

*Here Am I, Lord;*  
**I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.**

**Dear Parish Family,**

At the 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, we are celebrating the Rite of Enrollment for those who will be preparing for First Communion this year. We want to support them on this important part of their faith journey by praying for them and by deepening our own appreciation of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and our appreciation of the importance of Sunday Eucharist.

We are once again in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time celebrates the fullness of the mystery of Christ. Green, which symbolizes hope, is the color of Ordinary Time. On New Year's Day, someone asked why I wished people Happy New Year when there are so many things wrong in the world. As Christians, because we believe in Jesus' definitive victory over sin, suffering, sickness, and even death itself, we are a people of hope. We believe that tomorrow can and will be better than today. Also, we look forward to and await the coming of God's kingdom.

Monday we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King. In his "I Have A Dream" speech, Dr. King reminded his listeners that "unearned suffering is redemptive." As we face difficulties in life, it would be well to keep this in mind.

Wednesday begins the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is "We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58). According to the Joint Message of Welcome, "it is a theme evoking the transformative power of faith in Christ, particularly in relation to our praying for the visible unity of the Church, the Body of Christ." The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity concludes on Wednesday, January 25, the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

**Little Flower's Open House will be Sunday, January 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A flyer with detailed information will be in next week's bulletin. This is a perfect time for you to see what Little Flower Catholic School has to offer. Please plan to attend.**



We offer our sympathy and condolences to *Sara O'Brien and her entire family* on the death of her aunt **Nancy Lavelle** who died on January 5. Nancy had been a very active parishioner since the late 1940's before moving to St. Paul Hermitage approximately twelve years ago. Her funeral liturgy was at St. Paul Hermitage on January 14. Please keep all of Nancy's family and friends in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God grant Nancy eternal life.

Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers the new schedule for the months of March, April, May will be coming out soon. **Eucharistic Ministers please contact Ron Sharp** with any changes at 356-3488 or [giboshihoosier@aol.com](mailto:giboshihoosier@aol.com). **Altar Servers please contact Lisa Gibbons** at 357-8352 x33 or [lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:lgibbons@littleflowerparish.org). Changes are due by Feb. 6.



**The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, January 23, at 7 p.m. 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 sometime in April.**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, in recognition of Martin Luther King Day.**

**NOTE:** The Adventuresome Group will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be February 8. Watch the bulletin for more information about the February meeting.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 – 22, 2012**

<b>16 January</b>	<b>Monday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Remo Bernardon by Bob and Bobbie Lawless
<b>17 January</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Frances Brown by Ron and Diane Sharp
<b>18 January</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Communion Service
5:30 p.m.	Zac Clegg by Ray and Kathleen Okerson
<b>19 January</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
1:30 p.m.	Greentree - Rev. Augusto Moretti
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>20 January</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Mary Erlenbaugh by Jim and Barb Hines
5:30 p.m.	Communion Service
<b>21 January</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30 a.m.	Communion Service
5:00 p.m.	<b>Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Michael Donahue by Clara Donahue
<b>22 January</b>	<b>Sunday – The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8:30 a.m.	Matt Eckrich by Joe and Marlaina Pertile
10:30 a.m.	Charley Murphy by The Murphy Family
6:00 p.m.	For the People

There is currently a need for more people to take Communion to residents in the nursing homes within our boundaries. If you cherish receiving Communion weekly and feel that it is important for everyone to be able to do this, you might want to consider helping out. Training is provided. Please contact Peggy Clegg at 357-8352 or [pclegg@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:pclegg@littleflowerparish.org) if you are interested. Don't miss out on this opportunity to bring Christ to others.



The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" on **Saturday, February 11 following the 5 p.m. Mass.** This is a great opportunity for those who are young at heart to be spoiled by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. Dinner will be served and

there will be dancing and bingo. Please mark your calendar and plan on attending this fun filled evening.

Please remember our parishioners in your thoughts and prayers who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember:

**Mary Kiesel**

1604 N Riley, Indianapolis, IN 46218

**TAKE NOTE:** The next issue of the parish newsletter, "The Little Flower Garden", will distributed in mid-February. Any news or photos you have to share about Little Flower parishioners, ministries, and activities should be sent to the parish office (or dropped in the offering basket) by Wednesday, January 18. We especially need photos to include in the newsletter! You may also e-mail items to [lparishnews@yahoo.com](mailto:lparishnews@yahoo.com) Please include any questions about our church or parish you might like Father Bob to answer in the newsletter!



**Mark your calendar for February 4 and join us for the Little Flower Athletic Commission Reverse Raffle!** Social hour begins at 6 p.m. Raffle starts at 7 p.m. in Duffey Hall/Cafeteria. Cost - \$25.00 per person includes dinner, drinks,

and chance at \$1000.00 top prize. Buy a table of 8 and the table will receive an additional chance in the raffle. Contact Amy Clegg at 317-353-1142 or any Board Member for tickets.

# The Week Ahead

January 15 - 22, 2012

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	Blood Pressure Check after all Masses in the Gathering Area		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
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	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	Martin Luther King Day – School and Parish Office Closed		
<b>Tuesday</b>	St. Therese	10:00 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Athletic's Business Meeting
	Holy Family	7:00 p.m.	Little Flower Neighborhood Assoc.
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir ??????
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Daisy's
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Adult Faith Formation
<b>Thursday</b>	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	PTO Meeting and Movie Night
	St. Patrick	6:15 p.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos I
	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	Scout Room	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	8:00 a.m.	Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	New Parishioner Registration after all Masses		
<b>Sunday</b>	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Ed

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,850.00
Collection of December 31 <sup>st</sup> /January 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 11,240.35
Electronic Contributions 12/27-1/2	\$ 5,862.50
Collection of January 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 9,416.09
Electronic Contributions 1/3-1/9	\$ 6,788.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 387,800.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 390,311.76
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$ + 2,511.76</b>

### Home Improvement Fund

October Contributions	\$ 2,568.49
November Contributions	\$ 1,912.25
December Contributions	\$ 2,382.25
January Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,511.25

### STEWARD OF THE MONTH

We all see great examples of Stewardship around Little Flower all the time. Please take a few minutes to recognize our many dedicated volunteers by nominating someone for Steward of the Month! Nomination forms are on the kiosk in the gathering area.

### Youth News - grades 8 thru 12

**Youth Choir** will practice on Sunday, January 15 from 7 p.m. until 8:15 p.m. in Church. New members are welcome!

**Youth Choir** will sing on Sundays, January 22 and February 5. Please meet in church at 5:00 p.m.

**Youth Room** will be open on Sunday January 22 after the 6 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m. Youth room is not only for youth in youth choir.....All are welcome!

### WATCH FOR SUPER BOWL PARTY DETAILS!

**Annual Snow Tubing Trip** will be Saturday, February 25. Save this date, and watch for further information!



The next Confirmation meeting will be on Sunday, February 12. The meeting will begin at 7:15 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. This is for candidates and team only (no sponsors).

## FESTIVAL NEWS

**SUMMERFEST 2012 planning will begin soon.** Our summer festival dates this year are JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. A kick off meeting will be held on Thursday, February 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish center for those who are willing to be part of the parish festival leadership team. Call Tom at 357-8352 with questions.

### Live is Worth Living

Join us on Monday, January 23, from noon to 4 p.m. for the archdiocesan local solemn observance of Roe v. Wade. The observance begins with noon Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral. Following Mass, the faithful will carry signs provided by the Pro-Life Office that depict the beauty and dignity of human life. The rosary will be recited as the faithful march peacefully and prayerfully along N. Meridian Street. A statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of life, will lead the procession. At the conclusion of the local march for life, all the faithful will return to SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral for a rally that will include inspirational pro-life talks. Please inform the Office for Pro-Life Ministry if you plan on attending the Mass and the local annual March and Rally for Life in Indianapolis. Contact Patty at 317-236-1569 or email [parthur@archindy.org](mailto:parthur@archindy.org) to register.



East Deanery Youth Ministry will be hosting an ice skating/movie party on **Friday, January 20, from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.** We will meet at Holy Spirit Parish, travel to Pepsi Coliseum for skating, and return to Holy Spirit for a movie and snacks. Cost is \$10. **Permission slips are due by**

**Wednesday, January 18.** Please call Tom at 357-8352 or email [tom@littleflowerparish.org](mailto:tom@littleflowerparish.org) if you are interested in attending. **Permission forms are available on the wall of the East Deanery Youth Ministry Facebook page.**

Attention all boys and girls in grades k-3, it's time to sign up for intramural basketball! If interested in playing, please plan on attending the sign-in and try-outs on Saturday, January 28, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please contact Doug Schroeder ([elevatorpro@netzero.net](mailto:elevatorpro@netzero.net) or 502-6915) with any questions. This is a co-ed league.

**Annual financial statements will be prepared and mailed no later than January 25. Statements for Legacy for our Mission contributions and Christ our Hope contributions will be mailed by the Archdiocese.**