 13,750.00
Collection of December 19th and 20th not available due to early deadline
Electronic Contribution 12/15 to 12/21 not available due to early deadline

Year to Date Budget Goal as of 12/14 \$ 330,000.00

Year to Date Collections as of 12/14 \$ 317,784.81
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT as of 12/14 \$ - 12,215.19

Home Improvement Fund

August Contributions \$ 2,244.00
September Contributions \$ 2,030.85
October Contributions \$ 2,006.00
November Contributions \$ 2,229.00
December Contributions (up to 12/14) \$ 1,792.50

Christmas Season MASS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st - Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, December 31st at 6pm (anticipation Mass)
Friday, January 1st at 9am

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2nd and 3rd
Regular Weekend Mass Schedule
Full Christmas Choir at 10:30 am Mass on Sunday

PARISH OFFICE INFORMATION

The parish office will also close at Noon on December 31st
and be closed on January 1st.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, December 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 February.



HELP NEEDED IN PARISH CENTER

Our regular volunteer who has done cleaning in the parish center for many years is no longer able to help us in this way. We are hoping to put together a team of three or four people who might be willing to come in every other Saturday morning and do some cleaning in the parish center. Duties include sweeping, vacuuming, a little mopping, and some bathroom cleaning. Please call Tom in the parish center this week if you think you might be able to help.

School News

Three Great Things about Little Flower School

Academics, Community, Tradition

Our principal recently received a phone call from the mother of a Little Flower alum who is currently in high school. She had given him a phone as a present and she was surprised to see that he put a picture of Little Flower as his display. When she asked why he had chosen that he replied, "Little Flower means a lot to me and I will always carry a part of them with me." Little Flower students are

strengthened by our strong sense of community—and our is strengthened anew by our wonderful students and families.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing for 6pm Mass on December 27th and January 3rd. Please meet in church at 5pm.

YOUTH ROOM will be open on Sunday, December 27th after Mass until 9pm.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

As a result of our recent meeting with youth and their parents we are again attempting to form a parish youth council. This group will have the responsibility of planning and implementing youth activities. An intern in youth ministry from Marian University is volunteering to help in the formation of this group. Our initial meeting will be Wednesday, December 30th at 7pm in the parish center. Interested youth and asked and encouraged to attend. Snacks will be served.

What is a "Nun Run?" A Nun Run is a 24+ hour experience during which single women ages 18-35 are invited to visit 3-4 different Sisters' convents. You will have the opportunity to pray with us, eat with us, share stories and laugh with us. So fasten your seatbelts and plan to join us for a whirlwind weekend that will give you an inside look into Religious Life for women as a Sister! Transportation provided. No fee for the weekend. Nun Run is scheduled for Feb. 26-27, 2010. The event will begin at 6pm on Fri, Feb. 26th and conclude at 8:30 pm on Sat, Feb. 27th. Call Sr. Theresa Sullivan at 812-963-7563 or email theresa.sullivan@doc-ecp.org to receive a brochure and to register. Sponsored by Religious Communities of the greater Indianapolis area.

Thinking about Separation or Divorce? – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan. 15-17 call 317-489-6811 or email register@retroindy.com or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.com.

POSITOINS AVAILABLE AT CYO CAMP

Now hiring CYO Camp Summer Staff- ages 19 & older for 5 – 10 weeks at \$240/week. Extensive training provided starting May 29, 2010. Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Apply online at www.campranchoframasa.org or for more information call Angi Sullivan at 1-888-988-2839 ext. 25 or email angi@campranchoframasa.org.

Volunteer Camp Nures: receive a Campership for our child (free session of camp) in exchange for one week of camp nursing. Be a part of our welcoming staff community in a beautiful outdoor setting. Apply online at www.campranchoframasa.org or for more

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