



Dear Parish Family,

Today begins Catholic Schools Week. Today I want to thank Kevin Gawrys, our Principal, the faculty, and the staff for all they do to make Little Flower School the excellent school it is. Likewise, we are blessed with students who are both good students and good children. We thank their parents and guardians for entrusting them and their education to Little Flower School. Finally, thanks to Tom Costello and the parish staff for all they do to support our school.

Special thanks to Kevin Gawrys for his report on the state of Little Flower School last weekend. I have asked him to forward it to the parish newsletter so that all parishioners will have the opportunity to review it.

This past Thursday was the 36th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Roe v Wade*, the decision that legalized abortion throughout the United States. Today we are participating in the postcard campaign against the "Freedom of Choice Act" or FOCA. The Catholic Church has been a prophetic voice since *Roe v Wade* in defending every person's right to life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Your participation in this campaign allows you to be a prophetic voice in our country.

Finally, today we begin *Called by Name*. This is a program to identify men and women who might have vocations to priesthood or religious life. This is a wonderful program because it invites **you** to suggest names of men and women who might be good candidates for priesthood or religious life, people whom I or the parish staff may not know or, at least, not recognize as potential vocations.

Finally, if today were not Sunday, we would be celebrating the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. Since we are in the year of St. Paul, as part of your prayer today, you might want to read the story of his conversion in Acts 9:1-22.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

The Adventurousome 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!



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.



We Offer our Sympathy.....

We remember our parishioner, Maria Adamowicz, who passed away on January 14th. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated on December 17th. Maria's husband, Adalbertis, was buried from here in 2000. She is survived by her son, James and his wife, Rayni, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. May we keep Maria's family in our thoughts and prayers and may our Lord welcome her into his eternal glory.



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 26 – FEB. 1, 2009

- 26 January Monday**
7:00 am Communion Service
5:30 pm John Wurz by Diane and Ron Sharp
- 27 January Tuesday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:30 pm For the Intentions of Sheila McGrath by Madelynn Miller
- 28 January Wednesday**
8:30 am Eileen Reel by Bruce and Vicki Henderson
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 29 January Thursday**
8:30 am Communion Service
1:30 pm Crestwood – Elinor Johnson by David and Sue Hulse
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 30 January Friday**
8:30 am Ronald Ahlbrand
5:30 pm Communion Service
- 31 January Saturday**
8:30 am Communion Service
5:00 pm **Vigil- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Judith Haboush by Alfred Haboush and Arvina Fuller
- 01 February Sunday – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:30 am Mary Elizabeth Fortune by The Little Flower Ladies Club
10:30 am For the People
6:00 pm Rita Ernstes by Judi Sullivan



Dates to Remember

January 25 – February 1, 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
	School	10:30 am	Little Flower School Open House
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Room
Monday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Silly Safari and PTO Business Meeting
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	Catholic	Schools	Week
	Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am
	St. Therese	9:00 am	Gabriel Project Training
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

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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!

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of January 17 th and 18 th	\$ 9,206.03
Electronic Contribution 1/13 to 1/20	\$ 4,472.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 406,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 393,095.95
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 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

Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will Sing at the 6pm Mass on Sundays January 25th and February 1st. Please meet in church at 5pm.

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

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 PROMPTLY 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, 2/2 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.

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. 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!

Hiring Nurses

Apply at St. Paul Hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave, Beech Grove, IN. If you have any questions please call Janet at 786-2261 ext. 48.

Seccina Mulch Sale

Seccina High School 4th annual mulch sale will begin January 26 through March 20, 2009 with delivery on Saturday, April 11, 2009. All proceeds will benefit the athletic programs at Seccina. Delivery is FREE! For orders or questions, please call the athletic office at 317-322-4286

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 you 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. Call Molly Hahn at 513-9970 for more information.

BIBLE STUDY

On February 19th, Thursday evening adult bible study will begin a new study on the writings of St. Paul. The cost will be \$20.00. Call Anita Moody at 894-4134 by January 26th for more information or to register. Registration is necessary in order to have materials ordered on time.



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. The entry fee is \$15 and prizes will be given to the top three places. If you have any questions please call Adam Muller at 427-3913.

2009 CYO Bingo Event

The CYO will be hosting the Annual CYO Bingo on Saturday, Feb. 7th at the North side Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st Street. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm with Bingo beginning at 7:30pm. The cost is \$35 a person and advance reservations are required. This event sells out very quickly so make a reservation soon!! For more information or to make a reservation please call Lisa Mezera at 632-9311 or email imezera@cyoarchindy.org.

Mark your Calendars! St. Christopher Women's annual convocation will be Saturday, March 14, 8am to 3pm. This year's theme is *Spring into Life*. The keynote speaker is Jan Novoka. Registrations are available by calling St. Christopher's at 241-6314 or on the web at www.saintchristopherparish.org.