

# Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Dear Parish Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Jesus' manifestation to the Gentiles.

As we continue our Christmas celebration, we want to remember that the Christmas season is a time for gratitude.

First, we should all be grateful to our fellow parishioners who support the parish so generously with their time, talent, and treasure. Parishes have always depended on their parishioners for gifts of treasure, but today more than ever before parishes depend on their parishioners' gifts of time and talent. Today no parish could function effectively without generous contributions of time and talent by many parishioners. Although we are not a large parish at this time in our history, I am always amazed at how many ministries we support.

Second, we should all be grateful to our parish staff. I often thank volunteers in this column. However, today I want to thank our parish staff by name and position: Tom Costello, Director of Stewardship and Administration, Peggy Clegg, Pastoral Associate-Health & Senior Ministries, Jeannie Zimmerman, Parish Secretary, Lisa Gibbons, Accounting Clerk & Coordinator of Youth Religious Education, Kevin Gawrys, Principal, Teresa Eckrich, Music Director, and Joe Reid, Maintenance Director.

All of our staff work extremely hard to serve you. It is not unusual at times for them to spend as much, if not more, time with each other than they spend with members of their families. We are all certainly the beneficiaries of their ability to work together as a team. They certainly make my job easier. I also think that if you were to ask any of them, they would say how much they enjoy working with each other and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this parish and to work with you because of your generosity. I hope in the next couple of weeks many of you will take the time to thank them for all their hard work.

Finally, thank you for all the support you give to me. Your Christmas greetings and gifts are always very affirming. Thank you!!!!

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

## In Sympathy

### Eternal Rest Grant Unto Thee...

We extend our sympathy to Peggy Lambert on the death of her brother-in-law, **Paul Lynch**, who passed away on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Paul was a member of Little Flower Parish for many years before moving in with his daughter, Michelle. He was very active in the sports program at Seccina High School. His wife, Betty was buried from Little Flower in 2001. Paul's funeral was December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Little Flower. We also extend our sympathy to the family of **Amy Grismore**, who passed away on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Her services were also on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Amy's son, Trevor, is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Little Flower School. She also has two aunts, Peggy Hannah and Patricia Grismore who are members of Little Flower Parish. May Paul and Amy be welcomed into God's eternal glory and may we remember both of their families in our prayers.

Thanks to everyone who bought presents for our Christmas Giving Tree and donated food. We handed out over 300 gifts for children and 60 gifts for the nursing homes in our area. We gave 96 bags of food. All families will have a brighter Christmas.



### FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 5 - 11, 2009

- 05 January**  
8:30 am **Monday**  
Barney Deck by Wanda Sieglitz  
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 06 January**  
8:30 am **Tuesday**  
5:30 pm Communion Service  
Elaine Sauer by Matt, Lisa, and Hannah Ritter
- 07 January**  
7:00 am **Wednesday**  
5:30 pm Communion Service  
Father Bill Cleary
- 08 January**  
8:30 am **Thursday**  
5:30 pm Ann Long by Clifford and Helen Rigsby  
Communion Service
- 09 January**  
8:30 am **Friday**  
5:30 pm Charles and Mary O'Hara by James O'Hara  
Communion Service
- 10 January**  
8:30 am **Saturday**  
5:00 pm Communion Service  
**Vigil- Baptism of the Lord**  
Larry Krackenberger by Bea Krackenberger and Family
- 11 January**  
8:30 am **Sunday - Baptism of the Lord**  
10:30 am Ellis Fowler by Charlotte Turner  
6:00 pm Charles Lawless by Bob and Bobbie Lawless  
For the People



### Dates to Remember

#### January 4 - 11, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Garden Club
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scout #2441
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	Church	7:30 pm	Adult Choir
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownie Troop 195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 799
	Scout Room	5:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 2443
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Respect Life
	<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 pm
Duffey Hall		7:00 pm	LFAA Business Meeting
St. Therese		8:00 pm	A.A.
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 am	First Communion - Rite of Enrollment
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates
	Parish Center	7:15 pm	Confirmation Meeting

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Regular Adult Choir resumes practice on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Campbell's Labels for Education™ awards free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell's family of brands. It's a fun, easy way for parents, grandparents, teachers, and alumni to support Little Flower Catholic School. Just clip the UPC code from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Franco-American, and Prego products, or submit bottle caps from V-8 juices, and leave in the boxes at each of the church doors. Register your Kroger Plus Card with Campbell's Labels for Education and Little Flower will automatically receive points from Campbell's products you purchase! Register online at [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com). Thank you for your support of Little Flower School!

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.**

Anyone interested in right to life issues are urged to attend the **Respect Life Committee** meeting on **January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Center. Some issues that this committee might work with include pro-life, the death penalty, and euthanasia. The goal of this committee is to educate parishioners on the Church's stand that all human life must be respected from the moment of conception to natural death. Please contact Peggy Clegg at the Parish Center for more details.



**Intramural Basketball Sign-ups**

The sign-ups for this year will be Sunday, Jan. 11th in the Little Flower Gym from 12:00pm to 1:00pm. Intramural Basketball is open to all children in grades kindergarten through third grade. The cost this year will be \$20.00 to include a medal for the children to keep. Please contact Tim Smith or Erik Allstatt with questions at 847-9857. Parents if you are interested in coaching please let us know!!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	14,000.00
Collection of December 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$	10,847.34
Electronic Contribution 12/16 to 12/22	\$	1,267.00
Year to Date Budget Goal (as of 12/21)	\$	350,000.00
Year to Date Collections (as of 12/21)	\$	338,075.44
Year to Date DEFICIT (as of 12/21)	\$	- 11,924.56

**Home Improvement Fund**

October Contributions	\$	1,354.00
November Contributions	\$	1,267.25
December Contributions (as of 12/21)	\$	994.00

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign  
As of 10/31/2008**

Amount Pledged	\$903,685.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$710,710.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$167,788.00

Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.



(grades 8 thru 12)

**Youth Choir** will sing on **Sunday, January 4th at 6:00 pm Mass** (meet at 5pm in church)



Session 3 and Session 4 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, January 4th and Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> following the 6pm Mass**. Please meet in the parish center.

**COMING SOON! FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY**

The pressures of today's economy weigh heavily on many people. With this in mind, Little Flower Church will be sponsoring a repeat session of Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a program that focuses on good money management for people of all income brackets!

Financial Peace University is a life-changing program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace

Each of the 13 Lessons deals with a different topic that will **change the way you think about personal finance**. Dave teaches about how to save money, live on a budget, communicate about money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.

In FPU, you will meet with your class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups that will **change how you think about money**. Dave explains how money really works in a **simple, easy-to-understand style**. You'll actually have fun as you learn!

**Learn more about FPU by attending a preview meeting on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30am Mass, Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, OR Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm. The meetings will be held in the school cafeteria. Child Care will be provided.**

The classes will be held on Monday evenings, most likely beginning on February 2nd.

For more information, please visit [www.daveramsey.com](http://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.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 19th 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 March or April.



**Please welcome into our Christian Community Ethan Michael, son of Luke and Elizabeth (Shackelford) Boston, baptized on Sunday, December 21, 2008.**

Choose Life...The infant Jesus adored at Christmas was, like each of us, an unborn child who began and grew in His mother's womb. God-made-man accepted each and every phase of our humanity to demonstrate the sacredness of human life at all stages.