

*Lord, You Have The Words  
Of Everlasting Life.*

**Dear Parish Family,**

Please do not forget that this Monday, March 16, will be our Lenten Penance Service at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes. As is our tradition, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette.

Many Catholics see the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a burden. However, we should remember that Jesus gave us this sacrament to be a gift. First, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is the privileged way in which we encounter the healing, forgiving love of God in Christ Jesus. Guilt can be a terrible burden. In giving us this sacrament, Jesus wanted to free us from sin and guilt. Second, we believe that in this sacrament, when Jesus forgives our sins, he also empowers us to live better lives in the future.

As you know, the money that we receive through the Lenten baby banks is divided between the Gabriel Project and a charity designated by the parish. As a parish we have chosen once again to help St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish in New Orleans. As I mentioned a few weeks ago, they rededicated their church on Sunday, February 9. Now they are beginning the work of restoring their Parish Hall and Administration Building.

Fr. David Doussan, the pastor, reported that 200 families have moved back into their rebuilt homes. The previous 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.

Several months ago, we announced that we were beginning a process called *Appreciative Inquiry*. The process includes interviews with representative parishioners followed by the compilation and publication of the results of the interviews. These results then can be used as the basis for strategic planning. At this time, the majority of the interviews have been completed. We are still waiting for more to be completed. Once they are completed, we will begin the compilation process. Thanks to all of you who agreed to be interviewed and to those who served as interviewers. Please be aware that the interviews are not yet complete and that you may still be contacted for an interview.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Blood pressure screenings will be done after all of the Masses this weekend. 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.



The newly formed Parish Life Commission will host a Soup Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Make sure you save this date and plan on attending, so you can break bread with your fellow parishioners. Watch the bulletin for

more details!



The confirmation candidates and team will be on retreat all day on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Details will be forthcoming. Please pray for

our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door



**Masses of the Week**

**FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16 -22, 2009**

<b>16 March</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Monday</b> Martha Rowe Communion Service
<b>17 March</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Tuesday</b> Communion Service Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
<b>18 March</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> Souls of the Chu-Pham Family Communion Service
<b>19 March</b>	8:30 am 1:30 pm 5:30 pm	<b>Thursday</b> Communion Service Greentree – Alice, Emil, and Joe Olinger Communion Service
<b>20 March</b>	8:30 am 5:30 pm	<b>Friday</b> Pat McConahay by Bud and Therese Myers Way of the Cross and Communion Service
<b>21 March</b>	8:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>Saturday</b> Communion Service <b>Vigil- Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Mary A. & Mary C. Haboush by Arvina Fuller
<b>22 March</b>	8:30 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Dan Mackell by The Ed Spalding Family Frances Gillin by Frank Coyle For the People

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

<b>Weekly Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 14,000.00</b>
<b>Collection of March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 10,173.46</b>
<b>Electronic Contribution 3/3 to 3/8</b>	<b>\$ 964.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Budget Goal</b>	<b>\$ 504,000.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Collections</b>	<b>\$ 490,596.31</b>
<b>Year to Date DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ - 13,403.69</b>

**Home Improvement Fund**

<b>February Contributions</b>	<b>\$ 1,903.00</b>
<b>March Contributions (to date)</b>	<b>\$ 2,154.18</b>

**THANK YOU!**

**For your faithfulness to the Sunday Collection  
as well as your generous response thus far to the  
re-launch of our Home Improvement Fund.  
Your continued efforts will be appreciated!**

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign**

As of 1/31/2009

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

**Christ Renews His Parish**

If you attended Christ Renews in another parish and would like to see it begin at Little Flower, please come to the Adult Faith Formation Meeting, Wednesday, March 18, from 7 pm – 9 pm. The diocesan start up team reps will be here to let us know what is involved. We'd like to hear your stories and recommendations. Interested, but can't attend – call Sheila Gilbert – 353-6223.

**Caregiver needed** for an elderly gentleman in our parish. Both part-time and full-time hours and various shifts are available. This would be a paid position. If you are interested please contact the Parish Center as soon as possible

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



### Dates to Remember

March 15 - 22, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
<b>Monday</b>	Scout Room	6:00 pm	Bear Scouts
	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	6:00 pm	Track Meeting
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	At - Our Lady of Lourdes	7:00 pm	Lenten Penance Service
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parish Center	10:00 am	Mission Sewing
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	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 Troop 195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 799
	Scout Room	5:00 pm	Brownie Troop 02443
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Adult Faith Formation
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Pack Meeting
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
<b>Thursday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:00 pm	Finance Council
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	PTO Business Meeting
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	3:30 pm	Girl Scout Troop 787
	Duffey Hall	4:30 pm	Fish Fry
	Duffey Hall	7:00 pm	Band Concert
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 am	Religious Ed
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	10:30 am	RCIA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
	Duffey Hall	10:30 am	Confirmation Retreat
	Church	5:00 pm	Youth Choir

### Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

**Youth Choir** will NOT practice on our regular practice date of March 15<sup>th</sup>. We will sing at 6pm Mass on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please meet at 5pm and be on time!



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>.

**HOLD THE DATE APRIL 18<sup>th</sup> 2009** for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Indiana Catholic Woman's Conference. For more information visit [www.indianacatholicwomen.com](http://www.indianacatholicwomen.com) or call 924-3982 or 888-0873.

## FISH FRY IS HERE!

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!**

**THANKS TO THE PTO FOR HELPING AT LAST WEEK'S FISH FRY. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 20, OUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS JOIN OUR CORE GROUP IN SPONSORING THE BIG EVENT AND OUR SCHOOL BANDS WILL ENTERTAIN! THE LADIES CLUB REQUESTS YOUR CONTINUED HELP IN BRINGING DESSERTS EACH FRIDAY. BE THERE!**

### 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.

### Adoration Chapel

As part of our prayer during Lent, making a visit to Our Lord was a recent suggestion. In the past, people would take a few minutes to go to church and have some "quiet time with the Lord" as the "Little Black Book" says. Consider spending time in this way. For information about the Adoration Chapel, contact Bobbie Lawless at 357-3546.

### 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>.

**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.

### Seccina Students Encouraging Teen Driving Safety!



A team of Seccina students is competing in a national competition for a chance to win up to \$10,000 in May. The team, The Informants, submitted a proposal to join the 2009 Act Out Loud: Raising Voices For Safe Teen Driving contest. Sixty-four teams submitted proposals, and Seccina's team was named a top-20 finalist. The only team from Indiana, they received \$1,000 and a video camera to implement and document their project, which will be judged along with the other finalists' projects through online voting from May 11-22. The team posted its first blog on Monday, March 9, and wants everyone to follow their project on the blog from now until May and vote for them every day during the official voting window in May. **You can check out their blog at [theinformants.blogspot.com](http://theinformants.blogspot.com).** They also formed a group on Facebook under their project name, which is Mile Marker 4-1-1. They will be updating the blog and Facebook account regularly, so join the group and follow their progress to learn more about what this team is doing to help encourage teen driving safety.

### 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. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for more information. Spread the word!