

Dear Parish Family,

Today, May 3, at 3:00 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Archdiocese will celebrate its 175th Anniversary with a Mass. All are invited. Nineteen of our high school students will be confirmed along with confirmation candidates throughout the Archdiocese. Also, Golden Wedding Jubilarians, Religious Jubilarians, and First Communicants will be recognized. The doors to the stadium will open to the public at 1 p.m. Choirs will perform before the Mass starting at 1:30 p.m. Videos highlighting the history of the Archdiocese will also be shown before the Mass. Because of this 3 p.m. Mass, there will not be a 6:00 p.m. Mass here at Little Flower tonight, May 3.

Special thanks to Tom Costello and the Confirmation Team for preparing our candidates for Confirmation. Our team is composed of adults, collegians, and high school students. That the team has such different perspectives and life experiences, I think, is very good for our Confirmation candidates.

During these difficult economic times, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing generous support of Little Flower. However, even in the best of times, spring is a challenging time for parish budgets. There are so many celebrations that take people away from the parish for Sunday Mass. For example, this week is the Mass at Lucas Oil Stadium, two weeks ago was the Scecina Scholar-Athlete Mass, there have been First Communions since Easter, and graduations will soon be upon us. With the difficult economy, this is impacting the parish in a bigger way than usual. Please do not forget your parish contributions during these weeks, even if you are away from the parish.

Also, I am happy to announce the re-launching of our Green Thumbs program under the leadership of Rae Anne Brizendine. Many parishioners showed up for a meeting to volunteer. Therefore, you will be seeing a lot of people working here in their gardens. The beauty of our grounds make a statement of our pride in our parish and our neighborhood. Thanks to Rae Anne and all the volunteers.

During Spring and Summer, religious communities celebrate jubilees. This year several Sisters who are celebrating their 50th Jubilee have ties to Little Flower.

Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, O.S.F., is a daughter of Little Flower Parish. A former Congregational Minister for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Sister Jean Marie is currently Vice-President for Mission Effectiveness at Marian College and a member of the Scecina Memorial High School Board of Directors. Little Flower has also honored her as an Outstanding Alumna.

If you would like to send Sister congratulations, her address is: Marian College, 3200 Cold Springs Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222.

Sr. Barbara Piller (Mary Linus) was initially a teacher and later principal here at Little Flower from 1969-1979. Sister Barbara is currently Congregational Minister of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg. We honored Sister Barbara at our all-class reunion last year for her dedicated service to Little Flower School. Many of you may remember her from that time. If you would like to send her a card of congratulations, you can send it to: The Sisters of St. Francis, Post Office Box 100, Oldenburg, IN 47036-0100.

Also, Sisters Mary Lynn Calkins (Mary Magdalen) and Dianne Kaimann (Marie Vincent) taught here in the 1960's.

Besides these Sisters, Kathleen Goodin, a Little Flower parishioner, is celebrating her 25th Anniversary as an Associate of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg.

Likewise, many deceased Sisters who would also be celebrating jubilees this year taught at Little Flower. Long time parishioners may remember some of these. It would be a good for all of us to remember them in prayer in thanksgiving for their service to Little Flower.

80th Jubilee - Sr. Mary Regis Sabel (1959-65), Sr. Marita Stich(1943-44), Sr. Alfreda Scheidler(1948-50)

75th Jubilee - Sr. Frances Knueven (Catherine Therese) (1957-58), Sr. Agnes Cecile Schroeder 1939-41, 42-43), Sr. Helen Lawrence (Cherubine) (1936-44)

Have a wonderful week!

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**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 4 – 10, 2009**

04 May	Monday
7:00 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Charley Murphy by Steve and Mary Reilly
05 May	Tuesday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:30 pm	Stella Wishowski by Ron and Diane Sharp
06 May	Wednesday
8:30 am	Catherine Dangler by The Dangler Family
5:30 pm	Communion Service
07 May	Thursday
8:30 am	Margaret Merl
5:30 pm	Communion Service
08 May	Friday
8:30 am	Virginia Y. Vea by Little Flower School & Parish
5:30 pm	Communion Service
09 May	Saturday
8:30 am	Communion Service
5:00 pm	Vigil – Delia Gilday
10 May	Sunday
8:30 am	Rose Priller by The Priller Family
10:30 am	Freda Jines by Merrill and Marylyn Blackwell
6:00 pm	For the People

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of April 25 th and 26 th	\$ 9,353.96
Electronic Contribution 4/21 to 4/27	\$ 674.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 602,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 585,665.67
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 16,334.93

Home Improvement Fund

March Contributions	\$ 2,846.18
April Contributions (to date)	\$ 2,038.00

ANNUAL GODPARENT COLLECTION

Year-to-date \$ 9,210.00

Please help this month if possible!

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

In Memoriam

We remember our parishioner, **Therese Shockley**, 78, who passed away on April 22nd.

Therese was a life-long member of Little Flower! Her funeral service was held on April 25th. We also extend our sympathy to **the Crofts family** on the death of their mother, **Betty Crofts**, 87, who passed away on April 24th and whose funeral was April 28th at Little Flower. Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May our Lord welcome Therese and Betty into His eternal glory.

Eucharistic Ministers & Altar Servers--get your changes and corrections to the June-July-August schedule by May 15th. Eucharistic Ministers call or e-mail Ron Sharp 356-3488 or giboshihoosier@aol.com. Altar Servers call or email Lisa Gibbons 357-8352 ext. 33 or lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org.

PTO Spaghetti Dinner

The PTO is sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on Friday, May 8th from 5:30pm until 7:30pm. All are welcome. Some games are being planned as part of the evening. We hope you will join us for a great dinner and a good time.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dates to Remember

May 3 - 10, 2009

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Church	8:30 am	Rite of Going Forth-1 st Communion
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee & Donuts
	Lucas Oil	3:00 pm	Confirmation
Monday	Holy Family	6:00 pm	Tiger Scouts
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	Prayer Group
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP
Tuesday	St. Patrick	6:00 pm	RCIA Picnic
	Scout Room	6:30 pm	Girls Scouts #2441
	St. Therese	7:00 pm	LFNA Garden Club
	Church	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 pm	Bible Study
	Holy Family	2:30 pm	Brownies 195
	Scout Room	2:30 pm	Girl Scouts #799
	Duffey Hall	6:00 pm	Paige's Music Night
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 pm	Webelos
Thursday	Parking Lot	10:00 am	Flower Pick up
	Duffey Hall	6:30 pm	Ladies Club Meeting
	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:00 pm	LFAA Board Meeting
	St. Jerome	7:00 pm	Festival Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
Friday	The Links	1:00 pm	Golf Outing
	Duffey Hall	5:30 pm	PTO Spaghetti Dinner
	Gym	8:00 pm	Adult Volleyball
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
	After all	Masses	blood pressure screening
Sunday	Happy	Mother's	Day
	Duffey Hall	10:00 am	Mother's Day Breakfast
	St. Therese	1:00 pm	Franciscan Associates

Congratulations to all those being Confirmed this Weekend!

Samuel David Barnette, Olivia Monet Belles, Sarah Elizabeth Black, McKennah Marie Brown, Jaclyn Michele Clegg, Brittany Rose Clegg, Emily Nicole Crites, William Michael Durham, Megan Nicole Erlenbaugh, Charles Ernestes, Sarah Marie Fowler, Patrick Michael Gedig, Emily Louise Gibbons, Christopher Patrick Jackson, Delaney LeighAnne Moss, Nicholas Bradley Nevins, Michael Lee Nunley, Syotha Hope Uberto-Spurlin, Nick J. Woerner

The **Adventuresome Group** will meet again on **May 13th**, following the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Center. This month's speaker will be Monica Woodsworth. Monica works for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, as the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Coordinator and Caregiver Liaison. She will speak about volunteer opportunities available for seniors and on resources that are available for caregivers. This should be a very informative presentation! **If you bring someone new to the meeting, you will receive a surprise!** Mark your calendar and plan on attending. Lunch will be provided! Please call the Parish Office and let us know you are coming!

Annual Mother's Day Breakfast

The annual Mother's Day breakfast will be Sunday, May 10, 2009 following the 8:30 am Mass. Doors open at 9:30 am and serving will begin at 10 am in Duffy Hall. All current and past adult women of the parish, 18 years and older, are invited. (No children please). All men are invited to help serve breakfast. Sponsored by The Little Flower Athletic Association.

GOLFERS- IT'S TIME TO REGISTER

Less than one week until the big day and we need your help! – WE NEED MORE GOLFERS!

Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 8th. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. Business sponsorships are at several levels and also available. Information/registration forms are available at each of the church doors. Call Kevin Egan at 351-1074 for more information.

PROPERTY AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

This newly-forming committee that will provide some very high level planning and oversight for maintenance of parish facilities. Our hope is to develop a list of capital improvement/maintenance needs and help to prioritize those needs. Our hope is that this committee would meet only quarterly to walk our campus and begin compiling a list of areas that need attention. **Our first meeting will be Monday, May 11th at 6:30 pm.** We will begin in the parish center. If you have particular knowledge in areas that might be of use to use in maintaining and improving our facilities, please consider joining us.

FESTIVAL NEWS

May 29th, May 30th, and May 31st.

Next planning meeting, Thursday, May 7th, at 7pm

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIPS are available for the festival. Businesses will benefit by special signage and announcements throughout the festival acknowledging their sponsorship. Business sponsorships are \$200.00 or \$350.00 each, depending on the sponsorship level. If you know of someone who might be interested in this opportunity, ask them to call Tom at the parish center. If you prefer, you can leave their name and address for Tom and he will mail information to them.

For Rummage Sale donations, please bring them to the parish center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288. We are especially interested this year in used books that we will then sell throughout the festival. **Deadline for donations: May 22**

For the Silent Auction 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. **The silent auction is a large part of festival profits and your help is much needed.**

RAFFLE TICKETS - *Please do all you can to sell your raffle tickets. The festival will not be successful without the success of the raffle. Extra tickets are available at all of the church doors. Sold tickets and money can be mailed or brought into the parish center or placed in the collection basket. Also, the seller of each of the winning tickets drawn at the festival will receive \$100.00.*

YARD SIGNS - DO YOU LIVE ON A BUSY STREET? Call Jeannie at the Parish Center at 357-8352 if you are willing to display a yard sign advertising the festival. Please call the parish center even if you had a sign last year, so we know it is OK to place one in your yard again.

Over the next two weekends you will have the opportunity to sign up to volunteer for SUMMERFEST. Check the sign-up sheets in the gathering area after all Masses beginning next weekend.

PLANT BOOTH – Anyone having starts and small planters to donate for the booth may leave them at the parish center.

Presale tickets for dinners and rides will be available in church beginning May 16th and in the Parish Office beginning May 14th. Buy early and save!