

**Dear Parish Family,**

Thank you to all those who complimented the new stained glass windows.

As I mentioned in my homily, the new stained glass windows are attempt to replicate the originals, of which we have no complete pictures or drawings. Most of you probably know that when Fr. John designed the church, the altars were based on the table in Leonardo da Vinci's *Last Supper*. The marble frames of the stained glass windows were also based on the windows in da Vinci's *Last Supper*. However, the scene in the windows was the scene you see in the new windows—the three crosses, the road to Calvary, and green.

In 1962, Mass was still celebrated in Latin, and the tabernacle was on the main altar. Shortly after Mass began to be celebrated in English with the priest facing the people, the main altar was moved slightly forward, approximately the bottom ---- of the window was removed as well as part of the marble, and the tabernacle was placed on a shelf in the window.

During the 1970's, a peninsula was added to the sanctuary, a new altar was placed in the center of the church, the side sections of the pews were turned toward the center, and the choir was relocated to the former sanctuary. At approximately the same time, the tabernacle was removed from the sanctuary. For a period of time, the windows were covered by drapes. Finally, the windows were removed and replaced by the frosted glass windows which we had until recently. These were generously donated by Mary Farrell in memory of her sister, Margaret (Peg) Farrell.

Many people have asked why the original stained glass windows were removed. I do not know the answer. The only thing I heard was that Msgr. Bosler did not like them because they were too focused on Jesus' crucifixion rather than his resurrection. However, again, this is only what I have heard. Consequently, the center replacement windows had a resurrection theme: the lamb and the *Alleluia*. The side windows were roses, in memory of St. Therese.

Likewise, many people have asked what happened to the originals. When I came as pastor, that was also my question because I had hoped that we could find them, re-acquire them, and restore them. There were many different stories. Some said Msgr. Bosler had given or sold them to some wealth north side people whom he knew. I knew several of his closest north side friends. None of them knew anything about the windows. One person told me that he witnessed their destruction. Another person said he or she had seen them in a home in Irvington. Two or three people gave me the names of parishioners who they said knew what happened to the windows. For the most part, those parishioners have died. I talked to their surviving relatives, none of whom knew anything about the windows. Several times I have asked for information at Mass, in the bulletin, and in the alumni newsletter. Articles were published, I believe, in the Indy East section of the *Indianapolis Star* and *The East Side Herald*.

What I did acquire from all the searching were several partial pictures of the windows. These were compiled on disk. Eventually a parishioner put me in touch with Kerry and Mary Ann Byrne of Der Glass Werks Art Glass Studio. They were given the pictures, they visited the church several times, they came up with a design, and they modified the design after meetings with us. And, I believe, they did an outstanding job designing and creating the windows.

Finally, thank you again to all those who financially supported this project. Just as all the altar furnishings were purchased with funds donated specifically for that purpose, with the exception of about \$500, all the funds for the windows were donated specifically for them.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2 -8, 2009**

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| <b>02 March</b> | <b>Monday</b>  |
| 7:00 am         | Communion Service  |
| 5:30 pm         | Edward Haboush by Arvina Fuller  |
| <b>03 March</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
| 8:30 am         | Julia McNally  |
| 5:30 pm         | Communion Service  |
| <b>04 March</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   |
| 8:30 am         | Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family  |
| 5:30 pm         | Communion Service  |
| <b>05 March</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Joan Wendling by Ron and Diane Sharp   |
| 5:30 pm         | Communion Service  |
| <b>06 March</b> | <b>Friday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Betty Gavaghan by The Guedel Family  |
| 5:30 pm         | Way of the Cross and Communion Service   |
| <b>07 March</b> | <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 8:30 am         | Communion Service  |
| 5:00 pm         | <b>Vigil- Second Sunday of Lent</b><br>Charles and Mary O'Hara by James O'Hara |
| <b>08 March</b> | <b>Sunday – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>                                  |
| 8:30 am         | Marie Adamowicz by The Little Flower Ladies Club                               |
| 10:30 am        | Michael Clifford by Ruth Clifford  |
| 6:00 pm         | For the People   |

The first babysitting Co-op night will be Saturday, March 7 in the St. Therese room from 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Parents will rotate turns as the sitters while the rest of the group gets a night out. If you missed the meeting and want to know what it's all about, contact Molly Hahn at 513-9970.

**Ladies Club reminder:** Just a reminder that we are counting on the women to provide those yummy desserts for the Lenten Fist Frys.


**Adventuresome Group News**

The Adventuresome Group will meet again on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will journey south for lunch at Sister's Place and then head further south to Sacred Heart Church for a tour. More information will follow. Mark your calendars and plan on attending.



We extend our condolences to **Catherine Gregg** and **Bob Dew**, on the death of their aunt, **Margaret Merl**, who passed away on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Margaret was 93 years old and very active in our parish years ago with Altar Society and the Martha and Mary Club. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated on February 24<sup>th</sup> here at Little Flower. May she be welcomed into God's eternal glory and may we remember her family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Irish Get Together**

 Come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Ladies Club At the next meeting on March 5th at 6:30 pm. This is a pitch-in meeting so bring your favorite dish and enjoy Irish entertainment by Terry Hannon.

## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



### Dates to Remember

**March 1 - 8, 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<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
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	Confirmation
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girl Scouts #2441
	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	Brownies #195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scout #799
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Girl Scouts #02443
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Pitch-In
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	LFAA Board Meeting
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
	Duffey Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	10:00 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Retreat
	St. Therese	5:00 pm	Babysitting Co-op
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Monte Carlo
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates



Blood pressure screenings will be done after all of the Masses on March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>. All future blood pressure screenings will be done on the second weekend of each month. Please contact Peggy Clegg, at the Parish Office, if you wish to help with these screenings or for more information.

### Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

**Youth Choir** will sing at 6pm Mass on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please meet in church at 5pm.



Session 7 for candidates and team will take place on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> following the 6pm Mass. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

#### GOLFERS- SAVE THIS DATE!

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. More information will be available soon!



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, March 23<sup>rd</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 June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### INFORMATION FOR LENT

Stations of the Cross and Communion Service will be each Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, evening, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. **at Our Lady of Lourdes**. Please mark your calendars

#### FESTIVAL NEWS

**SUMMERFEST 2009 planning has begun.** Our summer festival dates this year are May 29<sup>th</sup>, May 30<sup>th</sup>, and May 31<sup>st</sup>. The next planning meeting will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the parish center.

**Rummage Sale donations** - please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288.

**The Silent Auction** team needs your help. Call Mary Martha Costello at 544-0473, or Rosemary Armour at 357-0284 if you or your employer can donate new goods or services valued in excess of \$25.00

### FISH FRY IS HERE!

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**THANKS TO THE SCHOOL AND PARISH STAFF FOR GETTING US OFF TO A GOOD START. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 6, THE SCHOOL COMMISSION WILL JOIN OUR CORE GROUP IN SPONSORING THE BIG EVENT! BE THERE!**

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of February 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup>	\$ 9,495.46
Electronic Contribution 2/18 to 2/23	\$ 1,309.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 476,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 459,336.75
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 16,663.25

#### Home Improvement Fund

**February Contributions (to date) \$ 1,903.00**

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 1/31/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,695.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$744,396.00
<b>Pledges still outstanding</b>	<b>\$139,512.00</b>

The Ancient Order of the Hibernians are hosing there 139th Hibernian St. Patrick's Program at the Indiana Roof Ballroom on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Festivities include music by former All-Ireland singing champion, Gavin Coyle (from Cty Derry,

Ireland), master of ceremonies Father Noah Casey and a delicious luncheon. Reservations required, call Chuck McGinley at 359-7147.