

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.* ♥

Dear Parish Family,

By now, most of you know that parishioners Louis and Freda Blanchard were robbed and savagely beaten in their home on Friday, January 23. As I write this on Monday, January 26, I am happy to report that both are improving. Freda has been released from the hospital. Louis remains hospitalized.

Over the weekend, many of you asked about them and told me that you are praying for them. I asked their daughter Karen to convey your sentiments to them. In response, Karen wrote, "Please let the congregation know how much we appreciate all their prayers and concern. Mom feels so loved and told me, 'All this attention makes me feel like we matter.'" They do matter very much to us, and I hope you will continue praying for them, not just for their physical recovery but for their emotional recovery and for the capture of the person who perpetrated this crime. One of the byproducts of crime is fear, and fear breaks down the bonds of community.

I also hope that you are as outraged by what happened to Louis and Freda as I am. If you are, take advantage of every opportunity you have of letting the leadership of our city know that violent crimes, especially against the elderly, are unacceptable and you expect them to do everything possible to reduce such crimes. Second, watch out for your neighbors. If you see suspicious persons or activity in your neighborhood, immediately report it to the police. Third, be careful. Keep inner and outer doors locked. If someone comes to the door whom you do not know or are not expecting, do not open the door. I think in the past we sometimes thought it impolite not to answer the door. We cannot think that way today. If the person persists in knocking or ringing the doorbell, call the police.

Crimes involving senseless violence usually suggest drugs, someone on drugs or someone desperate for money to purchase drugs. I sometimes think as a society we are too tolerant of marijuana and alcohol abuse. Marijuana is a gateway drug to harder drugs. Also, how often do we read or hear about deadly automobile accidents caused by drivers, young and old, who are legally intoxicated? Perhaps we should all look at our own attitudes toward marijuana and alcohol use.

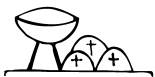
Please keep praying for Freda and Louis Blanchard.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



We extend our sympathy and condolences to Carol Murphy on the death of her husband, **Charley Murphy**, who passed away on January 21st. Charlie's funeral liturgy was celebrated on Monday, January 26th here at Little Flower. Charley graduated from Little Flower School and was very active in Community Little League. May Charlie be welcomed into God's eternal glory and may we remember his family in our thoughts and prayers.



Eucharistic Ministers

Eucharistic Ministers: the next schedule will be soon for March, April, and May. Please get your changes to the schedule to me by Feb. 8th. You can call me at 356-3488 or e-mail me at giboshihoosier@aol.com

The Adventuresome Group will meet again on **Wednesday, February 11th following the 11:00am Mass.** Matt Larson, Wellness Director, and Carolyn Mattingly, Director of Business Services, will be speaking on Senior Fitness and a special program available at the Ramsburg YMCA called SilverSneakers. Mark your calendar and please plan on coming to this meeting. Lunch will be served!



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 2 - 8, 2009

- 02 February Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Betty Gavaghan by Harry and Rosemary Armour
- 03 February Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Wurz by Dennis and Noreen Murphy
- 04 February Wednesday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm Rita Ernestes
- 05 February Thursday**
8:30 am Joe Thuc Chu and Anna Pham by Samuel
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 06 February Friday**
8:30 am For the Intentions of Sheila McGrath by Madelynn Miller
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 07 February Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Denis and Michael Foley by Rita Foley
- 08 February Sunday – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am Ellis Fowler by Joseph and Sally Turner
10:30 am Dorothy Moody by The Moody Family
6:00 pm For The People



Dates to Remember

February 1 - 8, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Ladies Club	Plant Sale	Begins
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SCVP
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2441
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	LFNA Garden Club
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies #195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
Thursday	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Brownies #02443
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Meeting
Friday	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Athletic Assoc.
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Festival Committee Mtg
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Illumination – First Communicants
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

a BIG THANKS

Thanks to all those who participated in the Fight the Freedom of Choice Act Postcard Campaign. If you want to send postcards to your state senators and representative and were not able to do so last weekend, postcards are still available at the doors of church. Please note that if you send one now, you will need to mail it yourself. Thanks also to those who donated money to help with the cost of mailing the postcards. Your donations are greatly appreciated. The Respect Life Committee.

Thank you for your support of the Campbell's Labels for Education program. With many parishioners' help, Little Flower School recently collected 3,468 points that will be redeemed for free school equipment. Remember to save your UPC codes from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, and Prego products, and lids from V-8 juices, and deposit them in the boxes at each of the church doors. This simple effort benefits our students and teachers through needed supplies and equipment for our school. ~Terri Downs, Campbell's Labels for Education Coordinator

LADIES CLUB NEWS

Attention Ladies!!! The Lenten Fish Fry's are approaching and we again are asking the ladies to provide the desserts. More details to arrive soon.

The next Ladies Club meeting is February 5th at 7:00 pm and we will be having a special program by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. This is a program that has rescue dogs and they will be present how these animals are trained to find these children. We hope to see you there.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of January 24 th and 25 th	check back next week
Electronic Contribution 1/13 to 1/20	check back next week
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of 1/18)	\$ 406,000.00
Year to Date Collections (as of 1/18)	\$ 393,095.95
Year to Date DEFICIT (as of 1/18)	\$ - 12,904.05

Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,354.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25
December Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
January Contribution (to date)	\$ 1,089.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 11/30/2008

Amount Pledged	\$903,685.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$727,392.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$154,626.00



Session 5 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, February 8th following the 6pm Mass.** Please meet in the parish center. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 27TH
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

Euchre Tournament

The Little Flower Athletic Association in partnership with the Shi Kay Lounge will hold a euchre tournament on Feb. 7th at the Shi Kay Lounge

starting at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions please call Adam Muller at 427-3913.

HELP Needed

One of our elderly parishioners, living at Crestwood Village, is looking for a ride to Mass on either Saturday or Sunday evening. She does use a wheelchair, but is able to transfer in & out of the wheelchair fairly easily. If you are able to help out a fellow parishioner, please call Peggy at the Parish Office, 357-8352 (x32).

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will Sing at the 6pm Mass on Sunday February 1st. Please meet in church at 5pm.

Youth room will be open on Sunday, February 1st after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm for the first part of the Super Bowl. Please drop in!

SNOW TUBING

We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Saturday February 21st(weather permitting!). We will leave LF PROMPLY at 6:00pm and return slightly after midnight. Reservations by Wednesday, February 18th are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$25.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips will be sent home with Little Flower 8th graders on Monday, 1/26 and were mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the school and the parish office. Call Tom at 357-8352 for more information! I need parents to volunteer to drive. Please call Tom if you can help.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

For those who have registered, classes begin on Monday, February 2nd at 6:30pm in the school cafeteria.

For more information, please visit www.daveramsey.com and follow the links to Financial Peace University, or call Steve Clegg, Little Flower's Financial Peace University Coordinator at 353-1142.

Annual financial statements have been mailed. Please review your statement and call Tom at the parish office as soon as possible if there are any discrepancies. (NOTE: Tom will be out of the office January 26th-30th, returning January 31st) Statement for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2009 planning will begin soon. Our summer festival dates this year are May 29th, 30th, and 31st. A kick off meeting will be held on Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 pm in the parish center for those who would like to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.

Need a babysitter?

Reliable, free child care is pretty hard to come by, but a new weekend babysitting co-op could help you relax and get out of the house without putting pressure on your bank account. If could want to learn more, plan to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, Feb 10 at 7 pm in the parish center. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting.

Save the Date!!

Through a generous grant from United Way, the 8th grade class at Little Flower School will host a **“Senior Prom” on February 28th following the 5:00pm Mass.** Watch the bulletin for more details.