

**Dear Parish Family,**

At the all-school Mass at the end of Catholic Schools week, the entire school presented me with a spiritual bouquet. I was very touched by it because I remember presenting spiritual bouquets to Fr. John on his birthday. One of my favorites promised "50 holauyas" (Alleluia's).

Although Little Flower Parish has always had and continues to have a strong commitment to Little Flower School, it is good to be reminded every once in a while of the importance of Catholic School education. In a document entitled *Renewing Our Commitment to Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools in the Third Millennium*, the Catholic bishops of the United States, referring to a previous document entitled *In Support of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools*, wrote that "Catholic schools afford the fullest and best opportunity to realize the fourfold purpose of Christian education, namely to provide an atmosphere in which the Gospel message is proclaimed, community in Christ is experienced, service to our sisters and brothers is the norm, and thanksgiving and worship of our God is cultivated."

Periodically, a Eucharistic minister raises the questions whether those receiving Communion may dip the host in the precious blood. Since the question keeps coming, I did a little research. On March 25, 2004, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a document entitled *On certain matters to be observed or to be avoided regarding the Most Holy Eucharist*. This instruction was prepared by mandate of Pope John Paul II. The Instruction in its final form was also approved by Pope John Paul II on March 19, 2004. Article 104 states, "The communicant must not be permitted to intinct the host himself in the chalice, nor to receive the intincted host in the hand." I would respectfully ask that you not put the Eucharistic Ministers in an awkward position by attempting to dip the host in the precious blood.

Last week, a parishioner expressed concern that as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan continue, we may forget about our soldiers serving in harm's way. Therefore, I would like to suggest that as part of our increased commitment to prayer during Lent, we remember our soldiers in a special way.

Finally, Lent is a special time for the men and women who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This year we have 15 people in RCIA: 8 catechumens, 5 candidates, and 2 confirmandi. This weekend we celebrate the Rite of Sending at the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. At the Rite of Sending, we recognize the catechumens and candidates for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and they receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they go to the Rite of Election celebrated Sunday afternoon by Archbishop Daniel. At the Rite of Election, the archbishop will, on the basis of the testimony of their sponsors and catechists, and on the reaffirmation of the intention of the catechumens and candidates themselves, declare them ready to take part in the sacraments of initiation. Throughout the season of Lent, please remember our Elect in special way in your prayers.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Please welcome into our Christian community Ania Esperanza, daughter of Jose Guzman and Michelle Raines, who was baptized on Sunday, February 14, 2010.



**Session 6** will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sun., Feb. 28** following the 6 p.m. Mass. Please meet in the Parish Center. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22 - 28, 2010**

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| <b>22 Feb.</b> | <b>Monday</b>  |
| 7:00 a.m.      | Communion Service  |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Margaret Merl by Family  |
| <b>23 Feb.</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>   |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Communion Service  |
| 5:30 p.m.      | James Freeland by Carol Freeland and Family                              |
| <b>24 Feb.</b> | <b>Wednesday</b>   |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Susan Ravellette by Bernie and Rosie Shepard                             |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Communion Service  |
| <b>25 Feb.</b> | <b>Thursday</b>  |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Communion Service  |
| 1:30 p.m.      | Crestwood – Rev. Albert G. Bailargeon                                    |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Communion Service  |
| <b>26 Feb.</b> | <b>Friday</b>  |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Bill Hickey by Helen Dalton  |
| 5:30 p.m.      | Way of the Cross and Communion Service                                   |
| <b>27 Feb.</b> | <b>Saturday</b>  |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Communion Service  |
| 5:00 p.m.      | <b>Vigil – Second Sunday of Lent</b><br>Therese Campbell by Grace Taddeo |
| <b>28 Feb.</b> | <b>Sunday – Second Sunday of Lent</b>                                    |
| 8:30 a.m.      | Gerrie Sweeney by The Ladies Club  |
| 10:30 a.m.     | Mary Frances Dugan by Family & Friends                                   |
| 6:00 p.m.      | For the People   |

**Spiritual Adoption**

Hi, I continue to grow, a water-tight sac is forming around me, gradually filling with fluid. This is called the amniotic sac, and it helps cushion me as a growing embryo. My placenta is developing. The placenta is a round, flat organ that transfers nutrients from the mother to the baby, and transfers wastes from the baby. A primitive face is taking form with large dark circles for eyes. My mouth, lower jaw, and throat are developing. Blood cells are taking shape, and circulation is beginning. It is all so awesome; I am about 1/4 inch long - smaller than a grain of rice! I have not told you that when I was created, my holy Creator, gave me a Guardian Angel to watch over me and help me all the days of my life. The protector who spiritually adopted me struggles to remember their commitment to pray for me. My mom still does not even know I am here. Am I ever blessed!




We remember in prayer, **Winifred Jonas**, who passed away on February 10<sup>th</sup> and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated here on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Winifred was 91 years young and a former member of Little Flower Parish. Her children, Sandra and John, graduated from Little Flower School and Scecina High School. Winifred is also related to several people in the parish including Rita Foley, Mary Foor, LaVerne Mercurio and Tom Griffin. Please keep Winifred and all of her extended family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May our Lord welcome Winifred into His eternal glory.

**The Babysitting Co-Op group** will meet in the St. Therese room on the third weekend of every month, alternating between Friday and Saturday nights. This is your chance to meet other Little Flower families and take advantage of free babysitting! To join the group or for more information, contact Molly Hahn at 513-9970 or [davismollyt@yahoo.com](mailto:davismollyt@yahoo.com).

**GOLFERS- SAVE THIS DATE!**


Our annual Fr. Robert Borchertmeyer Golf Outing will be Friday, May 14. Proceeds will benefit the Little Flower School Godparent Program. More information will be available soon!

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT


**Dates to Remember**  
**February 21 - 28, 2010**

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>New Member Registration after all Masses</b>		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Rite of Sending-RCIA
	S.S. Peter & Paul Cathedral	2:30 p.m.	Rite of Election
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Donuts
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice
<b>Monday</b>	John 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30 p.m.	First Communion Prep
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Class
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	Holy Family	3:00 p.m.	Daisy Troop 2009
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
<b>Wednesday</b>	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	Scout Room	5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #2443
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Scout Pack Meeting
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy Committee
<b>Thursday</b>	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos II
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	St. Jerome	7:00 p.m.	Stewardship Commission
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
<b>Friday</b>	St. Therese	11:30 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
<b>Saturday</b>	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Church	5:00 p.m.	Scouts Blue & Gold Mass
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Scouts Blue & Gold Dinner
	Perfect North	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group Snow Tubing Trip
<b>Sunday</b>	Parish Center	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Donuts
	Parish Center	7:15 p.m.	Confirmation

Are you a stay at home mom or dad? Do you have young children at home? Would you like an opportunity to meet with other adults, while your children play with other children? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, than you might want to come to the **Little Petals Playgroup**. This group meets every Friday from 11:30-1:30 in the Parish Center. Please contact Maeve Laverty-Lee, 979-6450 or [maeveanderic@att.net](mailto:maeveanderic@att.net) for more information.



There will be a First Communion class on **Mon., Feb. 22**, for the children who attend Sunday Religious Education. We will meet in the Parish Center from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Please remember our parishioners who are ill, homebound, or in a nursing home in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! This week we especially want to remember, **Sandy Boles**. Her address may be found in our parish directory.

### FESTIVAL NEWS

**SUMMERFEST 2010 planning has begun.** Our next team meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. PLEASE SEE THE INSERT IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETING TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH THE RUMMAGE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$ 13,750.00
Collection of February 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 11,922.01
Electronic Contribution 2/9 to 2/15	\$ 115.00
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$ 453,750.00
Year to Date Collections	\$ 446,054.42
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT</b>	<b>\$ - 7,695.58</b>

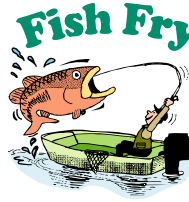
**Home Improvement Fund**

November Contributions	\$ 2,229.00
December Contributions	\$ 2,168.50
January Contributions	\$ 1,948.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$ 1,752.94

Recently the Home Improvement Fund has been used for boiler and blower repairs in the rectory and the school building. Thank you for your continued contributions to the home improvement fund that makes these repairs possible without putting undue strain on our regular budget.

*Baptism*

The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, Feb. 22, 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 May.



**CONTINUING ON FRIDAYS  
DURING LENT  
SERVING FROM  
4:30PM UNTIL 7:30 PM  
CARRY-OUT AVAILABLE  
PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS!**

**Ladies Club reminder:** Just a reminder that we are counting on the women to provide those yummy desserts for the Lenten Fish Frys. Bring your desserts to the kitchen anytime after 3 p.m.

### LENTEN BABY BANKS

Baby Banks are at the doors of Church. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. 75% of the monies collected support the Gabriel Project, which assists mother who have chosen life over abortion. A small portion of this supports the work of the Respect Life Committee. 25% are directed toward a parish project. This year it has been decided to direct the parish portion to the Little Sisters of the Poor in lieu of a second collection. Please participate if possible.

### YOUTH NEWS (grades 8 thru 12)

**YOUTH CHOIR** will practice on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in Church. New members are always welcome. We will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sunday, Feb. 28, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

#### SNOW TUBING

We will be making a trip to Perfect North Ski Slopes (about 90 minutes southeast of Indy) for snow tubing on Sat., Feb. 27 (weather permitting!). We will leave Little Flower PROMPLY at 6:00 p.m. and return slightly after midnight. Reservations by Wed., Feb. 24 are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$25.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips were sent home with Little Flower 8th graders on Tues. Feb. 9 and mailed to high school students. If you did not get one, they are available at the School and the Parish Office. Call Tom at 357-8352 for more information! I need parents to volunteer to drive. Please call Tom if

you can help. **The trip will be cancelled if sufficient reservations are not received by the deadline!**