

 I Turn To You,
LORD, In Time Of
Trouble,
And You Fill Me With The
Joy Of Salvation.

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you to those who turned in nominations for potential candidates to priesthood or religious life. We received four nominations.

If you did not turn in your nominations of potential candidates for priesthood or religious life, please do so as soon as possible.

Last Monday I concelebrated the funeral of Fr. Don Schmidlin. As many of you know, Fr. Don was a graduate of Little Flower School. He was ordained by Archbishop Schulte at St. Meinrad on May 3, 1957. Although I was only in second grade, I remember attending his First Solemn Mass here at Little Flower. From 1963-1976, he served as Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Through his years as a priest, he served as pastor of several parishes, including St. Patrick, St. Joan of Arc, Nativity, and St. Matthew in Indianapolis. Most recently, he has been living at Fatima Retreat House and serving as sacramental minister at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish.

Among his surviving brothers and sisters is Sr. Mary Schmidlin, a Sister of St. Francis from Oldenburg. When we were talking before the funeral, Sister was asking me about Little Flower today. She was reminiscing about how many vocations to priesthood and religious life came from Little Flower. According to our latest directory, twenty-nine priests, twenty-seven sisters, and two religious brothers came from Little Flower.

In my homily last Sunday, I said, "...today many Christians are completely focused on this life." Let me give a practical example. In times past, when Catholics made moral decisions, their decision making was influenced by their understanding that their moral decisions would affect their eternal destiny. I wonder how many Catholics think in those terms today. My guess is that most of us think only of more immediate consequences of our choices.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

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 6 for candidates and team will follow on Sunday, February 22nd following the 6pm Mass. Session 7 will follow on

March 1st. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door



Attention all senior members of our parish! It's time to put on your dancing shoes! On February 28th, from 6 pm -10 pm in Duffy Hall (school cafeteria), the 8th grade class at Little Flower School, will host a Senior Prom. This event is open to anyone in the parish age 55 or older. The evening will include dinner, dancing and bingo. There is no cost to attend, but reservations are required, so that there is an accurate count for dinner. What a great way to beat the winter blues and have a free evening out. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, by February

23rd if you wish to attend. This is a great opportunity for you to meet some of the young people of our parish, so please mark your calendar and let us know you are coming!

**Masses of the Week**

FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 16 - 22, 2009

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| 16 February | Monday |
| 7:00 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Anna Frances Gillin by Judy Fahey |
| 17 February | Tuesday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:30 pm | Marcia Duncan by Dr. John P. Fleming |
| 18 February | Wednesday |
| 8:30 am | Ann Long by Clifford and Helen Rigsby |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 19 February | Thursday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 1:30 pm | Greentree - Maxine J. Olsen by James Wilfinger |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 20 February | Friday |
| 8:30 am | Amy Grismore by The Little Flower PTO |
| 5:30 pm | Communion Service |
| 21 February | Saturday |
| 8:30 am | Communion Service |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Clifford Fuller by Arvina Fuller |
| 22 February | Sunday - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 8:30 am | Charley Murphy by Ed Spalding Family |
| 10:30 am | Dan Mackell by Mary and Jerry Erlenbaugh |
| 6:00 pm | For the People |

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).

Ladies Club reminder: Just a reminder that Lenten Fish Fry's will begin on February 27th and we are counting on the women to provide those yummy desserts!



The Little Flower Athletic Association will be holding their Spring sign ups on February 16th and 23rd in the gym at 6:30 pm. The Spring sports will include: Boys Cadet Baseball, Girls Kickball, Coed Soccer and Track. Please remember that all sports fee are due at the time of sign ups and if you are unable to make the sign ups in person you can send your fees to school with your child. If you have any questions or need further info please contact Tim Smith at trsmith1838@sbcglobal.net

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**NEWLY
BAPTIZED**

Please welcome into our Christian Community Claire Eileen daughter of David and Samantha (Didion)

baptized on Sunday, February 8, 2009



Dates to Remember

February 15 - 22, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	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	
Monday	President's Day	Day	No School	
	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts	
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts	
	Gym	6:00 pm	Spring Sports Sign-Up	
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace	
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace	
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group	
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP	
	Tuesday	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
		Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2441
John 23 rd		7:00 pm	Parish Life Committee	
Parish Center		7:00 pm	RCIA	
Wednesday	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir	
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study	
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies #195	
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #799	
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Brownies #02443	
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council	
Thursday	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Welcoming Committee	
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos	
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study	
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.	
Friday	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Middle School Dance	
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball	
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group	
	Duffey	6:00 pm	Scouts Blue & Gold Awards	
Sunday	Parish Center	6:00 pm	Youth Group - Prefect North Tubing Trip	
	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Sending RCIA	
	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy	
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education	
	SS Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:00 pm	Rite of Election -RCIA	
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation	

Gabriel's several years ago immediately following the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. This parish has is now back in their own church, but beginning work on the rest of the parish facilities. Banks can be returned to Church at any of the Palm Sunday Masses. Thank you for your continued support of the Gabriel Project.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of February 14 th and 15 th	\$ 12,602.16
Electronic Contribution 2/4 to 2/10	\$ 684.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 448,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 432,962.35
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 15,037.65

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25
December Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
January Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
Feburary Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,598.00

Thank you for your response so far to the re-launch of our Home Improvement Fund. Just recently, \$3,600 was need for the repair of a major boiler valve in the school. This malfunction was resulting in the loss of valuable steam! The Home Improvement Fund was used to make this repair possible. Your continued efforts will be appreciated!

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

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! We will also sing at 6pm Mass on February 22nd and March 1st. Meet in church at 5pm.

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.

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 27th

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

LENTEN BABY BANKS

Lent is just around the corner and that means Baby Banks will be available soon. Baby Banks will be at the doors of Church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. 75% of the monies collected support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. 25% are directed toward a parish project. This year it has been decided to direct the parish portion of our Lenten sacrifices to St. Gabriel Parish in New Orleans. You may recall that we assisted St.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

**THE SCHOOL AND PARISH STAFF WILL BE
HELPING TO MAKE OUR FIRST FISH FRY OF THE
SEASON A BIG SUCCESS. PLAN NOW TO JOIN
US!**