



Look, There Is The  
Lamb Of God!

### Dear Parish Family,

The week of January 25<sup>th</sup> is Catholic Schools Week. For over 80 years, Little Flower Parish has made the Catholic education of our children among its highest priorities. As part of *Appreciative Inquiry*, we recently conducted interviews with nearly 100 of our parishioners. Time and time again, we heard about how important the ministry provided by our school is to all of our parishioners, including those who no longer have children of school age. The ministry of our school is second only to our liturgy as the most important thing we do. More of our financial and human resources are devoted to the school than to any other ministry, including Liturgy. Therefore, each year I believe it is important that we provide you with a report of our stewardship of our school.

As part of our stewardship, each year I ask Kevin Gawrys, our school principal, to give a report on Little Flower. Today I would like to thank Kevin for speaking at all the Masses this weekend. Also, I, we, want to thank him, the faculty, and the staff of the school and parish for all they do to help Little Flower School remain the excellent school it has always been.

Next Sunday, January 25, will also be our annual Little Flower School Open House from 12 noon until 2:00 p.m. All are invited, and those who have children, even children not yet old enough to attend school, are both invited and encouraged to attend to meet the faculty and to see the school.

During these challenging economic times, it is good to remember that so many are facing so many more challenges than we are facing. Many of you may remember Little Flower helping St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in New Orleans, Louisiana, after Hurricane Katrina. They are rededicating their church on Sunday, February 9. I sent them a letter of congratulations and a promise of continued prayers. They are now beginning work on the restoration of their Parish Hall and Administration Building.

According to Fr. David Doussan, the pastor, 200 families have moved back into their rebuilt homes. Last year there were only 100 families. They have received help from more than 2000 volunteers from 50 or more parishes, high schools, and colleges who have cleaned out over 100 homes and helped rebuild 35 or more. Through the generosity of donors, they have been able to purchase insulation and sheetrock, up to \$1,800 per family, for 130 families.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO PARISHIONERS TOM BRANSON AND MEGAN PHARES WHO WERE MARRIED HERE AT LITTLE FLOWER AT SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>. WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST!**



Session 5 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> following the 6pm Mass.** Please meet in the parish center.

### Save the Date!!

Through a generous grant from United Way, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class at Little Flower School will host a **"Senior Prom" on February 28<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00pm Mass.** The theme for the prom will be "Young at Heart" and festivities will include dinner, dancing, and bingo. More details will be forthcoming, but for all the "Young at Heart" members of our parish, mark your calendar and save the date, so you don't miss out on the fun!



### Masses of the Week

#### FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 19 - 25, 2009

<b>19 January</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	For the Intentions of Sheila McGrath by Madelyn Miller
<b>20 January</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	John Wurz by Diane and Ron Sharpe
<b>21 January</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:30 am	Bernice VanNoy by the Nursing Staff of St. Paul Hermitage
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>22 January</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 am	Dorothy Moody by The Moody Family
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>23 January</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 am	Sam Jones
5:30 pm	Communion Service
<b>24 January</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	<b>Vigil- Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> William Hamilton by Thomas Hunter
<b>25 January</b>	<b>Sunday – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 am	Ellis Fowler by Joseph and Sally Turner
10:30 am	Tom Reese by The Blackwell Family
6:00 pm	For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of January 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 13,149.25
Electronic Contribution 12/30 to 1/6	\$ 692.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 392,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 379,417.28
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 12,582.72

#### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 1,354.00
November Contributions	\$ 1,267.25
December Contributions	\$ 1,139.00
January Contribution (to date)	\$ 1,015.00

#### 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

#### Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will practice Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm until 8:30 pm in church. New members are always welcome.

Youth room will be open again on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm AND after 6pm Mass for the first part of the Super Bowl on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> (until 8:30 pm) .

#### SNOW TUBING

At Perfect North in Lawrencburg, IN  
Save this date! - Saturday, February 21st - details to follow

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Dates to Remember

#### January 18 - 25, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donut
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Financial Peace Preview
	Church	7:15 pm	Youth Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Financial Peace Preview
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Financial Peace child care
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
<b>Tuesday</b>	Holy Family	7:00 pm	SVDP
	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2441
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Association
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownie # 195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts Troop# 799
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Financial Peace Preview
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Financial Peace child care
<b>Thursday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Parish Council
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am
Duffey Hall		8:00 am	Scouts Pinewood Derby
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	School	10:30 am	Little Flower School Open House
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room

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



#### Little Flower Adult Volleyball

Open gym and sign-ups for Winter/Spring League will be on Friday, Jan. 23<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 pm. All adults 19 years and older are welcome. The cost is \$10.00 per person for the season. If you have any questions please contact Jim Erlenbaugh at 359-1124.

**Right to Life of Indianapolis** will once again sponsor the annual Memorial Service for the Unborn on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>. This event will take place from 3-4 p.m. in the Indiana War Memorial Auditorium, located on the corner of Michigan and Meridian Streets in downtown Indianapolis. Following the Memorial Service, we invite everyone to participate in a prayerful walk to Monument Circle. This event is free and open to the public.

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!  
**Little Flower Fish Frys will return on Fridays during Lent, beginning Friday,**



### ★ TAKE NOTE:

February 27<sup>th</sup>

#### Fight FOCA Postcard Campaign

Little Flower Parish, along with parishes throughout the United States, will participate in a postcard campaign, on **January 24 & 25<sup>th</sup>**, to fight the "Freedom of Choice Act", the most serious threat to pro-life policies. FOCA would create a "fundamental right" to abortion the government could not limit but would be required to fund and support. The postcards will be sent to Senator Richard Lugar, Senator Evan Bayh and to your U.S. Representative: Dan Burton 5<sup>th</sup> District, Mike Pence-6<sup>th</sup> District or Andre Carson, 7<sup>th</sup> District. Postcards will be available in the pews and at all of the church doors next weekend. All parishioners, **including children**, are encouraged to sign and address the three postcards and place them in the boxes located at the doors of church after Mass. We would like to mail all of the postcards from Little Flower, in order to keep track of how many postcards are mailed. Baskets will be available, next weekend as well, if you wish to donate \$1.00 to help cover the cost of the mailing. You are also encouraged to e-mail and/or phone your senators and representative. This information will be available at the doors of church next week.

#### COMING SOON! FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

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.

**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 at 6:30pm, 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual financial statements have been mailed and should arrive early this week. . 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 on January 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, returning January 31<sup>st</sup>) Statement for Legacy for our Mission contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.**

The parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will be out mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Monday, Jan. 26. Please include any questions about our church or parish you might like Father Bob to answer in the newsletter!

**SUPER BOWL PARTY!  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL**

**(1040 N. Post Road) Doors open at 5 pm on Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Food, soft drinks and draft beer included for \$7.00 admission.  
Super Bowl Board is also available!**