

**Dear Parish Family,**

You have received or will soon receive our annual mailing concerning our "Godparent Program." This program provides tuition assistance for Little Flower School students whose families are unable to meet the full cost of tuition. As I mentioned in my letter, in these difficult economic times, I am reluctant to ask for money from you for anything beyond your regular contributions to our parish. However, it is precisely because these are challenging economic times that the needs are greater. Thank you for all you do to support Little Flower Parish and School.

We often talk about the strengths of Little Flower School. This week I want to highlight a strength of our Athletic Program. Our coed intramural basketball program ended this past Saturday. This program has been part of the Little Flower Athletic Program for several years. The basketball program was started with 2nd and 3rd graders to get them ready for CYO basketball in the 4th Grade. However, it is now open for children from kindergarten through third grade.

There are two groups of teams: Kindergarten and First Grade play on a smaller size court with portable goals. The Second and Third Grades play on the regular size court. This year we had four teams of Kindergarten to First Grade with about 35 kids and six teams of Second and Third Grade with about 52 kids playing. They play six games, and each child receives a shirt and a medal.

However, what makes this program special is that we not only include our children in this program, but we also invite the children of Holy Spirit, Holy Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Lawrence, and Little Flower. Most of the kids are from Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes with a few kids from Holy Spirit and Holy Cross.

Special thanks to Tim Smith, Erik Allstatt, and Adam Muller and all who volunteered to make this program possible.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Vocation Weekend**

**"The Jesuits – Come and See"** This is a weekend for men 18 – 35 of age who are interested in learning more about life, spirituality and work of Jesuit priests and brothers. Come and See the possibility of a religious vocation: **April 3 – 5 in Chicago.** For further information, go to [www.thinkjesuit.org](http://www.thinkjesuit.org) or contact Fr. Patrick Fairbanks, S.J., Director of Vocations, 773-975-6363 or email [vocations@jesuits-chi.org](mailto:vocations@jesuits-chi.org).



**Little Flower Catholic School** is now accepting registrations for the 2009-2010 school year. If you would like more information or a tour of the school, please call the school office at 353-2282 or e-mail [kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:kgawrys@littleflowerparish.org).

Little Flower Catholic School enjoyed our best ever ISTEP scores. This is the third consecutive year that Little Flower has shown growth on the ISTEP (the only Eastside school to do so) and this year received EXEMPLARY status according to PL221. **CONGRATULATOINS** to the students and staff of Little Flower.

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!

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23 - 29, 2009**

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| <b>23 March</b> | <b>Monday</b>                        | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm             | Communion Service<br>Joan Wendling by Ron and Diane Sharp  |
| <b>24 March</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>                       | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm             | Communion Service<br>Elaine Sauer by Eileen Mader  |
| <b>25 March</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                     | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm             | John Koehl<br>Communion Service  |
| <b>26 March</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                      | 8:30 am<br>1:30 pm<br>5:30 pm  | Communion Service<br>Crestwood – John Wurz by Helen Allison<br>Communion Service                           |
| <b>27 March</b> | <b>Friday</b>                        | 8:30 am<br>5:30 pm             | Rita Ernestes<br>Way of the Cross and Communion Service  |
| <b>28 March</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                      | 8:30 am<br>5:00 pm             | Communion Service<br><b>Vigil- Fifth Sunday of Lent</b><br>Edie Soulier by Carly Soulier and Penny Loman   |
| <b>29 March</b> | <b>Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> | 8:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>6:00 pm | Jon VanNoy by David and Charlotte Allstatt<br>Charley Murphy by Jerry and Linda Sullivan<br>For the People |

**HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE**

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| April 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Holy Thursday | Soup Supper in Duffey Hall – 5:30 pm<br>Mass of the Lord's Supper and commissioning of all Eucharistic Ministers - 7pm                      |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup> | Good Friday   | Living Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am and 1:00 pm<br>Celebration of the Lord's Passion ( <i>main service for Good Friday</i> ) at 7:00 pm |
| April 11 <sup>th</sup> | Holy Saturday | Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm   |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup> | Easter Sunday | Masses at 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am  |



We extend our condolences to the family and friends of Thelma Earle, who passed away on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Thelma has been a member of Little Flower, but recently resided in a nursing home. Her funeral liturgy was celebrated on March 16<sup>th</sup>. May we keep her family in our prayers and may our Lord welcome her into his eternal glory.

**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.



The confirmation candidates and team will be on retreat all day on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Session 8 for team, candidates, AND SPONSORS will be

## THE FORTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

**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.



### Dates to Remember

March 22 - 29 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
	Church	10:30 am	RCIA 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Confirmation Retreat
	Church	5:00 pm	Youth Choir
<b>Monday</b>	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Prep
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Financial Peace
	School	6:30 pm	Child Care Financial Peace
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Baptism Class
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girls Scout #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Parish Life Commission
	Parish Center	7:00 pm	RCIA
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Therese	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
<b>Thursday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
<b>Friday</b>	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
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 am	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	6:00 pm	RCIA - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of March 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,438.98
Electronic Contribution 3/9 to 3/16	\$ 3,989.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 518,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 506,024.93
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 11,975.07

#### Home Improvement Fund

February Contributions	\$ 1,903.00
March Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,448.18

#### 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 2/27/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$750,327.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$133,842.00

#### INFORMATION FOR LENT

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

#### Youth News

(grades 8 thru 12)

Youth Choir will sing at 6pm Mass on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please meet at 5pm and be on time!

Youth Room will be open on Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> after the 6pm Mass until 8:30 pm. Come and catch up after Spring Break!

#### 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. Extra flyers/registration forms are at the church doors. Spread the word!

**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

#### 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>. Our next planning meeting is Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the parish center.

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



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>.

Don't forget save your loose change in your as a way of almsgiving during Lent. Proceeds from the Baby Banks go to the Gabriel Project, the Respect Life Committee, and St. Gabriel Parish in New Orleans. Baby Banks should be returned to church the weekend of April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## FISH FRY IS HERE!

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT!**

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS! HELP MAINTAIN OUR GREAT  
CROWDS DURING SPRING BREAK!**

**THANKS TO THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR  
HELPING AT LAST WEEK'S FISH FRY. ON FRIDAY,  
MARCH 27, OUR RCIA TEAM AND CLASS WILL  
JOIN OUR CORE GROUP IN SPONSORING THE BIG  
EVENT**

**THE LADIES CLUB REQUESTS YOUR CONTINUED  
HELP IN BRINGING DESSERTS EACH FRIDAY.  
BE THERE!**