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Are They Who Hope In The Lord.

Dear Parish Family,

Happy Valentine's Day! The early Christian church had at least two saints named Valentine. According to one story, the Roman Emperor Claudius II in the A.D. 200's forbade young men to marry. The emperor thought single men made better soldiers. A priest named Valentine disobeyed the emperor's order and secretly married young couples. Another story says Valentine was an early Christian who made friends with many children. The Romans imprisoned him because he refused to worship their gods. The children missed him and tossed loving notes between the bars of his cell windows.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

On Ash Wednesday, we will celebrate Mass and distribute ashes at 8:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Also, every Friday evening during Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross and Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The law of abstinence requires Catholics 14 years of age and older to abstain from eating meat. The law of fasting requires Catholic from the age of eighteen until their fifty-ninth birthday to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Church defines this as one main meal a day and two smaller meals which if added together would not be larger than the main meal.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Monday evening, March 8, at 7 p.m. here at Little Flower. During Lent, we are called to die with Christ, i.e., to die to selfishness and sin, in order to rise to new life with him. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, our sins are forgiven, and we are empowered to live as Jesus would have us live.

For the last several weeks, I have been reading a book entitled *The Narcissism Epidemic: Living in the Age of Entitlement* by Jean M. Twinge, Ph.D., and W. Keith Campbell, Ph.D. Although it is not a spiritual book, I would highly recommend it for reading during Lent, especially to parents of young children and teenagers. However, because it challenges a lot of our societal assumptions, it would be good reading for anyone. Although you probably would not agree with everything in the book, I think it can challenge us to look more closely at our values, whether they are Gospel values or societal values.

Lent, however, is not all penance. **One of our Lenten highlights is our weekly Fish Fry each and every Friday during Lent except Good Friday. Serving begins at 4:30 p.m. and continues until 7:30 p.m. I want to encourage everyone to attend and to invite family, friends, and neighbors to attend.** The Fish Fry is a wonderful opportunity for parishioners, family, friends, and neighbors to socialize.

Each year the Fish Fry earns the parish approximately \$9,000. Last year, because of your great attendance we were actually able to earn over \$10,000! This money is included as ordinary income in our annual budget. **In the final analysis, the success of the fish fry depends on the numbers who attend. The more people who attend each week, the more successful the fish fry will be.** I am profoundly grateful to Mary Martha Costello and all her dedicated workers who work every week to make the Fish Fry possible. I am also grateful to those organizations and individuals who volunteer to help on one or more Fridays.

Finally, we want to welcome Tom Costello back from his sabbatical. He returned to work on Thursday, February 4. Tom has been and continues to be a great blessing to our parish.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - 21, 2010

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| 15 Feb. | 7:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m. | Monday
Communion Service
For the Intentions of Renee Elliott by Barbara Elliott |
| 16 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m. | Tuesday
Communion Service
Communion Service |
| 17 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. | Ash Wednesday
John Huser
Michael Fahrback by Jeanine Adkins |
| 18 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m. | Thursday
Communion Service
Greetree - Msgr. Richard Kavanagh
Communion Service |
| 19 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m. | Friday
Mary Lou Hudson by Mike and Mary Kay Mitchell
Way of the Cross and Communion Service |
| 20 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. | Saturday
Communion Service
Vigil – First Sunday of Lent
Edward and Louetta Benson by The Benson Family |
| 21 Feb. | 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. | Sunday – First Sunday of Lent
Margaret Spalding by Norma Oathout
For the People
S.K. Emit M. Spickelmire by K of C Chatard Assembly |



Dates to Remember

February 14 - 21, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses		
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
	St. Therese	1:30 p.m.	Franciscan Assoc.
Monday	Scout Room	6:00 p.m.	Webelos I
	Holy Family	6:00 p.m.	Wolf Scouts
	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Parish Center	10:00 a.m.	Mission Sewing
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Parish Life Commission
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
Wednesday	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	St. Patrick	6:00 p.m.	Finance Council
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Faith Formation
Thursday	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos II
	John 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	Scout Committee
	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	LFAA Meeting
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
Friday	Scout Room	4:00 p.m.	Girl Scout #787
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
Saturday	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
	Duffey Hall	6:00 p.m.	Senior Prom
New Member Registration after all Masses			
Sunday	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

SAVE THE DATE!

The 8th grade class will once again host a "Senior Prom" for the seniors in our parish on **Saturday, Feb. 20, following the 5 p.m. Mass.** Please see the bulletin insert for more information.



The next Baptism Preparation Class is Monday, February 22 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 May



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



Session 6 will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sunday, February 28**, following the 6 p.m. Mass. Please meet in the Parish Center.



On Sunday, March 14, at 12:30 p.m., the Ancient Order of the Hibernians will host their St. Patrick's Day Program at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Festivities include a concert by the "Dublin City Ramblers," who have eight gold albums, numerous top ten hits in Ireland, and several awards for Best Irish Folk Group, and a delicious lunch will be served. Reservations are required; call Chuck McGinley at 359-7147.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of February 6 th and 7 th	\$	13,715.71
Electronic Contribution 2/1 to 2/8	\$	6,255.25
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	440,000.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	434,017.41
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$	- 5,982.59

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,229.00
December Contributions	\$	2,168.50
January Contributions	\$	1,948.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	1,564.94

Please remember our parishioners who are homebound in your thoughts and prayers. If you get the chance, please send them a card or note! (Address may be found in our Parish Directory.)

**This week we especially want to remember:
Freda and Louis Blanchard**

DONATION NEEDS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES INDIANAPOLIS

Catholic Charities Indianapolis Refugee Program needs these items for the families that are resettling: mattresses, bed frames, lamps, plates, cups, utensils, couches, chairs, blankets, trash cans, or even a used car. Call or email Tim Winn 236-1517 or twin@archindy.org to donate. Refugees are resettling in Indianapolis from across the globe, and with the recent disaster in Haiti, we anticipate refugees arriving here in the months ahead.

FISH FRY

**FRIDAYS, BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19TH
SERVING FROM 4:30PM UNTIL 7:30 P.M.**

CARRY-OUT SERVICE AVAILABLE

**THE SCHOOL AND PARISH STAFF WILL BE
VOLUNTEERING FOR THE FIRST WEEK.
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.

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!

LENTEEN BABY BANKS

Baby Banks will be at the doors of Church beginning Ash Wednesday. Please take one and fill it with your loose change as part of your Lenten sacrifice. Seventy-five percent of the monies collected will 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. Twenty-five percent will be 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.



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will practice on Sunday, Feb. 21, after the 6 p.m. Mass.

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 LF PROMPLY at 6:00 p.m. and return slightly after midnight. Reservations by Wednesday, Feb. 24 are a must so we can arrange transportation. Permission slips and fees (\$25.00) must be in by this date! Permission slips will be sent home with Little Flower 8th graders on Tues. Feb. 9 and will be 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!**



Thank You

Thank you for the fifth Sunday collection for St. Vincent de Paul. This money is used to help the people in our Little Flower area with their utility bills.

Coaching for Christ Program

The CYO will be hosting the Coaching for Christ program on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:15 p.m. at Bishop Chatard High School. Indiana Pacers Head Coach Jim O'Brien will deliver the keynote address. All coaches are encouraged and welcomed to attend. There is no charge for this event, but an RSVP is requested by February 26. To reserve your place please email the CYO Office at bprice@cyoarchindy.org.