

Dear Parish Family,



Fr. Bob is on a well-deserved vacation.

His letter will return to the bulletin in two weeks.

Good News about Little Flower School: Little Flower is the only Eastside school to show growth on ISTEP each of the last three years.

THE HOME IMPROVEMENT FUND

In 2003, shortly after the completion of the Debt Free in 2003 campaign that eliminated Little Flower Parish's \$250,000 debt to the Archdiocese, we established the Little Flower Home Improvement Fund. This Fund was envisioned as something to be used to fund major and unexpected repairs and small capital improvement projects. Our goal was to eliminate the strain on the parish operating budget by being able to fund these unexpected expenses from the Home Improvement Fund.

The availability of this fund has been a major factor in allowing us to operate within our normal operating budget while making repairs and improvements in our aging facilities.

We know that it was virtually impossible for our families to support their normal Sunday offering and their Legacy for our Mission pledge and still be able to donate any significant amount to the Home Improvement Fund. In January, as we reached the end of most parishioners' pledge periods for Legacy of our Mission, we asked that you consider transferring your support of that campaign to our Home Improvement Fund. In other words, our request was that you consider continuing your pledge payment, but instead direct your contribution to the Home Improvement Fund. If you were not paying a pledge to Legacy for our Mission, we asked that you consider at this time a regular or increased donation to the Home Improvement Fund.

Many parishioners have acted on this request. Donations to the Home Improvement Fund have increased, as you can see from checking the monthly totals in the bulletin. As a result, the following projects will be undertaken or have been completed.

- Replacement of steps on south side of parish center
- Replastering of damaged walls in the St. Therese Room
- Laying of new donated carpet in the 1st floor of the parish center
- Replacement of interior ceiling in the music sacristy

For those who have not been able to consider this request, we are asking for your help. There are many projects such as those mentioned above that need attention.

One Home Improvement Fund is included for each month in your regular envelope packet. You can also use Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) from your checking account to the Home Improvement Fund. If you already use our Automatic Funds Transfer program for your Sunday offering, you may now add a separate donation for the Home Improvement Fund by filling out an EFT from available at the church doors. You may use EFT for either your regular Sunday offering or the Home Improvement Fund or both

During these difficult economic times, we are most appreciative of anything you can do to help with the Home Improvement Fund. Thank You.



Masses of the Week

FOR THE WEEK OF July 13 - 19 , 2009

13 July	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Betty Gavaghan by Esther Hombert
14 July	Tuesday
8:30 am	Otila Sanchez by Eva Birtchman
5:30 pm	Communion Service
15 July	Wednesday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Stephen Schmidt by Betty Schmidt
16 July	Thursday
8:30 am	Tony Bova by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Spalding
1:30 pm	Greentree – Bill Dugan
5:30 pm	Communion Service
17 July	Friday
8:30 am	Anna Pham and Anna Chu
5:30 pm	Jerry Forestal by Mary O'Brien
18 July	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Vigil – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Dorothy Bridenstein by Mary Jonas Foor and Rita Jonas Foley
19 July	Sunday –The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time For the Intentions of the Little Flower SVDP Committee and Volunteers by Mary Anne Lundy Helen Sauer by The Little Flower Ladies Club For the People
10:30 am	
6:00 pm	



Dates to Remember

July 12 - 19, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure	screenings	After all Masses
	Church	8:00 am	Children's Choir
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates
Tuesday	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Youth Cookout
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	Finance Council
Thursday	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	St. Therese	5:00 pm	Babysitting Co-op
	Church	8:00 pm	Children's Choir
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 pm	Youth Choir Practice



Fr. Bob will be turning 60 on August 6th. The Parish Life Commission will be hosting an open house in honor of Fr. Bob's 60th birthday on **Sunday, August 2nd, from 11:30 – 1:30pm** in the school cafeteria. Please see the insert for more information.



Our **Parish Picnic** will be on **Sunday, August 30th, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.** Please mark your calendar and save the date. You won't want to miss out on all the fun! There will be bingo, family games/activities, kickball, and games/activities for the little kids. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of July 4 th and 5 th	\$ 11,678.50
Electronic Contribution 6/30 to 7/6	\$ 4,354.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 16,032.75
NEW FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE	\$ + 2,282.75
DEFICIT for Fiscal Year 2008-09	\$ - 24,790.04

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 2,846.18
April Contributions	\$ 2,038.00
May Contributions	\$ 2,067.00
June Contributions	\$ 2,087.00
July Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,168.00

Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign

As of 4/30/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$753,711.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$124,266.00

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!

**A Big Thanks to all who helped with Vacation Bible School
June 22 - 26! We had 30 volunteers help make a very hot
week fun and faith filled!**

News from Fatima Retreat House

- August 9th – non-guided silent reflection day, 9am til 4pm including continental breakfast, lunch and a private room for the day. - \$25 per person
- July 14th – “Meet me at the Shack” evening of reflection with Fr. Jim Farrell - \$15/person
- July 16th – “Meet me at the Shack” day of reflection, includes breakfast, lunch, Mass and program - \$35/person

Call Fatima at 545-7681 for more information



Does your marriage bloom like the beauty of the flowers in the summer? Learn how to shine with God's love for all to see. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is in Indianapolis, Nov. 6 – 8 at Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center. Weekends fill up quickly, so a quick response is

encouraged. For more information or to register, contact Mark and Jill Levine at 317-888-1892 or email jbradleylevine@msn.com. There are also upcoming weekends in Louisville.

**HELP
Needed**

We are looking for volunteers who know how to paint to help with getting classrooms and hallways painted in the school this summer. If you can help, please call Joe Reid at the Parish Office at 357-8352 ext. 29 or 874-8261. Many hands make light work.



(grades 8 thru 12)

COMING UP!

RESCHEDULED COOKOUT for all youth, incoming grade 8 through high school. **TUESDAY, July 14th** from 7pm until 9pm. Please let us know you are coming. Call 357-8352 or e-mail tom@littleflowerparish.org

MORE SUMMER DATES FOR YOUTH

Sunday, July 19th - Youth Choir Practice - 7pm in church
 Sunday, July 26th - Youth room open
 Thursday July 30th - Cookout II at parish center - 7pm until 9pm
 Sunday, August 9th - Back to school blessing, Mass, Dinner, and MORE for high school and college students. Details to follow



The next **FREE MOVIE** for seniors, sponsored by Rosewalk at Lutherwood, will be on **Thursday, July 16th** at the Kerasote Movie Theater at Washington Square Mall. This month's feature is **Star Trek**. Don't miss out on the opportunity to see a free movie!

SAVE THIS DATE!

We will be welcoming our high school and college students in a special way at 6 pm Mass on Sunday, August 9th. There will be a blessing for them and their upcoming school year during Mass. Following Mass, we will offer a dinner for them and their families in the social hall. Please plan to join us! Watch for further details.

The University of Notre Dame Glee Club premier A Capella singing group, the **UNDERTONES**, will perform at Our Lady of Mt Carmel on July 13th at 7:30 PM. The group's ever-changing repertoire features lively member-penned vocal arrangements of songs from the history of pop, rock, and R&B, along with a bit of barbershop harmony and, of course, spirited Notre Dame fight songs! Visit www.nd.edu/~utones for more information about the group and <http://www.olmc1.org/> for Parish Information!

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

Fall Sports Sign-Ups



Sign-Ups for fall sports kickball and football will be Tuesday, July 14th and Monday, July 20th in the gym from 6:30-7:30PM. If you are unable to be at sign-ups please contact Katie Lyons, 352-1129 or mklyons74@yahoo.com.