

**Dear Parish Family,**

Congratulations to the twenty-five 2009 graduates of Little Flower School.

Eighth Grade graduation was this past Tuesday evening, beginning with Mass followed by an awards ceremony, dinner, and dance. Having been here for six of their years at Little Flower, I have had the privilege of watching them grow and mature as people, as Christians, and as leaders. Of special note, they brought back the Senior Prom for our young-at-heart parishioners, requesting and receiving a \$1200 grant for the prom.

We thank their parents for entrusting them to Little Flower and all of you for supporting the School. Graduates, as you leave Little Flower and enter high school, we congratulate you, we thank you for your presence and leadership during your years at Little Flower, we pray for you, and we offer you our ongoing friendship and support.

This year, for the first time, we invited the golden anniversary class of graduates (LF Class of 1959) to be part of this year's graduation. Although only a small number accepted the invitation, we thank them for coming. We believe that their presence here was a witness to our new graduates of the importance of Little Flower in their lives.

Also, the May 15<sup>th</sup> *Criterion* contained a list of clergy changes in the Archdiocese. Many of you may not know that when a pastor is appointed, he is appointed for a six-year term. At the end of the term, he may request a second six-year term. My first six-year term ends in July.

In January, Fr. Steve Giannini, the Vicar for Clergy, sent a letter asking all the priests to complete a form indicating whether they wished to remain in the same assignment, request a new assignment, would be open to a new assignment but would be okay to remain in their present assignments. Of course, I requested appointment to a second six-year term here at Little Flower.

On Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, I received the letter of appointment from the Archbishop. The letter of appointment, however, always adds that the Archbishop may request us to move prior to the end of our term for the pastoral good of the Archdiocese. I look forward to what I hope will be six more years with you.

A couple of months ago, on a Sunday afternoon, I was paged. An individual was dying at Community North Hospital. He was not a member of Little Flower. His family, however, desperately wanted him to receive the "Last Rites." The hospital was not able to reach his parish priest, so I went.

This situation suggested several thoughts to me. First, many Catholics still refer to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as Last Rites. That is not the intent of the sacrament. The Sacrament is primarily intended for people who are still able to receive it consciously. If there are Last Rites in the Church, it is Viaticum, which is a person's final Communion. *Viaticum* combines three Latin words meaning *with you on the way*. Also, there is also a final commendation of the dying.

Sadly, too many people never receive either the Anointing of the Sick when they can appreciate it and never receive Viaticum at all because they are no longer able to swallow the host. It seems to me that it is important that people ask for the Anointing of the Sick or Viaticum when people are still able to consciously

receive them. A second reason to have the Anointing of the Sick and/or Viaticum before a person is about to die is that with the shortage of priests, there is no guarantee that a priest will be available when a person is about to die. For example, I have sometimes been paged right before a Sunday Mass, and I obviously cannot go to the person at that time.

Jesus had a special love and concern for the sick and the dying. The Church is called to witness that love and concern through the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as well as Viaticum and the Commendation of the Dying.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Masses of the Week****FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 1 - 7, 2009**

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| <b>01 June</b> | <b>Monday</b>   |
| 7:00 am        | Communion Service                                     |
| 5:30 pm        | Jim Freeland by Dorothy Spalding                      |
| <b>02 June</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  |
| 8:30 am        | Communion Service                                     |
| 5:30 pm        | Betty Crofts by Mary Agnes Branson and Kathleen White |
| <b>03 June</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>                                      |
| 8:30 am        | The DeRosa Family                                     |
| 5:30 pm        | Communion Service                                     |
| <b>04 June</b> | <b>Thursday</b>                                       |
| 8:30 am        | Communion Service                                     |
| 5:30 pm        | Jerry Forestal by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Miller       |
| <b>05 June</b> | <b>Friday</b>   |
| 8:30 am        | Christie Loewe by Denis and Ita Moriarty              |
| 5:30 pm        | Communion Service                                     |
| <b>06 June</b> | <b>Saturday</b>                                       |
| 8:30 am        | Communion Service                                     |
| 5:00 pm        | Vigil – Joseph Sauer by Jon and Jody Smith            |
| <b>07 June</b> | <b>Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity</b>                 |
| 8:30 am        | Charles and Rita Ernstes by The Ernstes Family        |
| 10:30 am       | Mary Therese Quinn Shockely by A Friend               |
| 6:00 pm        | For the People  |

**Dates to Remember****May 31 – June 7, 2009**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Grounds	11:30 am	FESTIVAL
<b>Monday</b>	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	SVDP Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 pm	LF Neighborhood Garden Club
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 am	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	7:00 pm	School Commission
<b>Thursday</b>	St. Patrick	6:30 pm	Bible Study
	St. Therese	8:00 pm	A.A.
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 am	Children's Choir
	Duffey Hall	9:30 am	Coffee and Donuts
	St. Therese	1:30 pm	Franciscan Associates

**FESTIVAL NEWS**

If you are reading this and it is not yet 5pm on Sunday, come on over. The fun is going on now! See next weeks bulletin for this year's raffle winners!

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

The next **Adventuresome Group** meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**. Lunch will be served in the Parish Center right after the 11:00 am Mass. This month you will have an opportunity to play BINGO, so mark your calendar and plan on attending! **Please note that this date is the third Wednesday of the month instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday!** Once again, if you bring someone who has never attended or if you come for the first time, you will receive a prize and you won't even have to win at BINGO!!!



Don't miss out on this year's Vacation Bible School June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. **Sign up sheets will be available after all Masses the weekend of June**

**6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>!** Vacation Bible school is open to children who will be entering Pre 4 - 4<sup>th</sup> grade this fall. At SonRock Kids Camp your kids will experience an adventure camp like no other! Children will have a great time singing songs, watching skits, creating crafts and playing games. But most important they will learn how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them. The cost is \$10 per child and will be collected on the first night. Please call Lisa at 357-8352 if you have any questions or if you would like to volunteer!!!

**Youth News**

(grades 8 thru 12)

**Mark Your Calendars! - NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATE CHANGE.** Annual bus trip to King's Island will be **Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>**. Permission slips when home from LF school for current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders and were mailed to high school students. Students currently in grades 7 through 12 will be welcome to attend. Call Tom at the parish center if you need another permission slip!

There is a special collection next weekend, June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> for the education of future archdiocesan priests. Please use the envelope provided in your regular envelope packet and be as generous as possible.



NEWLY  
BAPTIZED

Please welcome into our Christian Community Jeremiah Jackson, son of Shawn and Melissa (Woodland) Wright and Diego Andres, son of Francisco and Erika (Garcia) Luna, baptized on Sunday, May 24, 2009.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 14,000.00
Collection of May 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,040.55
Electronic Contribution 5/12 to 5/18	\$ 4,264.64
Collection of May 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,544.87
Electronic Contribution 5/19 to 5/26	\$ 1,514.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 658,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 638,738.59
Year to Date DEFICIT	\$ - 19,261.41

**Home Improvement Fund**

March Contributions	\$ 2,846.18
April Contributions	\$ 2,038.00
May Contributions	\$ 1,767.00

**ANNUAL GODPARENT COLLECTION**

Year-to-date \$ 9,560.00

**Legacy for our Mission Capital Campaign**

As of 3/31/2009

Amount Pledged	\$903,955.00
Amount Received on Pledges	\$752,133.00
Pledges still outstanding	\$131,654.00

**THANKS FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TIME AND TALENT!**

The green thumb ministry is off to a great start this spring. Our garden areas are looking great! Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers, to Rae Anne Brizendine who is keeping track of things and pitching in herself, Dick Hutchinson who cuts the grass, and Jack Mears who trims.

**Scrip is still available during the Summer months!**

Scrip is a fund raising program that allows you to purchase gift cards to shop for food, clothing and entertainment and a percentage comes back to Little Flower School. During the summer months we will still be ordering on Tuesday with pick-up on Friday in the Parish Office or on Sunday at Coffee and Donuts. Orders must be in by 10am on Tuesday for pick up that same week. Order forms are located at all the Church doors or by visiting our website at [www.littleflowerparish.org](http://www.littleflowerparish.org). If you have any questions please call Lisa at 357-8352 ext. 33.

**St. Vincent Sports Medicine Annual School Physicals**

When: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Scecina Memorial High School

Cost: \$20.00 (\$10 goes back to Scecina Athletic Department)

**High School Athletes** visit [www.ihssa.org/forms/PhysicalForm.pdf](http://www.ihssa.org/forms/PhysicalForm.pdf) please print off the IHSS Pre-participation physical evaluation and bring with you.

**Grade School CYO Athletes** visit

[www.cyoarchindy.org/athletics.aspx](http://www.cyoarchindy.org/athletics.aspx) please print off the CYO Athletic Eligibility form to bring with you.

Please wear loose fitting clothes and shorts; girls please wear a sports bra. If you have any questions contact Beth Leszynski at 322-4286 or [bleszcynski@scecina.org](mailto:bleszcynski@scecina.org).

**MARK WILSON'S BASKETBALL CAMP**

Scecina's head coach Mark Wilson's second basketball camp for boys in grades 3 through 8 will take place June 8<sup>th</sup> through June 12<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm. Call 356-6377 ext. 117 for a brochure or for additional information.