

Dear Parish Family,

Thank you very much for the kind notes that you wrote in January and for the thank you that accompanied the article on vocations in the February 19th edition of *The Criterion*. I was touched by your kind words.

Thank you to our 8th grade class for hosting the Senior Prom on Saturday, February 20. The seniors who attended had a good time. The evening included an Italian dinner, dancing, and Bingo. One senior commented how much he appreciated the 8th graders sitting and talking with him. His comment was that they certainly knew the right questions to ask. Each year this event highlights our students' understanding of the meaning of servant leadership. Special thanks to Frank and Susan Lee for preparing the dinner, the parents of the 8th graders who helped with the evening, and Theresa Slaton and Peggy Clegg for helping the 8th grade organize the prom.

This past week we received a letter from Archbishop Daniel asking us once again to encourage your participation both in parish stewardship and in the 2009-2010 *Christ our Hope: Compassion in Community* Archdiocesan Appeal. The goal of the *Christ Our Hope* campaign was \$5.4 million. Pledges are only at \$3.9 million. Stewardship cards can be found at the doors of church. The parish staff and I certainly understand the economic struggles which many of you are having. **Therefore, I want to thank all of you who have returned stewardship cards and all of you who continue to do your best to support the parish in these difficult economic times.**

During Lent, our Elect enter into intense preparation for their entry into the Church on Holy Saturday. As a Christian community, we are called to walk with them on their faith journey. The next three Sundays we will celebrate the Scrutinies with our Elect. The Scrutinies will take place at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on March 6, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 14, and at the 6:00 p.m. Mass on March 21. The purpose of each of the scrutinies is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect" and "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (RCIA, 141). Also, at the Second Scrutiny, they will be presented with the Nicene Creed, and at the Third Scrutiny, they will be presented with the Lord's Prayer.

Our Lenten Penance Service will be on Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. Eight priests are scheduled to hear confessions. Our already baptized Elect and our First Communicants will all receive their First Reconciliation that evening. Please mark your calendars.

Have a wonderful week.

fr. bob

Spiritual Adoption

Hi, we are now in week 5, another very busy week. My heart has begun to beat, it echoes my mothers heart beat. Blood is pumping and all four chambers of my heart are functioning. This heart will beat for the rest of my life. My umbilical cord that carries nutrients and oxygen to me and removes waste products is developing. My lungs and brain are now present and growing. Arm and leg buds have appeared. I feel the love from my Guardian Angel and my spiritual protector who pray for me. What an awesome God we have to create man who is indeed "wonderfully made." If you want to read about fetal development in more detail this information is taken from pregnancy.org

Come and See Weekend is March 20-21, 2010
Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg

Seize the opportunity to journey with the Sisters of St. Francis Oldenburg at their Come and See Weekend on Sat., March 20 at 9:30 a.m. to Sun., Mar. 21, ending after the noon meal. We will explore and experience prayer, and Franciscan values. This Weekend is for women who are 18 years of age and older. For more information, contact Sr. Joan Miller, OSF at 812-933-6417 or e-mail joanm@oldenburgosf.com.

**Mass Intentions****FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1 – 7, 2010**

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| 01 Mar. | Monday |
| 7:00 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | For the Intentions of Robert Lee Fuller by Richard Fuller |
| 02 Mar. | Tuesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mary Lou Hudson by St. Christopher's Daily Mass Group |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 03 Mar. | Wednesday |
| 8:30 a.m. | For the Intentions of The Elliott Family by Barbara Elliott |
| 5:30 p.m. | Communion Service |
| 04 Mar. | Thursday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:30 p.m. | Bud Moody by Carol Freeland |
| 05 Mar. | Friday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Patty McClellon by Saturday Church Cleaning Group |
| 5:30 p.m. | Way of the Cross and Communion Service |
| 06 Mar. | Saturday |
| 8:30 a.m. | Communion Service |
| 5:00 p.m. | Vigil – Third Sunday of Lent
Charlie Benson by Orlando and Mary Cavallaro |
| 07 Mar. | Sunday – Third Sunday of Lent |
| 8:30 a.m. | Mary and Charles O'Hara |
| 10:30 a.m. | For the People |
| 6:00 p.m. | Amy Grismore by Bernie, Cindy, and Patty Grismore |

Our Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and condolences to Jim Stevenson and his family on the death of his father, **Robert Stevenson**, who passed away on February 4 and whose graveside services were held February 9. Please keep Jim, Sarah, and their children, Lauren, James, Connor and Cole in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome Robert into His eternal glory.

We remember our former parishioner, Judith "Judy" Aldrich Irelan, who passed away on February 11 and whose funeral liturgy was celebrated at Little Flower on February 17. We also remember Robert "Bob" Guy, a former parishioner, whose funeral was celebrated here on February 20. Please keep both the Irelan and Guy families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God welcome both Judy and Bob into His heavenly kingdom.

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, Al Brite. His address may be found in our parish directory.



Ladies Club Meeting is Thursday, March 4 starting at 6:30 p.m. with a pitch-in. Please come and join us for good food and enjoy some good ole' Irish music with a sing-a-long. Hope to see you there.



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. **Session 7** will then take place for candidates and team only on **Sun., Mar. 7**. Please pray for our confirmation candidates and their sponsors. You will find their pictures on the bulletin board by the choir loft door.

GOLFERS- SAVE THIS DATE!

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

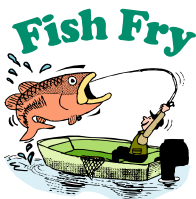


Dates to Remember

February 28 – March 7, 2010

DAY	ROOM	TIME	GROUP
Sunday	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
Monday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	SVDP
	St. Therese	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group
Tuesday	Holy Family	3:30 p.m.	Daisy Troop #2009
	Scout Room	3:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
	John 23 rd	6:30 p.m.	LFAA Association
	Church	7:00 p.m.	Choir
Wednesday	Parish Center	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
	St. Patrick	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	Scout Room	2:30 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
	Holy Family	2:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts
Thursday	St. Patrick	7:00 p.m.	School Commission
	Scout Room	7:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts #799
	Duffey Hall	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Club Pitch-In
	Scout Room	6:30 p.m.	Webelos II
Friday	St. Patrick	6:30 p.m.	Adult Bible Study
	John 23 rd	7:00 p.m.	Festival Planning
	St. Therese	8:00 p.m.	AA
	St. Therese	11:30 a.m.	Little Petals Play Group
Saturday	Scout Room	4:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts #787
	Duffey Hall	4:30 p.m.	Fish Fry
	Gym	8:00 p.m.	Adult Volleyball
	St. Therese	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Group
Sunday	Duffey Hall	10:00 a.m.	1st Communion Retreat
	Duffey Hall	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Dance
	Church	8:30 a.m.	Children's Liturgy
	School	9:30 a.m.	Religious Education
Sunday	Duffey Hall	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and 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 for more information.



**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.

THE SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM, A PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES INDIANAPOLIS, IS SEEKING COMPASSIONATE PERSONS TO ASSIST FRAIL ELDERLY IN THEIR HOMES. QUALIFIED PERSONS, 55 OR OLDER

RECEIVE \$220 PER MONTH TAX-FREE MONEY. PAID VACATION AND HOLIDAYS. CONTACT: 236-1565.

FESTIVAL NEWS

SUMMERFEST 2010 planning has begun. Our next team meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Thurs., March 4 in the Parish Center.

Rummage Sale donations - please bring them to the Parish Center or call Debbie Belles at 359-4288.

The Silent Auction team needs your help. 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.

Steward of the Month

For the past several months, the Stewardship Commission has been examining ways to better recognize all the gifts of time and talent given to our parish.

One way to accomplish both of these goals is the new **Steward of the Month Program**. Each month we will recognize a parishioner who exemplifies the qualities of a good steward through their generous gifts of time and talent.

Nominations for Steward of the Month will come from all of our parishioners. We are depending on you to nominate parishioners whom you see regularly give of their time and talent to the parish. Nomination forms will be available at the church doors. Our first Steward of the Month will be named around the first of April. Nominations for this first award are due by March 20th. Don't delay! Submit your nomination today!



(grades 8 thru 12)

YOUTH CHOIR will sing at 6 p.m. Mass on Sun., Feb. 28 AND Sun., Mar. 7, meeting in Church at 5 p.m.

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

Weekly Budget Goal	\$	13,750.00
Collection of February 20 th and 21 st	\$	8,998.40
Electronic Contribution 2/16 to 2/22	\$	5,981.64
Year to Date Budget Goal	\$	467,500.00
Year to Date Collections	\$	461,034.46
YEAR-TO-DATE DEFICIT	\$	- 6,465.54

Home Improvement Fund

November Contributions	\$	2,229.00
December Contributions	\$	2,168.50
January Contributions	\$	1,948.00
February Contributions (to date)	\$	2,273.94

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 make these repairs possible without putting undue strain on our regular budget.

The next Adventuresome Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 10**, in the Parish Center, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. This month Janet O'Riley, from Vista Hospice, will be our guest speaker. Please join us for lunch and an opportunity to learn

more about hospice care. Please call the Parish Center, 357-8352, to let us know you are planning on coming.