

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to all those who filled out the postcards to our United States Senators and Representative against the *Freedom of Choice Act*. Three hundred thirty of us signed these postcards.

In last Sunday's homily, I mentioned that one of Jesus' principal ministries was as a prophet or teacher and that the Church's mission is to carry on the ministries of Jesus. Today the Catholic Church is a prophetic voice in defense of all human life, especially in defense of the unborn. Since we are the Church, I would suggest that signing these postcards was a prophetic act.

Also, thank you to all those who helped make the January 25th Little Flower School Open House a success. Thank you to all those who attended. Several families who do not yet have students in school attended. We hope that they will choose to send their children to Little Flower. As a parish, we can take pride in our school and the quality of Catholic education it provides.

Both Louis and Freda Blanchard are now home from the hospital. Freda was in church last Sunday with her daughter Karen. Please continue to pray for them and for the capture of the person who attacked them.

Today at the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we are celebrating the Rite of Illumination with our First Communicants. When children are baptized, the parents and godparents are given a candle, which signifies that Christ, the Light of the world, now lives in them and also that they are called to be lights to the world. This rite is repeated for them as they prepare for First Communion. Please remember them in your prayers.

Thank you also to all of you who are continuing to support the parish generously even in these difficult economic times. We hope that all of you will continue to do your best. At the same time, however, please note that we are not meeting our Sunday collection goal. Because Tom and our Finance Commission do such a good job developing our annual budget, there is little or no wiggle room in the budget. I would ask that everyone please continue to do his or her best to support our parish financially. For those it would find it helpful, please remember that we have the automatic deduction option. For our part, Tom has directed the staff to watch all expenses carefully and to postpone spending where possible.

Also, it might be helpful for you to understand some of our expenses. For example, gas bills for all four buildings for last month ran over \$13,000! I know it dangerous to mention this because some people will undoubtedly say it is because we keep it too warm. Please know that for the most part our thermostats are on timers to try to economize. Also, we will be trying to turn the thermostats down a little to see if we can lower our bills. Another cost-cutting measure is currently being investigated. Please remember that our buildings were built before there was concern with energy efficiency.

Finally, with the challenges we face, I hope you all realize that we are a great parish.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



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).

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.

**Masses of the Week**

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 9 - 15, 2009

09 February	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Jerry Forestal by Steve and Katie Wright
10 February	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Charley Murphy by Alvina Wurz
11 February	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
11:00 am	Betty Gavaghan by Pat Reese
5:30 pm	Communion Service
12 February	Thursday
8:30 am	Bernard Durman, Sr. by Mrs. Katherine Lamping
5:30 pm	Communion Service
13 February	Friday
8:30 am	For the Intentions of Sheila McGrath by Madelynn Miller
5:30 pm	Communion Service
14 February	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Vigil - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lucille Carroll by Sr. Lavonne Long
15 February	Sunday – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 am	For the Intentions of Jerome Downs by Gladys Maddox
10:30 am	For The People
6:00 pm	Ed and Helen Fillenwarth by Mary Ann Rhinesmith

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of January 24th and 25th	\$ 9,349.58
Electronic Contribution 1/21 to 1/27	\$ 692.00
Collection of January 31st and Feb 1st	\$ 12,389.41
Electronic Contribution 1/28 to 2/3	\$ 4,149.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 434,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 419,676.19
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 14,323.81

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25
December Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 923.00

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

Is God calling you to be a Franciscan sister? Come and See..

A Come and See Weekend for single, Catholic women 18 yrs. and older interested in learning more about Franciscan religious life on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 – 22 at the convent of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, IN. No charge for the weekend. For more info or to register, contact Sr. Joan Miller, PO Box 100 Oldenburg, IN 47036; phone: 812-934-6417; email joanm@oldenburgosf.com



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. Session 6 will follow on Sunday, February 22nd following the 6pm Mass. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dates to Remember

February 8 - 15, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	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
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 pm	First Communion Class
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Babysitting Co-op Mtg
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Respect Life Mtg
	St. Therese	6:30 pm	PTO Board
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Parish Pastoral Council
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Virtus Training
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Athletic Assoc. Mtg
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Stewardship Commission
Friday	Duffey Hall	4:45 pm	Market Day
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
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
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Church	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice

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!

Eucharistic Ministers & Servers: the next schedule will be out soon for March, April, and May. Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp at 356-3488 or e-mail giboshihoosier@aol.com. Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons at 357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org with any changes by Feb. 8th.

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

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. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION & WELCOMING COMMITTEE YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at 7pm in the Parish Center for anyone interested in being a part of the Parish Life Commission. This Commission is responsible for building a vibrant parish life and providing social opportunities for our parish community. This includes ministries such as the Ladies Club, Coffee & Donuts, Adventuresome Group and Adult Volleyball to name a few. Activities that fall under this commission include the Parish Picnic, Halloween Party, and Christmas Party. As you can imagine, much help is needed in order to effectively keep these ministries and activities going.

Your help is also needed in getting the Welcoming Committee up and running again. This committee prepares information and other resources for new parishioners to help them feel at home and become active members of our community. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 18th at 7 pm in the Parish Center, if you are interested in becoming involved with the Welcoming Committee. For more information on either of these ministries, please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center, 357-8352 (x32).

WOW! Congratulations to the Little Flower students who were on honor roll/high honors for the first semester at Secina Memorial High School.

High Honors
 Abby Foor, Amanda Tutrow, Veronica Belles, Nicole Clegg, Molly Nicholls, Ryan Tooley, Hunter Foor, Amelia Keenan, Olivia Belles, McKennah Brown, Jaclyn Clegg, Patrick Gedig, Kathleen Null.

Honor Roll
 Andrea Fleak, Jordyn Gray, Amy Tamer, Jessica Wright, Ryan Adkins, Patrick Barton, Christina Dammann, Jordan Myers, Douglas Padrick, Justin Tutrow, Allison Wendel, Samuel Barnette, Gabriel Elam, Ariss Fonseca, Katherine Leszczynski, Mackenzie Moore, Elisabeth Zimmerman, Brittany Clegg, William Durham, Emily Gibbons, Delaney Moss.

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice on Sunday February 15th from 7:00pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are always welcome!

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 were 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.

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. 10th at 7 pm in the parish center. You are welcome to bring your children to the meeting. Call Molly Hahn at 513-9970 for more information.